Delaware Citizens Opposed to the Death Penalty
Interfaith Statement of Opposition to the Death Penalty
The Religious Community Calls for Repeal of the Death Penalty

As faith leaders throughout Delaware, we stand united against the continued use of capital punishment in our state. And we do not stand alone. The majority of religious communities nationwide oppose the death penalty as a violation of human rights and a perpetuation of violence in our society.

The following national religious groups have made statements in opposition to the death penalty:

- American Baptist Church in the U.S.A.
- The American Jewish Committee
- The Bruderhoff Communities
- Central Conference of American Rabbis
- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Church of the Brethren
- Church Women United
- The Episcopal Church
- Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
- Fellowship of Reconciliation
- Friends United Meeting
- The General Association of American Baptists
- General Conference Mennonite Church
- The Moravian Church in America
- National Council of Churches of Christ
- Orthodox Church in America
- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- The Rabbinical Assembly
- Reformed Church in America
- Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ
- of Latter Day Saints
- Unitarian Universalist Association
- United Church of Christ
- The United Methodist Church
- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

As people of faith, we support a justice system that is both humane and restorative. We uphold the victims of violent crime and their family members in their grief and suffering and promote measures that will facilitate their healing.

We are greatly disturbed by the presence of violence in our communities. As ministers to many of our greatest societal problems, we believe the state must consider solutions to violent crime that address our communities’ need for healing, not vengeance.

In the name of justice, mercy, and peace, we oppose the death penalty.

Sincerely,

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Signature

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Printed Name

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Title

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Religious Affiliation*

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Congregation

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City

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Date

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Phone

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Email Address

*Affiliation listed for identification purposes only

_____ Please initial here if we can release your name and religious affiliation publicly as an opponent of the death penalty.

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