



Christian Declaration Against Antisemitism

We are Christians united against antisemitism. We represent diverse churches and denominations across Australia and those who embrace Judeo-Christian values. We stand united to denounce the plague of antisemitism that has taken root in our nation. Hatred of Jews is an unconscionable violation of justice, freedom, and human dignity, principles every Australian and institution must uphold.

We grapple with the immensity of the Bondi Beach tragedy alongside all conscientious Australians. We also mourn the unparalleled rise of antisemitism. It is unconscionable that Jewish Australians do not feel safe in our nation and are being subjected to routine hatred, intimidation and violence. It is the moral duty of Christians, together with all sectors of society, to confront antisemitism boldly and unequivocally.

We condemn the alarming rise of antisemitism unequivocally. We will stand peacefully against antisemitism in all its forms, regardless of motivation or ideology, including antisemitism based on anti-Zionism. As Christians and those who embrace Judeo-Christian values recognise that all are created in the image and likeness of God and that antisemitism is a gross violation of human dignity. Antisemitism is dangerous not just to Israel and the Jewish people, but to all who share the values of democracy, truth, justice, and freedom, values that are God-ordained and God-given.

We acknowledge with gravity the past, through confronting the present. We abhor the history of Christian antisemitism, not only for past horrors but for the persistence of prejudice today. True repentance demands action, not just words: we must actively repair the past through standing with Jewish Australians in the present.

We will act peacefully in defence of Jewish Australians. As Christians, we will oppose, through peaceful action and clear moral witness, anyone who promotes violence or hatred against Jews and Jewish places of worship and wherever these vile acts are perpetrated. We will encourage our fellow Christians in our congregations to join with us in this endeavor. And so,

We declare to you, our Jewish friends, that we are with you. We stand shoulder to shoulder with you in defence of human dignity, justice, and freedom, these cherished Judeo-Christian values which Australia was built upon, and we will work to turn back the tide of antisemitism together. As Christians, we will not simply speak but act peacefully in support of you, our Jewish friends, in the interest of all that is just and good. We will not abandon you.