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SHOOTING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA AT EID AL-FITR CELEBRATION MARKING THE CONCLUSION OF RAMADAN

Our hearts are with communities distressed by the gun violence in West Philly today, during a time of celebration marking the conclusion of Ramadan.

Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia holds in our thoughts and prayers every person injured and impacted by the disruption. We share the pain and extend gratitude to all community members and professionals who served as first responders, healers, and peacemakers.

We stand committed to building peace, fostering understanding, and making the spaces we gather whether to work, worship, play, or learn safe, neighborly, and supported.

May the people of our city stay encouraged and hold hope and belief that together we can restore, rebuild, and renew our community.

Co-Conveners, Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia:
- Archbishop Nelson Perez, Archdiocese of Philadelphia
- Bishop Daniel Gutierrez, Philadelphia Episcopal Diocese
- Rabbi David Straus, Jewish Community Relations Council
- Rev. Edward Livingston, Director of Religious Community Initiatives, Interfaith Philadelphia

Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia (RLC)
Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia was founded in April 2006 to build relationships of mutual support, offer a moral and spiritual voice in the region, and identify issues of local concern for dialogue and action. The Council is coordinated by Interfaith Philadelphia. The council has identified the issue of violence as its priority. It will be disseminating a non-violence pledge as part of the Interfaith Inaugural Service.