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Masjid al-Salaam Mosque,
5060 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC

Dear Masjid al-Salaam community,

We write this letter on behalf of our congregation to convey our support for your community! The events of the past week have been very troubling and disruptive for Canadians. While it has evoked many positive emotions, such as grief and support for the fallen soldiers, it has also produced emotions such as fear. And while fear itself is natural during traumatic events, it can lead to completely unwarranted and even hateful acts.

We know mosques such as your community have experienced these hateful acts. We stand with you by providing a strong counter-voice – one which values your community for the positive diversity that you bring, for the blossoming gifts that are developing in your people, and for your attempts to educate us all on the true spirit of Islam!

As a further sign of our support (and something we already planned to do within the next year), our Peace / Justice coordinator, Rod Downing (rdowning94@shaw.ca) will contact you to discuss ways to help us more fully appreciate Islam and also your struggles as Canadian Muslims.

In peace and support,
The Leadership Team of Community of Christ, Vancouver