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Houston Religious Leaders Share Inclusive, Ecumenical Message About Keeping Houston Safe

[May 26, 2020] Houston, Texas—Religious leaders teamed up to release an interfaith message about keeping Houston safe, together and faithfully. The message reflects waiting to perform in-person worship, and following local guidelines to avoid community spread of COVID-19.

The video features leaders: Andy Doyle, IX Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas; Shariq Abdul Ghani, Director of Minaret Foundation; Lynn Hargrove, General Presbyter & Stated Clerk for Administrative Process of the General Presbyterian New Covenant; Rabbi David Lyon, Congregation Beth Israel Houston; Scott Jones, Bishop of the Texas Conference United Methodist Church, Houston; and John D. Ogletree, Pastor, First Metropolitan Church of Northwest Houston.

The video shares an important ecumenical message about waiting to gather to keep Houston safe.

The leaders emphasize they believe in religious freedom. “We believe this includes the right to worship at our churches, synagogues, mosques and homes without interference from government,” the leaders say in the video.

You can view the video [here](#).



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