



## Presbytery of the Inland Northwest

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The Presbytery of the Inland Northwest denounces in the strongest terms the hate crime perpetrated against the congregation of **Temple Beth Shalom** on February 8, 2021. We join with others in our community who pledge to stand in solidarity with the victims of hate, xenophobia, and antisemitism. As has happened in other times of national crisis, some seek to take advantage of fear and pain to advance racist ideologies to inspire acts of hate. “We reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.” (Confession of Belhar). We stand in loving solidarity with our Jewish brothers and sisters in honor and appreciation for their unique and irreplaceable presence in our wider community. We pray for their safety, honor, and peace.