



FORMAL JOINT CLERGY STATEMENT

Drafted by the Richland Community Prayer Network
regarding Thank a Police Officer Day

Endorsed by leading clergymen of 101 local congregations
Media release dated September 19, 2019

"The law enforcement plays a valuable role in our society. Our brave men and women keep vigilant watch at all hours and risk their lives on behalf of the safety of others. There is no question that as moral decay increases in our society, the workload of our police personnel and the danger associated with their job duties has intensified exponentially. As representatives of the faith community, we regret in recent times the contempt police officers have received nationwide for doing their jobs.

As the Bible says, "We beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the LORD, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves."

Furthermore, as clergy in Richland County, Ohio we take this time to honor the police officers in our community and to thank them for their steadfast dedication and faithful service.

Therefore be it resolved that a copy of this joint statement will be sent to the police chiefs of Mansfield, Shelby, Ontario, Lexington, Plymouth, Bellville, Butler, the Sheriff of Richland County, the Commander of the Mansfield Post of the Ohio Highway Patrol, the Attorney General of Ohio, and the Attorney General of the United States.

The following Richland County, Ohio clergy approve of this joint statement:

Walt Jordan, Oasis of Love
Dallas Waggle, Lucas Foursquare

Jason Price, Victory Baptist
Kevin Evans, Liberty Baptist

Tom Roepke, Linden Rd Presbyterian
Anthony Cooper, Shelby Life Church
James Marshall, Ganges Community
Randy Raynes, Fellowship Baptist
David Guild, Mansfield Foursquare
Steve Schag, Shelby Calvary Baptist
Brian Phillips, New Beginnings Freewill Baptist
Doug Tackett, Taylortown Community
Bryan Schatzinger, Calvary Chapel
Les Vnasdale, Cornerstone Grace Brethren
Mike Stine, Clear Fork Alliance
Ron Puff, Pleasant Valley Baptist
Mark Meyer, Lexington Grace Point
James Streib, Lexington Fusion Branch
Hank Webb, Belmont Community Church
Mark Bailey, Mansfield Freewill Baptist
Darrin Thurber, Seventh Day Adventist
Dave Parsons, Zion's Refuge Baptist
Clint Zeigler, Sovereign Christ Church
George Lewis, Shelby Temple of GOD
Aaron Rose, Lexington Fusion Church
Eric Byrom, Mansfield Grace Fellowship
Mike Rose, Hope on the Hill Chapel
Paul Lintern, Southside Christian
Matt Parsons, The Way Church
Phil Green, Real Life Community
Rick Lewis, Shelby Church of GOD
Robert Kurtz, Mansfield Baptist Temple
Ted Howard, Apostolic Holiness
Les Chamber, Shelby Nazarene
Larry Hulver, New Liberty Baptist
Keith Carlisle, Ontario First Wesleyan
Larry Hill, Bethel Freewill Baptist
Jeff Coggins, Adario United Methodist
Ron Kosa, Living Word Church
Dan Zediker, Mission Point
Mike Wilson, Lincoln Heights Baptist
Steve Burkhalter, Potter's House
Clarence Sanderfer, New Life Baptist
Mike Mack, Trinity United Methodist
Scot Maglott, Lexington Nazarene
Clinton Hearn, Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist
Merle Stewart, Bethesda Fellowship
John Grimm, Plymouth United Methodist
Ferlie Yates, Hanna Road Church of GOD
Henry Bradley, New Community Temple
Louis Blevins, Latter Rain Church
James Garrett, Ontario Christian Fellowship
Cliff Hartley, Bellville First Baptist

Chad Hayes, Caeserea Baptist
Ron Smals, Woodville Grace Brethren
Art Kennard, Maranatha Christian
Bruce Philippi, Journey Life Center
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Denny Finnegan, First Presbyterian
Dink Porter, First Church of Open Bible
Paul Larson, First English Lutheran
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Russell Stanford, All Believers in Christ
Don Wilson, Mansfield Faith Assembly
Chris Thomas, Diamond Hills Baptist
Bill Howell, Shiloh Messiah House Prayer
James Spencer, Peoples Baptist
Bill Lewis, Butler Connection Church
Bruce Copley, Faith Chapel
James Carder, Pathway Nazarene
Jody Odom, Ambassadors of Christ
Matthew Pond, Shelby Freewill Baptist
David Green, Mansfield Sovereign Baptist
Floyd Allen, Philippian Community
Paul Lintern, Oakland Lutheran
William Hallbrook, Sar Shalom Center
Rich Rader, Mayflower Congregational
James Hill, Paradise Freewill Baptist
Mark Wireman, Shiloh Pentecostal
John Campos, Bowman Church of GOD
Patrick Bailey, North Bend Brethren
Paul Mathewson, Maranatha Bible Baptist
Dan Baer, Mansfield Gospel Assembly
Joe Smith, Westside Baptist
Rick Wiseman, Promised Land Fellowship
Ben Gregg, Plymouth Church of GOD
John Dodds, Ridgeway Church of GOD
Clyde Kerby, Ministries of Hope & Healing
Tim George, Church of GOD Prophecy
Brian Hall, Abundant Life Tabernacle
Aaron Williams Jr., Maddox Memorial
Thomas Crank, Bunkerhill Baptist
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William Crank, Cornerstone Free Baptist
John Grimm, Shiloh United Methodist
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