Dear APC Members,

The Association of Professional Chaplains and the members of its Board of Directors condemn the horrible and seditious acts that occurred in Washington DC on January 6, 2021. APC is dedicated to promoting quality chaplaincy care across all cultures and faiths through collaboration, inclusivity, and diversity of thought. However, the actions that took place at the U.S. Capitol were abhorrent and antithetical to the promises of democracy. Embracing diversity of culture and thought ends when people turn to violence and hate when discourse has failed them. As Mahatma Gandhi said, "Victory attained by violence is tantamount to a defeat, for it is momentary."

APC recognizes the struggle and strife that so many still experience due to racism, social and wealth inequity, sexism, and xenophobia. As professional chaplains our work is to help heal the inner wounds of ourselves. We welcome others to actively engage the hard, historical, heart-work of renouncing the continued physical and emotional trauma that these oppressive hateful views have brought on fellow human beings who have all been created in love. APC and our members strive to practice a code of ethics that includes the value that “public advocacy related to social justice concerns is promoted on behalf of persons in need,” and at this moment there are far too many people that need others to advocate for justice, social and otherwise. As MLK Jr. stated, “unjust systems, not only individual acts, must be addressed and confronted.” Here we stand. We can do no other.

May we as professional chaplains and members of APC stand together, and with those who need our voices to be added to those who are crying out for justice, freedom, and peace for all.

Sincerely,

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