



**SHINING WATERS
REGIONAL COUNCIL**
The United Church of Canada

Encouraging and Connecting Communities of Faith

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Metropolitan United Church
56 Queen Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 2Z3

Dear Friends at Metropolitan United Church,

I am writing on behalf of Shining Waters Regional Council to express our sorrow and our support following the recent vandalism of your building. We are so sad that this happened. Our work of witnessing to a God of love and justice is our shared commitment. We all feel it when one of us is harmed.

As we approach P.I.E. Day, I also want to express our gratitude for your commitment to being an affirming ministry. You have embraced the call to be public, intentional and explicit and there has been a cost for this commitment. We celebrate your ministry and stand with you against expressions of hatred. We stand with you against homophobia and anti-Semitism. We stand with you in following Jesus' teaching to love our neighbour.

Please know that the wider United Church community is surrounding you in prayer and love.

Blessings in Christ,

Betty Lou McNabb

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