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NAACP Temple Branch position on the Middle East

The NAACP Temple Branch mourns the loss of lives resulting from the recent attacks on Israel.

Our organization was founded by people of good will, including those of the Jewish faith. We are grateful for that support which created an organization that has continuously fought for justice and equality for Americans.

We hope and pray for sustainable peace in the Middle East where all people, irrespective of their faith, national origin or the color of their skin are treated with respect, dignity and humaneness. We understand that this goal is not simple or easy. The Middle East is a complicated place that is rich with Christian, Hebrew and Islamic history.

The NAACP Temple Branch knows all too well the difficulty of confronting entrenched hatred and injustice. We categorically condemn bigotry in any form, fashion or location. The increasing attacks on people of color, people of the Jewish faith, and people of the Muslim faith, are unacceptable and inexcusable. We as a people are better than this. We as a people can do better than this.

The Middle East is one of the most long-standing, difficult and complicated conflicts. There are no simple solutions to this conflict. Yet, we must continue to try for the well-being of all the innocents who become collateral damage in this horrific struggle.

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NAACP Mission: The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons.