Saturday November 13th 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We write on behalf of the Mission Council of the United Reformed Church meeting in Derbyshire on the day on which we heard the news of the latest act of terrorism in Paris.

We express our shock and profound sadness at the senseless acts of violence, the loss of many innocent lives and the pain and grief inflicted on so many people.

We wish to let you, and through you, all the people of France know that we are holding you in our thoughts and prayers.

We recognise that in a situation like this the churches and all people of faith are called upon to provide help and comfort, and to redouble their efforts to work for peace and understanding between all communities, so that those who are most vulnerable may be protected.

This morning in our prayers we remembered the people of Paris and all people everywhere who are affected by our inhumanity to each other. We prayed and continue to pray for an end to violence, a change of heart for its perpetrators and wisdom for world leaders to know how to help.

As friends and partners in the worldwide church of Christ we stand with you and we hold you and all affected people and communities in our thoughts and prayers. Today we pray even more fervently that God’s kingdom will come where all tears will be wiped away and peace will reign.

Yours in Christ,

Revd David Grosch-Miller

Mr John Ellis

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