

January 27, 2026

Dear Beloved Community of WISDOM,

My heart is with deep sorrow for the senseless deaths and the pain experienced by members of the Minneapolis community affected by recent ICE actions. On behalf of MICAH, we extend our heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones who are grieving. We stand in solidarity with those seeking safety and justice.

We reject violence and any actions that tear communities apart. Our nation's strength comes from welcoming and protecting people who seek to live with dignity and peace. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." — Letter from Birmingham Jail (1963).

Our national network, Gamaliel, has called for solidarity and organized a Network Day of Action on Friday, January 30, 2026. At a recent meeting with Gamaliel held this past weekend, organizers and leaders from across the WISDOM network began strategizing our local response. This week, the Senate is voting on the DHS (Department of Homeland Security) budget that would provide ICE with even more unrestricted taxpayer dollars. We are calling on the Senate to deny funding for state sponsored violence. As some counties in Wisconsin have reported seeing ICE in their communities, our elected officials have not stepped up to lead with love for Wisconsinites. Some counties have 287g agreements, many counties have made no plans to protect their constituents from ICE. We are proposing a call-a-thon is focused that calls our elected officials to lead with care and dignity for all. We are asking all WISDOM affiliates and leaders to join this call to action. Please share this information with WISDOM's affiliate Board Chairs and Organizers; further details and instructions are attached. We are also asking WISDOM to take on the role of coordinating this action. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns as we prepare to act together.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. Kathleen Gloff, President of the Board, WISDOM