

Delaware Citizens Opposed to the Death Penalty
Interfaith Statement of Opposition to the Death Penalty
The Religious Community Calls for Repeal of the Death Penalty

As faith leaders throughout Delaware, we stand united against the continued use of capital punishment in our state. And we do not stand alone. The majority of religious communities nationwide oppose the death penalty as a violation of human rights and a perpetuation of violence in our society.

The following national religious groups have made statements in opposition to the death penalty:

American Baptist Church in the U.S.A.	The Moravian Church in America
The American Jewish Committee	National Council of Churches of Christ
The Bruderhoff Communities	Orthodox Church in America
Central Conference of American Rabbis	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	The Rabbinical Assembly
Church of the Brethren	Reformed Church in America
Church Women United	Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ
The Episcopal Church	of Latter Day Saints
Evangelical Lutheran Church of America	Union for Reform Judaism
Fellowship of Reconciliation	Unitarian Universalist Association
Friends United Meeting	United Church of Christ
The General Association of American Baptists	The United Methodist Church
General Conference Mennonite Church	U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

As people of faith, we support a justice system that is both humane and restorative. We uphold the victims of violent crime and their family members in their grief and suffering and promote measures that will facilitate their healing.

We are greatly disturbed by the presence of violence in our communities. As ministers to many of our greatest societal problems, we believe the state must consider solutions to violent crime that address our communities' need for healing, not vengeance.

In the name of justice, mercy, and peace, we oppose the death penalty.

Sincerely,

Signature	Printed Name	Title
Religious Affiliation*	Congregation	City
Date	Phone	Email Address

**Affiliation listed for identification purposes only*

____ Please initial here if we can release your name and religious affiliation publicly as an opponent of the death penalty.

Email to DCODP1@gmail.com or mail to **DCODP, 1304 N. Rodney St., Wilmington, DE 19806-4227.**