The Dunedin Jewish Congregation

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Salam Alaikum,

This letter aims to share with you our support and care for the members of the Dunedin Muslim community during this time.

We are deeply saddened by hostilities and loss of lives in Gaza, the West Bank and in Israel over the past month (and beforehand), the human suffering, and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

We are reaching out to you, our Muslim whānau in Dunedin, and to the Palestinian community in Aotearoa, to share our deep sympathies and utter concern for your families, the future of the region, and all of its people.

We do not see this as an interfaith war, but as a political one, and we stand, as we will always stand, against violence, human suffering, and injustice.

Thinking of our shared living in Ōtepoti | Dunedin, we would welcome to establish a direct channel of communication and network, which can ensure that all members of our communities are safe, supported, and caring of each other.

We will be happy to organize a meeting of representatives of our communities to discuss how we can best support one another, if this is something you would also find desirable.

We all believe that violence will never be the way forward, that everything necessary must be done to preserve human life, and to plan together for a future in which all people in the area live in freedom, equality, safety, and prosperity.

May peace be upon us all,

The Board of the Dunedin Jewish Congregation