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Dear Clergy and Religious Leaders:

We are writing to invite you to participate in the Eighteenth Annual World Sabbath service on Sunday, March 5, 2017 from 4:00-5:30 PM. We are thrilled to host this year's event at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. As religious leaders, your presence would be a vital symbol to people of all faith traditions that we can come together to break down stereotypes and affirm that we are all members of one human family. We know that our similarities are more profound than our differences, and with this vision, we can begin to transcend culture, language, economic status, political tradition, and religious expression.

We would be honored if you would join with other clergy and religious leaders in a processional into the World Sabbath service and be seated together at the front of the Sanctuary, where our service will be held. We encourage you, as you are comfortable, to wear religious vestments or traditional garb to exemplify our rich diversity. Near the end of the worship service, you will be asked to stand as a group and lead those present in the Congregational Pledge (*below*):

"We pledge ourselves this day in the name of all we hold holy to raise our voices in the cause of peace. No longer shall we remain silent when armies march and children die; while dictators lay the blame on God. No longer shall we remain silent when religious and political leaders use religions as an excuse for bloodshed, or claim faith as a reason for war. We shall raise our voices when prejudice and persecution are blamed on God. We shall raise our voices when scriptures are twisted. We shall raise our voices to proclaim that the highest words of every faith call us to build a world of tolerance, justice, faithfulness, and peace. We shall build a world where all may know that our faith calls us to be builders of peace, not makers of war. And this we pledge – Salaam, Shalom, Shanti, Peace."

Please arrive at the synagogue no later than 3:25 PM so that we have time to line everyone up for the processional that will precede the World Sabbath service. The actual service begins at 4:00 PM with the procession of clergy and religious leaders, our World Sabbath youth participants, our Children of Peace, and the World Sabbath Committee. This will be followed by the sounding of the Shofar (the ancient ram's horn), the Muslim Call to Prayer, and the blowing of the conch shell by a Hindu youth. We have also invited youth from various religious institutions in Metro Detroit to lead us in representative peace prayers; and through music and dance selections, we also celebrate our diverse faith traditions.

Please respond to Gail Katz at 248-978-6664 or at gailkatz@comcast.net by February 20th to let us know if you will participate, so that we can acknowledge your presence in our printed program and reserve a special place for you in the Sanctuary with the other religious leaders.

We look forward to seeing you on March 5th at our Eighteenth Annual World Sabbath!! Please check out our World Sabbath website at www.worldsabbath.org.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Mark Miller

Cantor Rachel Gottlieb Kalmowitz

Rabbi Megan Brudney