Dear partners in ecumenical and inter-religious relations,

While your new year's resolutions may already be a distant memory, our responsibility to stand with all those who uphold human dignity and who love, and care. We can also express our love for our Jewish neighbors by reaching out to Jewish colleagues, friends, and neighbors to offer our concern, support and solidarity. This is especially true during times of anti-Semitism, violence and attack.

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The October 2021 Christchurch massacre, the April 2022 Buffalo supermarket massacre and the recent club shooting in Indianapolis were acts of senseless violence and hate that beg for dialogue and understanding. The Interfaith Community Alliance (ICA) is collaborating with its ecumenical partners to respond to the rising anti-Semitism and violence in our shared society. This is not just about the visionary leadership of religious giants such as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and Father Daniel Berrigan, S.J. It is about us as well.

We are often asked how we can work together to learn, hear and love one another. If you are an organization's Office for Interfaith, Community Alliances, and Government Advocacy page, I invite you to reach out and let us know if there are events, projects or ministries that would make for a good venue to host a gathering of all our partners. What would make a good theme? What would make a good format? What kind of dialogue is needed? The ICA is here to help you set the table, invite the guests and speakers and how to register by visiting NWCU.org.

Though registration is open to all, the NWCU is a space for denominational stewards at the 11th Assembly in Karlsruhe, Germany, in 2022. The WCC invites ecumenical youth to become stewards at the 11th Assembly in Karlsruhe, Germany, later this year under the theme, "Christ's Love Moves the World." Early-bird registration is now open and will run through March 2022. The registration fee is $170 USD and is open through May 31. You can learn more by visiting the NWCU resource page.

The World Council of Churches has developed a nine-part series of Bible studies in run-up to 11th Assembly. WCC Publishes Bible Studies in Run-up to 11th Assembly.

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