



Statement on Recent Executions by U.S. Government

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The below organizations, all members of the Interfaith Criminal Justice Coalition, condemn the restart of executions of U.S. citizens by their government. The death penalty violates the basic tenets of our faiths and the inherent worth of all human lives. The death penalty does not have a deterrent effect. The death penalty is a profound waste, economically and in other ways. The death penalty is racist as people of color are sentenced to death disproportionately. The death penalty is unjust.

We call for the immediate end to executions, for legislative action banning the use of the death penalty, and for court injunctions recognizing that the death penalty is unconstitutional and cruel.

African American Ministers In Action
Alliance of Baptists
American Friends Service Committee
Church of Scientology National Affairs Office
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Jesuit Conference Office of Justice and Ecology
Jewish Council for Public Affairs
Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Washington Office
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Alliance of Faith and Justice
National Council of Churches
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Office of Witness
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team
T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights
The Episcopal Church
The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
Union for Reform Judaism
Angie Whitehurst - Resident of Washington, DC