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NBCI CONDEMNS DOVE WORLD OUTREACH CENTER FOR THREATENING TO BURN THE KORAN

Pastor Terry Jones is a threat to the principles of Christ

Washington, DC - The National Black Church Initiative, a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches, condemns the actions of Dove World Outreach Center and Pastor Terry Jones for their threat to burn Islam Holy Scriptures. Pastor Terry's proposed action undermines Christ's teachings of love, forgiveness and the acceptance of all religions. His proposed actions will undermine the Christian faith and make a mockery of the Holy Scriptures. The Christian Church cannot sit by and allow these actions to go unchallenged. We must do all that we can to demonstrate a strong sense of tolerance towards all religions.

Pastor Jones will forfeit his right as a Christian clergy if he goes forward with this hideous act. NBCI will break fellowship and sever contact with Dove World Outreach Center and will urge other denominational leadership to do the same. Two years ago NBCI issued a statement to all religious leaders that houses of worship and their holy books are should never be a targeted in conflicts. Pastor Jones' proposed action will threaten the delicate balance between the Muslim world and America. The most responsible thing a church can do is to foster fellowship and understanding between Muslims and Christians. We are deeply afraid that Pastor Jones has not only misconstrued the principle between Islam and Christianity, but has created a new religion under the Abraham's doctrine, an eye for an eye.

The Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative states" Pastor Terry Jones is an evil man and he cannot be considered under any legitimate religion as a minister of good standards. Pastor Jones failed miserably to teach his congregation and to practice the principles of Christ. We are urging all religions leaders of major denominations to condemn the

proposed actions of Pastor Jones and to closely examine the organizations of which he is a member. If he follows through with his threat, he would have wiped away the gains of mutual understanding and trust that has been built for the past twenty-five years between Muslims and Christians. This is why NBCI will do all that they can to stop this act from taking place. I have authorized Rev. Paul Sewell of NBCI Southern Faith Command to reach out to Pastor Jones congregation to put a stop to this madness.”

About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI’s mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. The National Black Church Initiative’s methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science. The National Black Church Initiative's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI’s programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.naltblackchurch.com.