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## NBCI Calls Upon World Religious Leaders to Condemn Anti-Semitic Attacks

*We all are Jewish*

**Washington, DC** – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans calls on world religious leaders to condemn anti-Semitic actions and messaging that has spread across the country and globe as of late. Recent instances, including a woman slain at a Kansas City Jewish center and a Jewish teenager alongside his grandfather, are horrible acts in and of themselves. In a more alarming move, messaging in Eastern Europe encouraging Jews to register harkens back to Hilter's Germany and is deplorable and unacceptable.

A known racial bigot and KK members, 73-year old Glenn Frazier Cross, was arrested for the killings. NBCI is baffled that at such an old age hatred does not dampen the soul. We will continue to speak forcefully against all acts of racial intolerance. We stand shoulder to shoulder with our Jewish brothers and sisters here in America and around the world against those who are trying to inflict pain and suffering on our Jewish brethren. We can never live up to our Christian ethics if we allow this type of hatred to go unchecked.

NBCI also stands with World leaders and Jewish groups who are vocally protesting leaflets marketed in the eastern Ukrainian city of Donetsk in which Jews are told to "register" with the pro-Russian militants who have taken over a government office in an attempt to make Ukraine part of Russia, according to Ukrainian and Israeli media.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative says, "Just this past December I stood at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem beside the most Orthodox Jewish Rabbi and followers of Judaism praying for peace between Palestinians and Jews and blacks and whites. It

was the Jewish army who stood guard at the Wailing Wall who protected us so that we can pray to our God even though we are Christians. If you hate the Jews, you must hate me as well because Jesus Christ is a Jew and I believe in Him as both Lord and Savior. So, we are all Jewish. May Almighty God show Mr. Cross and those in the city of Donetsk His mercy and His grace, as which neither one of them were willing to show or demonstrate their love for our Jewish brothers and sisters who are the original children of God.”

NBCI looks forward to connecting with religious leadership to help advance the notion of religious tolerance and peace.

### **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](http://www.naltblackchurch.com).

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