



ברית עולם – BRIT OLAM

“STUDY ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH; OUR TRADITION DEMANDS ACTION.”

–Shimon, son of Rabban Gamliel, Pirkei Avot 1:17

The Brit Olam is our enduring covenant with the world. When our ancestors received the Torah at Sinai, they responded in unison: *Na’aseh v’Nishma*: All this we will do and we will hear. According to Midrash, this show of our faith merits the salvation of the entire world. Today, the Reform Jewish Movement fulfills our covenant by confronting injustice at its root. We act through our communities and congregations, with partners from across lines of difference, to bring about a world in which all people experience wholeness, justice, and compassion.

On behalf of ___Mount Zion Temple in St. Paul, MN___ we, the clergy and lay leaders, commit to form a team to lead our community in our social justice work, including:

- Fostering a culture of sacred and civil dialogue in our community where all opinions are heard
- Acting in solidarity with vulnerable communities
- Building relationships across lines of difference in our local community
- Acting at the local, state/provincial, and/or federal levels to address the root causes of injustice and advocate for systemic change
- Mobilizing around issues that resonate with our community

The Religious Action Center, in turn, commits to providing your Reform community with:

- Training and resources for your leaders to cultivate and deepen the skills necessary to move your community into effective action
- Access to resources and materials and a network of leaders from diverse communities
- Ongoing communication with RAC staff to support your community’s social justice work

In keeping with eternal Jewish tradition, we, the undersigned clergy and lay leaders, commit to lead our community in advancing Jewish values in the public sphere.

Michael Kuhne, President

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