



Because our personal convictions or the religions to which we owe allegiance have in common **a respect for the integrity of humankind**

Because our personal convictions or the religions to which we owe allegiance have in common **a rejection of hatred and violence**

Because our personal convictions or the religions to which we owe allegiance have in common **the hope for a better and more just world**

Representing religious communities and civil society, we appeal to the leaders of this world, whatever their field of influence, to strictly adhere to the following three principles:

- > A refusal to invoke a religious or spiritual power **to justify violence of any kind**
- > A refusal to invoke a religious or spiritual source **to justify discrimination and exclusion**
- > A refusal **to exploit or dominate others by means of strength,** intellectual capacity or spiritual persuasion, wealth or social status

Grounded in the Genevan tradition of welcome, refuge and compassion, our Appeal is open to all whose convictions are in accordance with these three demands.