

To Rev Sharon Watkins, President of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Paris, 2016.06.17

Dear Rev. Watkins, Dear Sister in Christ,

We have been very shocked by the mass shooting that took place in Orlando on June 12th. Violence knows no frontiers, nor does solidarity. In the mist of this ordeal, we would like your church members to know that we stand by your side.

We commit ourselves beside you in your involvement to stop the cycle of hate and violence. Knowing that you are a religious voice for the right of LGBTQ people and an inclusive church, we pray for you, that God inspire you in your mission to comfort and give hope to LGBTQ people, their families and friends. We, too, believe that "Love wins".

We confide in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who gives us trust and hope and helps us confront any distress and any fear. We call for God's blessing upon your church.

Sincerely yours in Christ

On Behalf of Rev Laurent Schlumberger, president, Rev Claire Sixt Gateuille, in charge of international relations for United Protestant Church of France

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