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New Jersey Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement

In Defense of Human Dignity:
A Call to End Isolated Confinement in New Jersey

The New Jersey Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement, whose members include faith leaders throughout the state, has drafted the following statement to signal the strong interfaith support for ending torture in New Jersey prisons, jails, and detention centers. Please join your name and/or congregation to the statement, and distribute widely.

As people of faith whose traditions are committed to compassion, justice, and honoring inherent human dignity, we call for an end of the use of isolated confinement in New Jersey. The use of prolonged isolation in prisons, jails and detention centers, whether for punishment or other correctional purpose, is inhumane, costly, and unnecessary. We, the undersigned, are calling on all legislators, state officials, and the correctional administration to abandon this harmful practice and to develop humane housing alternatives founded on the ideals of rehabilitation, restorative justice, and the preservation of human dignity.

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