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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – MCC Condemns Attack on Rabbi’s House in Monsey, Rockland County NY and on Church in Texas.**

December 30, 2019- The Muslim Community Center (MCC) of Silver Spring, Maryland, one of the oldest Muslim faith-based organizations in the Washington, DC area, expresses its shock and grief over the stabbing of five people at a Rabbi’s home in Monsey while they were celebrating Hanukkah. We are equally saddened by the shooting at West Freeway Church of Christ in Texas where two people lost their lives. We offer our prayers and sincere condolences to the victims, their families and friends, and their communities.

This happened at the end of a week of multiple incidents of anti-Semitism in New York. We stand with our brothers and sisters in all faith communities. An attack on one of us is an attack on all of us. The MCC continues to categorically reject the ideologies and speech of those who spread hate, as well as the horrific acts of violence their words give license to. We stand with all people of good will in opposition to forces that use violence to terrorize innocent people.

We must continue to work together to dispel fear, hate and ignorance and to work with our local government and agencies to ensure that all our communities and faith centers are the safe, spiritual spaces they are meant to be.

*MCC’s mission is to promote brotherhood and human dignity among all by developing an environment of understanding, compassion, and justice in our personal and professional lives. We strive to serve the needs of the Muslim community and community at large in a manner that promotes its positive image and standing in a changing environment. We aim to represent the Muslim community in interfaith circles, in government, public and media relations, and in the society at large.*

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