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Masjidul Istiqaamah Denounces the Orlando Shooting and All Other Acts of Terrorism

Cincinnati, OH (June 13, 2016): Masjidul Istiqaamah of Cincinnati declare their unequivocal condemnation and indignation at the horrific shooting that recently occurred in Orlando, Florida, which resulted in the death of 50 innocent people and the injuries of others.

Salafist scholars of Saudi Arabia, who serve as the highest authority on the Islamic faith throughout much of the Muslim world, have stated repeatedly that these crimes are a violation of our Islamic faith.

Dr. Saaleh al-Fawzaan, a member of the Committee of Major Scholars in Saudi Arabia stated, “Did the Prophet (Muhammad) propagate the religion this way? When he was in Mecca, was there even a single day that he or his disciples destroyed anything or carried out any act of devastation? Of course not! He never carried out any destructive acts among the people because this harms the Muslims the most and even causes some of the non-Muslims to rejoice. So, it is never permissible or condoned (by Islam). Rather, it is a way calling to Satan and calling to the fire (Hell).”

Masjidul Istiqaamah have been at the forefront of condemning terrorist activities and ideology, openly warning against it in our sermons, and educating our congregation of its many harms in our lessons. We intend to conduct more outreach within our community and to raise more awareness regarding the true Islamic position towards such horrendous crimes.

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