

Dear Faith Leader,

We would like to thank you for your continued and vital work in providing our communities with spiritual guidance and support during this unprecedented time. Your guidance is essential and has made a tremendous difference for all those who call San Mateo County their home.

The Spirituality Initiative of San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services has created a letter that we hope you will sign. It is attached. Its purpose is to help us all recover from Covid-19 by encouraging our communities to get vaccinated. We know that many look to you for leadership as well as follow your example.

The letter will appear on the San Mateo County Health [website](#) and social media pages, and shared with community leaders, for others to read. If after reading the letter, you feel you can sign it and thus endorse it, we would be grateful. It takes approximately five minutes to sign it online or you can email your information to ODE@smcgov.org. We will need your name, title (if applicable), name of your church/synagogue/temple/mosque or other faith community and in what city it is located.

Here is how you can access the online signature site: <https://forms.gle/AKxLEwKgianL3w7E6>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Diversity and Equity at ODE@smcgov.org. The SI website has a section "For Faith Leaders" where you can get more information on the webinars regarding Covid-19: <https://www.smchealth.org/spirituality-initiative>. At the last webinar many of you had questions about faith-leaders' eligibility to get vaccinated. County Health has provided the attached document to help you see where you might fit into the State's eligible categories given the many roles faith-leaders play.

Again, we invite you to join our Spirituality Initiative meeting which is always the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 12:30-2PM. If you would like to be on our email list, please send your email address to Melinda Ricossa (mricossa@smcgov.org) and she will include you in our monthly announcement.

Sincerely,

Reverend William Kruse
Spirituality Initiative