

## A Christian Response to a Community Challenge

In the likelihood of a Nazi march in the Village of Skokie, we in the Christian community are preparing in several ways to evidence our concern for the Village of Skokie and all of its residents, and any other organizations or individuals that are contemplating an active response to the March.

It is our feeling that we must respond as a people of God, concerned for the physical, mental, and spiritual need of all. We are especially committed to identifying with the Jewish residents in their deep distress occasioned by the Nazi presence and exercise of Un-American and Irreligious free speech. We are aware also that the Nazi presence and intentions are deeply distressing for a variety of reasons to thousands of non-Jewish residents as well.

Therefore, we are hopeful that we can share visibly and invisibly in a manner that will honor God and all of His children. Some of us will help to prepare an open air worship service ~~in Oakton Park~~ in cooperation with local religious leaders of every faith ... to coincide with the time of the march.

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We will encourage others to be in prayer in their homes. We will discourage the presence of our own people in the immediate area where the Nazis will march. And we respectfully will encourage other communities to be in prayer in their own neighborhoods and not to complicate the already formidable problem of local authorities to deal with a multitude of people.

In the meantime we truly appreciate the deep concern of people everywhere who are resolved to be of the greatest help to encourage us to meet a community challenge in a manner befitting people of God.

The Ministers and Priests of Skokie

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