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Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim
In the Name of God, Most Kind, Most Merciful

Greetings Rev. Gibbons and to our new friends and neighbors of the All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church. Please accept my sincere apology for a very belated response. I had been tied up with business travels and few personal responsibilities that I failed to acknowledge the wonderful spirits of friendship and compassion communicated to us by the members of your church. We, at the Az-Zahra Center, were deeply touched by the compassion and kind words your members shared on the tragic loss of lives in Christchurch, New Zealand. Your empathy and a sense of fellowship is what we all need to cultivate amongst believers – regardless of the faith we each profess to follow or be guided by. We need people of decency and love to overcome these trying days. And, God willing, together we shall overcome and defeat the evil designs of the few who continue to use hate as their slogan and a way of life. Ameen!

The Muslims of Az-Zahra are ever so grateful to folks of your congregation who gave us a fresh sense of compassion in this time of uncertainties. We thank you all for your comforting words and good wishes. May God guide us to be true reflection of His attributes by showing kindness and love to all, no matter the faith they choose to follow or have no faith at all.

I want to take this opportunity to send our deepest condolences on the loss of lives on Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka. Their lives were suddenly and viciously taken away on one of the holiest days of Christianity. Our heart goes out to the grieving families for the loss of their loved ones. We pray that the Almighty comforts those who have suffered by such a gruesome act and beseech Him to grants speedy recovery to all the injured ones. Rev. Gibbons, please share our grief with your congregation and know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. And, please thank each and every one who signed their name at the back of the letter. That was certainly a very warm and kind gesture.

Faithfully,

M. Jameel Agha
Trustee, Az-Zahra Center