We appeal for restraint.

We, the undersigned, extend our deepest sympathy to the victims of last week’s terrorist attacks. We call on our elected leaders to respond with the utmost wisdom and restraint to these acts. We must bring the guilty to justice, but we cannot kill innocent men, women, and children. Such a course of action could very easily draw us into a spiral of violence that would truly destroy our security, undermine our humanity, and damage our democracy far more than could any terrorist attack. To lure us into a vengeful response may well have been a goal of the attackers. We must resist this temptation. No terrorist attack can ever be made justifiable, however severe, if we are to remain a truly great democracy, secure from fear. We cannot allow our democracy to be marked by hatred and violence, but only by the courage to lead the world in the paths of justice, not those of racism, nationalism, or fear.

If you would like to sign this petition, signatures are being gathered for presentation to our elected officials. Petitions are available for distribution at www.lasg.org. Help us recruit more people!

Celebrating Gandhi: Constructive Alternatives to Violence. Join us to observe Gandhi’s birthday at the Unitarian Church, Fellowship Hall, Tuesday, October 2, 7:00 PM. We will explore possible U.S. nonviolent responses to the attacks on September 11.

Call your elected officials and request that they conduct public forums to hear your concerns before committing the nation to war. Congresspersons from other states are urging this. Why not ours? Call the numbers listed at right.