

Moderator's Statement of Support for the Jewish Community

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The Moderator of the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod, Reverend Bruce Moore, has expressed support for the Jewish community in Australia following the arson attack on the Adass Israel Synagogue in Melbourne Friday, 6 December 2024.

"I am distressed by the arson attack on the Adass Israel Synagogue in Melbourne," said Rev Moore. "The Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod, wishes to convey our support for the Jewish community, reaffirming the Uniting Church's commitment to stand against antisemitism."

"The destruction of a place of worship is a terrible act of violence, and I want to assure the Jewish community that we stand with them at this difficult time", Rev Moore said. "I am strongly committed to creating a safe community where all people are valued and deserve to be given dignity, worth and respect."

At the 12th Assembly in 2009, the Uniting Church in Australia condemned antisemitism as "an affront to the gospel of Jesus Christ" and encouraged all Uniting Church members to be vigilant against antisemitism in society.