

The Iranian-American Community of New York has announced that over forty churches, synagogues and labor organizations have voiced their support for the Iranian people and have expressed concerns over the plight of the people of Iran, who face oppression under the theocratic rule and condemned the systematic violation of human rights within the country through letters of solidarity. Through a series of meetings, IACNY has received numerous letters of solidarity, voicing grave concern over the alarming increase in executions, public hangings and stoning in Iran and also over the arbitrary arrest of labor workers, student activists, and women's rights activists throughout the nation.

On April 22, Barbara Briggs from the National Labor Committee stated: "We express concern for the hundreds of human, workers and women's rights advocates who are imprisoned in Iran and our hope that attention will be given to their cases, that they will soon be freed – and free to continue their legal activities in pursuit of fundamental, internationally recognized human rights."

On April 18th, Pastor Charles Brewster from the First Presbyterian Church of Forest Hills expressed concern over the execution of 13 people in a single day, one of whom was the mother of two young children in a letter addressed to the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Iran.

On April 21st, Pastor Sung Chul Lee from the Hyo Shin Bible Presbyterian Church urged the international community to condemn the Iranian regime for its violation of human rights and urged for greater sanctions and support for the struggle of the Iranian people and their main organized opposition, the NCRI.

On April 20th, Pastor David Czeisel from Dix Hills United Methodist Church expressed anger over an article published in The Daily Telegraph on February 9th, entitled "Iran Envoy Defends Amputation". "Iran's ambassador to Spain has compared chopping off the hands of thieves to a surgeon amputating a limb to prevent the spread of gangrene."

On April 23rd, Rev. David B. Lowry from the Christ Episcopal Church wrote in his letter of condemnation that Seyed Davoud Salehi, Iranian Ambassador to Spain has defended the continued use of amputation of arms and limbs as a necessary corrective punishment for inappropriate and criminal behavior.

On April 23rd, Rev. Dr. Eric James Weaver from the Trinity Episcopal Church wrote "I am appalled at the continuing abuse of persons who are expressing peaceful dissent and stating their opinions in public. These events along with many other reported incidents have made a mockery of the United Nations goals within the Universal Declaration of Human Rights".

On April 24th Rabbi Bruce Goldwasser from the Temple Beth Sholom stated in a letter regarding pursuing a firm policy on Iran: "The more they are allowed to exert their influence, the more likely it is that their internal human rights abuses will be replicated outside of Iran, especially against Jewish people".

On April 25th, Reverend Gregory Breen from the Parish of St. Patrick called on the Special Rapporteur on human rights in Iran in Geneva "to thoroughly investigate human rights abuses, as reported in the public press, and ensure the United Nations takes up these violations of human rights".

On April 23rd, Reverend Margaret A. Peckham Clark of Trinity Episcopal Church urged for a full examination of the widely available evidence about the situation of human rights in Iran and to condemn the abuse of human rights in this beautiful country.

On April 24th, Rev. Thomas R. Smoot from the St. Paul's United Methodist Church expressed support by stating, "As someone who is committed to the humane treatment of all persons and called by my faith to lift up the dignity and worth of all people; and, as one who valued the right of all persons to be free in expressing their political view, I pray that there will be an end to such violations of persons in Iran".

April 20th, Rev. Alan J. Warren from Long Island Alliance Church expressed support in his letter by saying, "I want to join others in voicing our concern for the atrocities happening in Iran".

On April 24th, Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Hoyt Duncan from the First Presbyterian Church of Northport quoted a report by a human rights organization on April 10th that the Iranian intelligence ministry detained and interrogated four students, Behrooz Kamirizadeh, Peyman Piran, Ali Kazntouri and Majid Pourmajid for being members of the organization Students Seeking Freedom and Equality.

Deaconess Pearline Anderson from Emmanuel Pentecostal Church of New York stated, "Three drug traffickers were also hanged in Qom in a public square, and another two in Zahedan. My prayer is that the International community would put sanction on the Iranian government so they stop these cruel acts."

On April 27, Rev. Wendy Steed from St. Paul's United Methodist Church wrote, "It has recently come to my attention that there are still many atrocities going on in Iran. Historically Americans have stood up for the underdog and as Christians and a country established based on the rights of all human beings, to pursue a life of freedom, I am concerned that we do something about this issue as soon as possible.

On April 27, the United Methodist Center recalled a report by Reporters Without Borders stating that Iran "remained the Middle East's biggest prison for journalists" and confirmed that Adnan Hassanpour, a journalist was condemned to death just last year for "separatist propaganda" and being a "fighter against God".

On April 28th, Pastor Anthony Howell from the Christ Church, Center of Hope wrote, "I am writing to make you aware of the unfair treatment to millions of humans in Iran. God has created us as equal and our attention should be focused on the atrocities that engulf our brothers and sisters."

On May 1st, Rabbi Steven Axelman, expressed concern over ongoing violations of human rights in Iran by stating, "As a leader in the religious community, I am especially appalled at the current president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's hateful comments and actions toward Jewish minorities. The intolerance of the Iranian government has led religious leaders to flee Iran for their safety.

On May 1st, The Venerable Canon Dr. Howard K. Williams, Rector and Archdeacon of Brooklyn wrote, "I write in my capacity as Rector of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and also as the Archdeacon of Brooklyn overseeing 33 Episcopal congregations in Brooklyn. We firmly believe in the sanctity of human life."

On May 2, Rev. Carver W. Israel of St. Philip's Episcopal Church who became very concerned about executions by method of stoning stated, "It is obvious that there is absolutely no regard for the sanctity of life in Iran, and a flagrant disregard for due process."