



**Statement from individual members of the Harvard Chaplains:
In support of the HGSU-UAW strike**

We, the undersigned members of the Harvard Chaplains, alongside others in Harvard's many faith and ethical communities, publicly affirm our support of the student workers who support our Harvard community and enrich our lives and our work in so many ways. We, therefore, join with the Harvard Graduate Student Union-UAW in asking Harvard to provide student workers with better conditions, including "fair pay, comprehensive & affordable healthcare, and protections against discrimination and harassment."

We ask others across the interfaith community to recognize that it is a moral issue for such important members of our University community, many of whom are part of our own various congregations, fellowships, and student groups, to feel safe and valued at work and school. The interfaith community, after all, involves every single person on campus. It includes all of the world's religious and spiritual traditions, as well as humanists, atheists, agnostics, and the religiously unaffiliated.

We readily acknowledge that not everyone in the interfaith community will agree on this issue, and we sign this statement as individuals, not on behalf of the Harvard Chaplains or any other organization as a whole. Nonetheless, we want people on the picket line, from their incredibly diverse range of perspectives and backgrounds, to know they are supported by us, from ours.

This Monday, December 16, from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM there will be an opportunity for the interfaith community, in all of its pluralism, to come out to the HGSU-UAW picket line in front of University Hall for a rally and letter presentation. All are welcome and warmly encouraged to join.

Sincerely,

Greg M. Epstein, Humanist Chaplain at Harvard and MIT

Rev. Herb Taylor, Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church
Margit Hammerstrom, Christian Science Chaplain at Harvard
Swami Tyagananda, Hindu Chaplain
Fr. Vassilios Bebis, Eastern Orthodox Chaplain
John Bach, Quaker Chaplain
Dr. Rebekah Kim, Southern Baptist Chaplain at Harvard
Dan Cho, Southern Baptist Chaplain at Harvard
Tammy McLeod, Harvard Chaplain
Rev. Adam Lawrence Dyer, First Parish Cambridge, Unitarian Universalist Chaplain
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The Rev. Dr. Cody J. Sanders, American Baptist Chaplain
Rev. Sage Cole, Swedenborgian Chaplain at Harvard
Rabbi Getzel Davis, Associate Rabbi, Jewish Educator and Director of Graduate Student
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Rebecca Araten, Harvard Hillel Student Leader
Jeff Banks, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Harvard
Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan, The Memorial Church
Rev. Westley P. Conn, The Memorial Church
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Harvard College Interfaith Forum
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