



# BRAHMA KUMARIS WORLD SPIRITUAL UNIVERSITY

**Contact:**

**Gayatri Naraine**

**Tel.: +1-212-688-1335**

**info@un.brahmakumaris.org**

**For Immediate Release**

**June 15, 2016**

## **Brahma Kumaris Statement on Orlando Mass Shootings**

The Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University (BKWSU) wishes to express heartfelt condolences to the victims' families and friends, those who responded to assist, and all the people of Orlando in the wake of the worst mass shooting in the history of the United States of America.

We join with the people of Orlando, the USA, the Inter-faith community, and those around the world who have endured unspeakable tragedy yet re-dedicate themselves to a world of Peace and Harmony.

According to BK Mohini Panjabi, Representative of the Brahma Kumaris to the United Nations, President of Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual Organization, USA (BKWSO) and Regional Coordinator for North America, Latin America and the Caribbean: "This is a time of great uncertainty and we are called to respond with compassion. This means not to get disturbed by what happened, and be driven by revenge and retaliation, but rather to focus on giving strength and support. Time is calling us to grow our hearts in order to make sense of it all. How do we do this? We must create a deeper sense of understanding by embracing love, kindness, and compassion. We process this through the heart and remain steady in challenging times."

On Sunday, June 19, 2016, Brahma Kumaris centers in Florida, throughout the USA and the Americas, and on every continent in the world, will dedicate World Meditation Hour to the people of Orlando. In the recognition that we are united as brothers and sisters, we invite those of all faiths and walks of life to join us in meditation from 6:30 to 7:30 pm local time. When we are together in one pure and powerful thought of peace, we can influence those who are filled with anger, hatred, and despair. We invite you to spend some time in silence each day as a contribution toward creating an atmosphere in the world where everyone feels loved, respected, valued, understood, and safe.

As the world's largest spiritual organization led by women, BKWSU understands the particular sorrow of parents and the victims' extended families at this time. The world needs the special talents and gifts of all young people and we trust that the lives of these victims will serve as a beacon of light guiding the way to a better world.

Boilerplate info about BKWSU

---

---