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The leadership of the Religious Education Association mourns and grieves the loss of life over the last few weeks.

- The shooting in Monterey Park during the Lunar New Year and the loss of 11 [lives](#).
- The violent death of Tyre Nichols at the hands of Memphis Police [officers](#).
- Nationwide increasing numbers of victims of gun violence, and the death of three Michigan State University students.
- The death and turmoil in [Israel](#) and the [West Bank](#).
- The devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria, and the loss of over 46,000 lives.
- The drought in Ethiopia where no crops are possible and where hunger and starvation is a daily reality for millions.
- The terrible war in Ukraine and the needless violence and destruction imposed on the Ukrainian people.
- The once in a century floods and earthquakes in Aotearoa New Zealand and the fires out of control in Australia.

As a guild of scholars and practitioners, our members are part of and close to many of the communities affected by the violence. The guild strives to be a place where those caregivers, first responders, practitioners, and community members most affected by the violence can learn from one another, care for one another, and be supported in their work through prayer and the love of humanity.

Sincerely,
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