

INTERFAITH MEMORIAL VIGIL FOR CHARLESTON



An **Interfaith Memorial Vigil for Charleston** was held Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church, 175 Mathewson Street Providence. Rhode Island Faith Communities memorialized the senseless tragedy at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston. The service brought together the diversity of people to pray with loving concern for the Church community in Charleston, especially for the families of the pastor and congregants who were lost. The service included a memorial candle ceremony and a flower communion.

The service was organized by the Religious Coalition for a Violence-Free Rhode Island and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - Providence Chapter. Joining in the service were religious leaders from the Board of Rabbis of Greater Rhode Island; the Baptist Peace Fellowship Rhode Island; the Rhode Island State Council of Churches and the Center for Reconciliation of the Episcopal Diocese. As the Chairperson of the Religious Coalition and an organizer of the event, Rev. Gene participated in the service. <https://youtu.be/yo9z38cdzVM>