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Hi, everyone. See below, info on a church-bell ringing that many churches in Charleston will perform on Sunday, June 21, to show community support after the shootings at Emanuel AME. Feel free to contact me, Duane or Amy if you need additional information.

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June 18, 2015

Update Two

Dear Industry Partners:

The CACVB expresses its thoughts and prayers for families of the slain and those wounded during this unspeakable act. Our close-knit and united community is moved with grief during this difficult chapter in our long history. In the midst of our sadness, we are profoundly grateful that due to the rapid response of law enforcement and support of the community the suspect has been apprehended. This arrest marks a starting point on the road towards justice and healing of the church, the families most affected and the entire community. But it is only the first step.

During the course of its storied history, Mother Emanuel AME Church has shown remarkable resilience and grace even in the face of adversity. Its congregants rebuilt the church from the ashes after it was burned to the ground in 1822, four short years after its founding. Throughout its almost 200 year history, Mother Emanuel has served as a beacon on of hope, endurance, rebirth, courage and solace to those who face adversity. We can lead with love, compassion and unity. The bonds of love that unite the entire Charleston Community will now ensure that this light is not extinguished by one hateful and depraved act.

The following was sent out this afternoon. Our hope is that all churches in the Charleston Area will participate. Special thanks to our friend (and the landlord of our building) Rev. Dr. Bill Traxler of Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church for his words of encouragement and hope.

Helen T. Hill

Executive Director

**EVERY CHUCH BELL IN CHARLESTON, S.C., TO RING  
IN SOLIDARITY FOR MOTHER EMANUEL AME CHURCH**

***A Resounding Show of Community Support and Unity to Occur  
Sunday, June 21***

**STATEMENT**

More than three centuries ago, Charleston, S.C., was founded on the principle of religious tolerance. As a result, we live, work, and raise our families in a

historically strong and welcoming community. We now call upon our collective strength to renew Charleston's unity and compassion in the wake of the nine shooting deaths at Mother Emanuel AME Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone involved in this tragedy. We are grateful for the quick and vigorous response from law enforcement. As we help lift one another other up in the wake of this heartbreaking event, our arms are open to all.

Charleston is often referred to as the "Holy City," a place where church steeples—not skyscrapers—dot the skyline. This Sunday, our bells will ring loudly and proudly to proclaim our community's unity.

## **EVENT DETAILS**

Charleston's historic houses of worship will ring their bells simultaneously starting at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 21. Residents and visitors are encouraged to participate in the **#CharlestonUnited** show of solidarity by standing respectfully outside participating churches and ringing personal hand bells if so desired.

**Help spread the word by re-posting our video of Charleston's historic church bells via social media.**

Repost on Instagram:

<https://goo.gl/rTzUs0>

Repost on Facebook:

<https://goo.gl/jzeJ5i>

As of today, participating churches include:

**The Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul**, 126 Coming Street

**First (Scots) Presbyterian Church**, 53 Meeting Street

**Grace Episcopal Church**, 98 Wentworth Street

**Mt. Zion AME Church**, 5 Glebe Street

**The Old Bethel Methodist Church**, 222 Calhoun Street

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church**, 89 Hasell Street

**St. Matthews Lutheran Church**, 405 King Street

**St. Michael's Church**, 14 Street Michael's Alley

**St. Philips Church**, 142 Church Street

**The Second Presbyterian Church**, 342 Meeting Street

**The Summerall Chapel**, 171 Moultrie Court

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