

LOVE CONQUERS HATE



UVM Police Stands in Solidarity of Love and Against Hate

We stand in love with –

Our Gay and Latino Brothers and sisters who died under a cloak of hate;
Our families and communities of those who mourn the loss of loved ones;

Our Muslim brothers and sisters painted with a broad brush of hate;

Our police and medical first responders, who responded not just this day (June 12, 2016), but every day with courage and the spirit of service before self.

We stand against hate in all forms –

Blame of whole communities, faiths, or peoples;

Violence and murder – the motive be damned;

Cowardice, not just in the killers, but in those who knew and chose not to act, and those who refused to lead – who have placed self, power, and privilege before service, compassion or other humans in need.

Let us stand together with love allowing our broken hearts to heal together –

As one faith, love;

As one voice against extremism, selfishness and hate, love;

As one race, people, tribe ... for the greater love of the human race.

On behalf of all those who serve – Lianne M. Tuomey, Chief of Police, University of Vermont.