

TODOS Statement on Mass Shooting Incidents

TODOS: Mathematics for ALL is saddened by the actions of a few who target members of our community. Whether it is in a church, a school, a place of business, or a place for relaxation and fun, all places where humans congregate should be safe. The most recent assault in Orlando on our sisters and brothers, sons and daughters, friends and other loved ones was an act of hate. The parishioners meeting in prayer in Charlotte, students in schools across the country, people joining each other to watch or participate in a race were attacked by acts of hatred. We are all saddened by this.

TODOS is dedicated to the mathematics education of ALL. This is inclusive of everyone. When working with students, do we listen, do we hear? Do we offer our ears and open our hearts to those in pain? Maybe it is impossible to end hatred, but can we get to it before it grows so huge in a person's life? How do we waylay these acts of hatred by helping students to learn how to cope, to not learn to hate?

As educators of ALL students, we of TODOS are dedicated to teaching mathematics in a manner that incorporates the role of language, honors diverse cultural practices and expressions, and promotes a humanistic view of the world. Culture is positive, represents growth and a love of learning. In the words of Lin-Manuel Miranda the author of and actor in the play *Hamilton*, "Love is love is love is love is love..."

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