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Dear Congregational Leader,

In 1950, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed December 10th to be Human Rights Day, and in 2011, the Pittsburgh City Council declared Pittsburgh a Human Rights City. The Human Rights City Alliance is a coalition of organizers and activists that are working to bring diverse groups together to make Pittsburgh a model human rights city. We are advocating for changes in policies and practices that will help advance dignity and justice for all residents.

Religious communities have been the heart and soul of social justice movements and have long worked to establish human rights for all. Today, we are writing you this letter to ask that you lift up this message of human rights in your own congregations and among your family and friends.

We recognize that your faith communities have existing partnerships and practices that promote the human rights mission. On this year's Human Rights Day, we urge you and your congregation to emphasize and celebrate the ways you engage in human rights work, and we invite you to join with others in our community to participate in the Human Rights Days of Action and join our work to build a Human Rights City.

As residents of this Human Rights City, we share this responsibility for fighting for the rights of all. We hope you will help support the work we are doing with the Human Rights City Alliance, and we thank you for contributions and commitment to this work. We include the calendar of events for Human Rights Days of Action, and encourage you to visit our website for updates on these events and other details about the work we're doing: www.pghrights.org.

With respect and gratitude,

The Human Rights City Alliance

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