





Dear Fr Luiz

#REDWEDNESDAY: 27 November 2019

Every year in late November, civic buildings and places of worship all over the UK (and elsewhere in the world) light up red to mark #REDWEDNESDAY, a day-long initiative to celebrate religious freedom—the right for people to embrace any religious faith or none as set out in Article 18 of the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral, Wrexham Cathedral, Bolton Town Hall and many other buildings have participated in former years. I am getting in touch with you to enlist your help as this year #REDWEDNESDAY is coming to Lancaster and it would be fantastic to have your church involved with this year's Red Wednesday—on 27 November.

In Lancaster, the Ashton Memorial will come on board this year, and the Cathedral, the Priory and St John's Church will also light up red. It would make a wonderful statement if you would also consider lighting up red for Red Wednesday this year—working together, we could send out a very powerful message about the right to believe whatever one chooses—any faith or none.

The Cathedral will be hosting an ecumenical prayer vigil on #RedWednesday at 7:30pm and we are looking to bring other places of worship on board as well. I have taken the liberty of enclosing several posters for this event and would be extremely grateful if you could make your congregation aware of the vigil by announcing it, hanging the poster at the back of church or in any other way you can. The vigil will last only about an hour and we would love to have a good crowd of people praying together on the night!

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this request and I look forward to hearing from you. Should you require any further information or would like to register your participation in #REDWEDNESDAY with us, we would be happy to hear from you at any time. I would be happy to make myself available over the phone at a time convenient to you, or alternatively my email address is <a href="mailto:Bridget.Teasdale@acnuk.org">Bridget.Teasdale@acnuk.org</a>.

With prayers and best wishes,

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