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It is a cruel irony that Sikhs, who uphold non-violence and peaceful co-existence at the core of their beliefs; and wear the turban as a proud symbol of a spiritual mandate to serve humanity as defenders of the oppressed, find themselves sought out and victimized by ignorant assailants on numerous occasions.

We call on all Americans today to join us in mourning a senseless attack and to take this opportunity not only to learn about the sublime teachings of Sikh Gurus, the Sikh faith, and the meanings of its external symbols, but also to ensure that the Gurudwaras (Sikh Temple) remain sanctuaries of joyous and peaceful worship.

A conference between Directors of Nanak Sadan Sikh Temple was called following the tragic incident at the Sikh Gurudwara (Temple) of Wisconsin, Oak Creek on the morning of Sunday August 5, 2012. A unanimous statement was adopted as follows:

1. The members of Nanak Sadan Sikh Temple, Northridge, California are shocked and deeply saddened by this senseless act of violence in a place of worship that took place in Oak Creek, Wisconsin on a peaceful Sunday morning during a prayer service.
2. We express solidarity with our Sikh American Brotheren in Oak Creek, Wisconsin and praise the work of the Police officers who bravely risked their own lives to defend the innocent lives of women, children and men who were confronted by the attacker. We also want to express our deep gratitude towards the local authorities and law enforcement agencies who continue to work towards investigating the incident.
3. We would also like to express our appreciation towards the local and national media who have been able to cover this incident during their primetime hours to engage with the Sikh community leaders, to understand the Sikh faith and how the Sikhs continue to be misidentified for other religions and beliefs.
4. The members of the Nanak Sadan Sikh Temple, located at 18654 Parthenia Street, Northridge, CA 91324 will be holding a special Prayer service on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 @ 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. for the victims of this tragedy. All are welcome to attend.

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