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## Alliance for Shared Values' Message on World Day of Social Justice

As the World Day of Social Justice is observed today, the Alliance for Shared Values joins the United Nations and the international community in reminding ourselves that promoting social justice is a necessary step in our endeavor to achieve world peace. We would like to take this opportunity to invite people to continue to seek ways to improve the well-being of all citizens regardless of their backgrounds.

As we face widespread inequality, discrimination and violent conflicts around the world, it is imperative for us to think about the ways in which we can eliminate these ills. We must strive to eliminate the causes that separate people based on race, gender, ethnicity, and religion. We have to acknowledge the dignity and worth of every individual and that they are entitled to be guaranteed fundamental human rights.

Through service, education, and dialogue, Hizmet movement participants have joined efforts worldwide to bring about positive social change and have sought to create environments in which every individual has equal access to educational opportunity and to promote values of peace, tolerance and freedom of expression and religion.

Let this special day be a reminder for us that as responsible citizens, we should all seek to identify the challenges faced in our world and seek to empower those who have been less privileged. We invite everyone to support the international effort to eradicate poverty and achieve equality for all citizens. As the Alliance for Shared Values, we will continue to uphold shared human values including social justice, equal opportunity, peace, and fundamental human rights.

## **About Alliance for Shared Values**

The Alliance for Shared Values (AFSV) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that serves as a voice for cultural organizations affiliated with Hizmet, a civil society movement inspired by prominent preacher and peace advocate Fethullah Gülen. The Alliance strives to promote peace and social harmony by helping reduce misinformation and false stereotypes about any or all ethnic, cultural and religious communities. To learn more about the Alliance, please visit <u>www.afsv.org</u>.

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