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**New England Sri Lankans and Christians gather for Interfaith Vigil**

(Boston: MA) Responding to terror in Sri Lanka and the killing of over 320 people, the Sri Lanka Association of New England and the Massachusetts Council of Churches will gather for

**#RememberingSriLanka: An Interfaith Vigil in Boston**

Thursday April 25, 2019, 6pm.

Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common

“As a community we offer our support to everyone affected. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families who suffered losses – including the American lives lost – as well as those injured and recovering. The Sri Lanka Association of New England will continue to strive for a unified Sri Lanka and peace going forward,” said Sharmalie Jayasinghe, President of the [Sri Lanka Association of New England \(SLANE\)](#).

“So much has been lost in Sri Lanka. We grieve the hundreds of Christians targeted and killed on Easter. As Christians, we believe that as one part of the body suffers, the whole Body of Christ suffers. It is important that we gather to mourn, grieve and pray with interfaith neighbors for peace,” said Rev. Laura Everett, Executive Director of the [Massachusetts Council of Churches](#).

All are invited to attend this interfaith vigil in grief and solidarity. The program will begin at 6:30pm. This will be a time for all Sri Lankans and all Christians to gather and mourn. We covet the solidarity of interfaith neighbors to attend and stand with us. All are invited to wear white to attend, in keeping with Sri Lankan customs.

Following the vigil at 7:30pm. we will gather at St. Paul’s Cathedral 138 Tremont, Boston in the sanctuary for Ceylon tea and conversation. We invite you to use the Hashtag #RememberingSriLanka, #PrayForSriLanka

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