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Official Statement on Charlottesville Incident

From the ADF Mother Grove:

Last Saturday violence erupted in Charlottesville, Virginia. Neo-Nazis and white-supremacists marched in the name of hate, intolerance, and violence. Heather Heyer, one of the many counter-protestors, died standing up to these monsters and many others were injured when a car was deliberately driven into the crowd.

We as a nation and a world stood up to Nazi ideology more than 70 years ago, and defeated it with the mentality that we would never see it return to power. Fast forward to today, and we see these racists no longer living in the shadows and causing violence, mayhem, fear, and death.

In response to this senseless tragedy, ADF's Member's Advocate reached out to those members local to Charlottesville and made sure they were safe. We will continue to work toward an inclusive environment and welcome people from all walks of life, ethnic origins, and races.

As a safe haven and a pagan church, ADF denounces the actions by these racists on not only on Saturday, August 12, but we denounce all of their past and future rallies of hate. We stand against their ideology of racism and intolerance. We condemn these groups for appropriating our ancestor's symbols for their own nefarious uses. As a church which uses Indo-European myth and symbology in our worship, we want to be clear that we stand opposed to these hate groups. We as a church we stand together with all the other pagan groups and churches in denouncing these white nationalists, and together we will work to prevent this cancer from ever returning.