

## Message of Condolences and Support Following Recent Tragedies

Dear Pacifica Family,

I hope this message finds you well as we begin the winter quarter. Last week, the plan was to share a "Welcome Back" video with you today. Given all that has transpired in California over the last two weeks with damaging storms that included the loss of a 5-year-old, the Monterey Park shooting that killed 11 people at the Lunar New Year celebration and the killing of the seven people found dead in Half Moon Bay, I felt it was important to use this message to instead extend our heartfelt condolences to all those affected by the recent tragedies and acts of violence.

The increased tragedies are happening far too often, leaving a cascade of collective traumas in their wake. Let us never grow immune to the pain and trauma felt by lives taken so tragically while also remembering the role of our work at Pacifica in bringing awareness, action, and healing to an aching community.

A big thank you to all who have prioritized reaching out to connect, listen, and reassure those affected by these senseless acts that they are not alone in processing what they are experiencing. We know many of our faculty, staff, students, and alums live in the Los Angeles area. If you find that you need additional support, please explore our resources through the following:

- PGIAA CareLine – 805-679-6163
- Holman Group – 800-321-2843

2023 is the Year of Rabbit in the Chinese culture, a symbol representing, among other values, peace, intellect, and empathy. As we mourn this tragedy, let us reflect on how we can bring these more into our lives and those around us.

Please continue looking out for one another as we navigate this season together.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lemi Mathison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Dr. Lee  
President & CEO