QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

A Resource for Tanenbaum’s video, “Pathways for Healing: An Interview with Michael Signer”.

1. What does the phrase “democratic experiment" mean to you? How do you think it has evolved in recent years?

2. If you were interviewing Mayor Michael Signer, what would you want to ask him?

3. After hearing Charlottesville Mayor Michael Signer reflect on the aftermath of the Unite the Right Rally, think about your community and how it reacted to Charlottesville, to the mass shooting in Pittsburgh’s Tree of Life Synagogue where 11 people were killed, and to Christchurch, New Zealand where 49 Muslims were slaughtered. How did your community react? Were there protests? How was it similar or different from the candlelight vigils and interfaith programs in Charlottesville, VA? Why do you think your community was similar/different from the healing efforts in Charlottesville?

4. Are there ways that the United States and it’s current laws need to evolve given changing times?

   How can different political branches of our government shift our national culture to combat hatred and bigotry? Is this a proper role of government? Why or why not?

5. What are some activities and/or resources we can each use to combat the resurgence of hate and extremism?