

THE BEDFORD CITIZEN

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

JULY 9, 2016

FROM REV. JOHN GIBBONS
TO CHIEF ROBERT BONGIORNO

7/8/2016 @ 10:39 am

Chief...

We live in excruciatingly painful times. On behalf of First Parish, I want you and your officers to know our profound appreciation for the difficult and dangerous work you do. In particular, we support your efforts to de-escalate conflict, encourage fair and impartial policing, and reduce the proliferation of guns in our community.

As it has been said, "We live in one house." As we grieve these multiple tragedies, we pray that there be safety and dignity for all members of our common household.

With respect and persistent hope for a better future,

John

Senior Minister
First Parish in Bedford

FROM CHIEF ROBERT BONGIORNO
TO REV. JOHN GIBBONS

7/8/2016 @ 1:06 pm

Hi John

Thank you so much for your kind words ...we must remain steadfast in our commitment for fair and impartial policing for all!

True leadership is not backing away from our morals and principles when we hit a rough patch! And boy have we ever hit a rough patch!!!!

I remain more committed than ever to stand with our other leaders in Town, especially our friends from the clergy to root out hate and ensure we stand together as ONE during these trying times!

I appreciate your friendship and kind words more than you will ever know.

With much respect,

Bobby

Chief of Police
Town of Bedford, MA