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# ACEH meeting to discuss hate speech, harassment

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In the 10 days following the election, the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks incidents of hate speech and harassment based on race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation and more, received almost 900 complaints of such incidents.

Forty were from people in Michigan, the most of any state in the Midwest. Locally, some individuals say they are having a difficult time coping with their tension and fear; families may be divided over the results of the voting.

To help ease tensions, offer support and create allies, the Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony is meeting at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at Western Theological Seminary, Semelink Room, 101 E. 13th St., Holland. Everyone is welcome.

“Caring for Self and Community” will include interactive exercises and discussion. Necia Ormée will present stress-reducing activities geared to all ages and abilities. Rev. Denise Kingdom-Grier, pastor of Maple Avenue Ministries, will talk about ways to look for allies that help create “the beloved community” envisioned by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

For more information, visit [harmonyalliance.org](http://harmonyalliance.org).