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Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon statement on anti-Muslim rhetoric

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's (EMO) Board of Directors strongly condemns the anti-Muslim rhetoric coming from public figures and other individuals. These statements are xenophobic, racially prejudiced, and clearly contrary to our values as people of faith and as Americans.

This language serves to divide, denigrate and incite violence against our brothers and sisters of various religions, races, and ethnicities. Our country must learn from the mistakes of its past and uphold our constitutional commitment to defend the freedom of conscience and religion for all individuals.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon stands together with all people of faith and goodwill for religious and racial tolerance, and we are committed to working towards just and compassionate communities that value the human dignity of all.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is a statewide association of Christian denominations, congregations, ecumenical organizations and interfaith partners working together to improve the lives of Oregonians through community ministry programs, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, environmental ministry and public policy advocacy.

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