

# ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES *of* OREGON

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### **EMO condemns President's Trump's decision to end DACA**

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) condemns President's Trump's decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and calls on Oregon's congressional delegation to work tirelessly to pass the DREAM Act.

As people of faith, we joyfully answer God's call to welcome the stranger, to stand with our immigrant brothers and sisters. President Trump's decision to terminate the DACA program tragically fails to heed this call, and it will impact nearly 800,000 young people across the country, including roughly 11,000 in Oregon.

The end of DACA inflicts pain where there has been hope, and creates division where there exists overwhelming, bipartisan solidarity with DREAMers. Brought to the United States as children in acts of bravery and love, DACA recipients have blessed Oregon's schools, places of work, and places of worship with their talents and drive.

Ecumenical Ministry of Oregon's SOAR Immigration Legal Services has helped hundreds of these youth secure the stability, work authorization and promise that comes from the DACA program. Today, we hear the voices of all DACA recipients pleading with us for a solution that will keep these Americans home, in the United States.

We respond to their calls for their sake and for ours. It is the DREAMers—like their parents and all immigrants to this country before them—who renew our country through their hope, sacrifice and fearlessness.

We affirm the dignity of every human being, the sacred personhood of all. We call on every member of Oregon's congressional delegation to support DREAMers by passing the [DREAM Act](#), which would allow these youth to earn lawful permanent residency status and citizenship.

#### **MEMBER DENOMINATIONS**

African Methodist Episcopal Church ■ American Baptist Churches of Oregon ■ Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ■ Christian Methodist Episcopal Church ■ Church of the Brethren ■ Community of Christ  
Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon ■ Episcopal Diocese of Oregon ■ Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ■ Greek Orthodox Church ■ Presbyterian Church (USA)—Presbytery of the Cascades  
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) ■ Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Portland ■ United Church of Christ ■ United Methodist Church ■ Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches

Join us in this effort by contacting your member of Congress. [Click here](#) to find the email and phone number of those who represent you in Congress, and [click here](#) to sign a petition urging Congress to pass the DREAM Act.

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