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### **Local faith community responds to Colorado shooting tragedy**

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) sends heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the victims of the Aurora, Colo., shooting, their families and loved ones. “Our thoughts and prayers are with all who suffer from this terrible tragedy,” said EMO Executive Director David Leslie.

In response to the shooting, an interfaith prayer service for healing and an end to violence will be held at 6 p.m. at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2710 NE 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland. Faith leaders are encouraged to participate in the service. For more information about the service, please call Augustana Lutheran Church at (503) 288-6174.

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