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Statement on the war between Israel and Gaza

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) grieves with the families who lost loved ones to horrific acts of violence in Israel and Palestine. We know that many Oregonians are feeling fear, pain and anxiety, especially those who have family or friends directly impacted.

We are also concerned that actions thousands of miles away could contribute to rising antisemitic and anti-Muslim sentiment in the United States. We must not give into hate. We stand against hate in all its forms. Terrorism and war can never lead to justice or sustained peace.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon calls upon our leaders to promote de-escalation, secure dialogue, and pursue policies that will achieve a just and lasting peace.

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