



**ECUMENICAL
MINISTRIES**
—OF OREGON—

INTERFAITH STATEMENT OF UNITY

To Our Community,

Oregon's faith communities stand for love, justice and harmony. We do not believe that any form of violence will solve the issues facing our community. We work together to foster understanding, combat hate in all its forms and promote love for all people.

As leaders in Oregon's faith communities, we commit ourselves to be peacemakers in this time of heightened violence and fear. Violence in the world is also in our communities within the United States, and many are feeling threatened—both physically and emotionally. We abhor the hatred and bias that leads to such violence. We oppose any false information that inflame hostilities.

Despite our differing political and religious views, we call on ALL people of conscience to stand against hatred, bigotry, and discord and to be the peacemakers that God calls us to be.

We encourage our fellow citizens to practice tolerance and to build bridges based on our common values of love, justice, harmony and mutual respect. We urge our civic and elected leaders to foster environments for dialogue and understanding, to overcome animosity and to promote peace.

Signed,

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