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EMO condemns deadly attack during Church of the Latter-day Saints church service

On Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025, in Grand Blanc, Mich., at a Sunday service of the Church of the Latter-day Saints, a man opened gunfire during the service before driving his car into the building and setting it on fire. At least four people were killed and eight injured; as of Sunday evening, there are still people unaccounted for.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) condemns this senseless violence and offers our prayers and solidarity for the entire Church of Latter-day Saints. Sacred spaces should be places of peace, and the freedom to worship should come without fear of violence.

The fact that this violent event comes less than 24 hours after the death of the president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Russell M. Nelson, makes this deadly event and subsequent grief especially poignant for the church. EMO offers condolences on his death and is left only with President Nelson's own words when considering the violence and tragedy the church is reeling from: "Anger never persuades. Hostility builds no one. Contention never leads to inspired solutions."