



**ECUMENICAL
MINISTRIES**
— OF OREGON —

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**EMO Condemns Shooting by Federal Officers on Jan. 8
and calls for unity in the face of violence.**

Coming the day after a fatal shooting in Minnesota by ICE Agents, many are feeling confused, angry and sad. Twenty-four hours after the shooting here in Portland, we are still unclear of the details of what happened yesterday in southeast Portland, but our hearts will always come back to the simple fact that two individuals are in the hospital with injuries caused by federal officers. Violence cannot be allowed to continue unchecked.

The enormity of what we are facing is not lost on us. Trust in our federal law enforcement agencies has eroded, and their tactics are doing more harm than good. Violence cannot be allowed to continue unchecked. This form of hate cannot continue. We are called to find our moral compass and look towards our common humanity.

We join with organizations and politicians throughout Oregon calling for all ICE activities in Oregon to stop. Violence takes many forms, and while we may respond more vehemently to gunfire and loss of life and limb, the violence caused by fear is ongoing and damaging.

We cannot let state violence be normalized. All Oregonians are at risk if any of us are targets of violence. If we stand united, we will be able to ensure that every individual in Oregon, regardless of immigration status, can feel safe and know peace.