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### **EMO statement on Orlando tragedy**

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) extends our profound condolences to the families and loved ones of those killed in Orlando. We offer our prayers for hope and healing. We open our hearts in compassion. Confronted with the pain and horror of the harm we do to one another, we remember the vulnerability common to us all. When one of us suffers, we all suffer. We ask that we all may become bearers of peace, united in love and compassion.

We give thanks for the heroes of Orlando: the police who confronted the shooter, the hospital trauma teams who responded to the gravely wounded victims, the crowds of caring people who patiently waited to donate blood.

Let us pray for mercy on the souls who have departed, for those injured and those who mourn—in Orlando and throughout the world.

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