

The MultiFaith Council of NW Ohio Stands in Solidarity with all Faith Perspectives

Islamophobia and hate crimes against Muslims [and Sikhs who are mistaken as Muslim] are on the rise in our nation. Some media and politicians want to prey on misguided fear and propose to limit the freedom of our Muslim brothers and sisters. This is clearly against our founding American principles of religious freedom.

The MultiFaith Council of NW Ohio has for over a dozen years been building a family of all faiths and beliefs, including those not aligned with any religious tradition, through education, fellowship and shared community service. Greater Toledo is designated as a Compassionate Community, because it is ever striving to apply compassionate action to critical issues in our area.

Muslims have long been a part of the fabric of this community. They strongly support compassionate work in our city and surrounding area. They have a long and proud record of community and military service.

Extremists have taken the lives of thousands of Muslims. Muslims are their victims also. Only a very small number of the extremist killings in our own country have been perpetrated by people associating with Islam.

In times of stress, we need to stand together to ensure that our actions are based not on fear and anger, but rather on understanding and compassion. Otherwise, we threaten freedom for all of us.