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ABCUSA Report – Shoulder to Shoulder

Shoulder-to-Shoulder Campaign

The Shoulder-to-Shoulder Campaign (S2S) is a national multi-faith coalition of religious denominations and faith-based organizations who are committed to ending anti-Muslim hatred, discrimination, and violence in the United States of America.

ABCUSA is part of a coalition of religious denominations and faith-based organizations that stand in solidarity to counter anti-Muslim discrimination.

Vision: The Shoulder-to-Shoulder Campaign envisions a pluralistic and inclusive United States of America where all people are treated respectfully, fairly, and with dignity.

Mission: The Shoulder-to-Shoulder Campaign connects, equips, and mobilizes faith communities in the United States of America as strategic partners in countering, addressing, and preventing anti-Muslim hatred, discrimination, and violence.

Key Recommendations:

- Affirm and Reiterate Our Shared Value: Human dignity.
- Understand and Uplift: No community is a monolith, so resist collective blame.
- Recall and Reiterate: Avoid conflating distinct identities
- Be Mindful: When addressing one form of bigotry, avoid fueling the fire of another
- Before citing stats on bigotry, be informed about how groups define/measure it
- Apply the label of bigotry only when it is warranted
- Be mindful of the power of language
- Remember: Terms mean different things to different people
- Point to positive stories

Rev. Dr. Patricia Hernandez serves as the ABCUSA representative to S2S.