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## **Summit inspires faith-based Earth care**

**Congregations will learn the how, what and why of going green**

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns will host its first "Earth Care Summit" at the Ecotrust Building on Feb. 1. The event will provide practical help and inspiration for better stewardship of creation and bring together the best resource people and organizations for sustainability all in one place. Congregations will find funding information, education technical assistance and inspiration to do the right thing, save some money on operational costs, and add a new dimension to community outreach without having to start from scratch!

The event will take place from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Jean Vollum Natural Capital Center at 721 NW Ninth Ave. in Portland. Participants are invited to take a tour of one of Oregon's first certified green buildings at 5:30 p.m., drop by tables featuring earth stewardship programs and incentives available from local agencies and non-profits, or bid on the earth-friendly products and services for homes or congregations available at the silent auction.

At 6 p.m. a delicious locally-grown meal will be served, followed by a keynote speaker and presentations. Participants will then explore topics that interest them in a small group setting with experts from the field. Topics will include sustainable purchasing, food and faith, saving energy and money, sustainable and low-

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maintenance landscaping, watershed stewardship, zero waste gatherings, creation and worship, and more. There will be case studies of congregations with successful earth care projects, and participants will have the opportunity to interact with and learn from others.

Pre-registration is requested. The early registration discount deadline for individual registration is Jan. 13, 2010. Registration is only \$15 for students and seniors and scholarships are available. Groups of three or more are \$20 per person. For more information, visit [www.emoregon.org/events.php](http://www.emoregon.org/events.php) or call (503) 221-1054.

Co-sponsors include City of Portland Environmental Services, City of Gresham, City of Lake Oswego Sustainability Advisory Board, GREAT Business Program, West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Friends of Trees, Xerces Society, Augustana Lutheran Church, Presbytery of the Cascades Eco-Justice Team, Dharma Rain Zen Center, Ascension Catholic Church, Archdiocese of Portland Office of Justice and Peace, Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Washington County, Havurah Shalom, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Oregon Area Jewish Committee, Buffalo Gardens, Livingstage, Portland Roasting, Portland Nursery and Naomi's Organic Farm Supply.

*Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's (EMO) Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns connects, inspires, informs and empowers people, congregations and religious institutions to work for justice and the care and renewal of the earth. EMO is a statewide association of Christian denominations—including Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox bodies—congregations, ecumenical organizations and interfaith partners working together to improve the lives of Oregonians through community ministry programs, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, environmental ministry and public policy advocacy.*