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Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon honors Madras First United Methodist Church with service award

The Madras First United Methodist Church will be honored with an “Ecumenical Service Award” on Oct. 13, 2009, at the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner. The award is presented in recognition of Madras First United Methodist Church’s hope-inspiring, Christ-centered ecumenical community ministry in Central Oregon.

Madras United Methodist Church is the center of a strong, lively ecumenical collaboration among Madras churches, including a food bag program (four days a week), community kitchen, garden and other community services. The congregation recently held an event in a public park providing free food, haircuts, medical screening and car washes, as well as a number of other services.

The EMO Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 921 SW Sixth Ave., Portland. A reception and silent auction to benefit EMO’s ministries will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and the dinner and award presentations will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person and table sponsorships are available for \$600. For more information, call Carla Starrett-Bigg at (503) 221-1054 or csbigg@emoregon.org.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon 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.

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