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EMO awards Albina Ministerial Alliance humanitarian award

The Albina Ministerial Alliance (AMA) will be honored with the “Vollum Ecumenical Humanitarian Award” on May 25, 2010, at the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner. The award is presented in recognition of outstanding commitment to humanitarian responsibility that has significantly enhanced the quality of life for all.

The Albina Ministerial Alliance is a nonprofit agency that promotes the intellectual, economic and spiritual vitality of children, youth and families in north and northeast Portland. Established in the 1950’s when job prospects were bleak for hundreds of African-American shipyard workers, AMA brought together inner-city African-American clergy to help these workers secure jobs and support their families. In the 1960’s, the AMA joined in the War on Poverty, assisting the community with job training, housing and emergency supplies in order to battle the consequences of poverty. In February of this year, AMA initiated the formation of the “Coalition for Justice and Police Reform,” addressing recent Portland Policy shootings. The coalition is calling for five actions to prevent future deaths, which are listed in detail at www.albinaministerialalliance.org/?page_id=135.

The following ministries are members of the AMA: Maranatha Church of God, Allen Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Highland Christian Center, Emmanuel Temple, Augustana Lutheran Church and Under the Blood Ministries.

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 to 6:30 p.m. and the dinner and award presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person and tables for 10 are available for \$600. For more information, call Carla Starrett-Bigg at (503) 221-1054, ext. 275, 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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