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### **EMO honors journalist Nancy Haught with “Louise Hunderup Religious Education Award”**

Nancy Haught, religion and ethics writer for *The Oregonian*, will receive the Louise Hunderup Religious Education on May 8, 2012, at the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner. Named for the former director of Christian Education for the Greater Portland Council of Churches, the Louise Hunderup Award is being presented to Haught in recognition of her body of work in *The Oregonian* on faith and ethics issues throughout the State of Oregon. EMO recognizes Haught’s profound role in fostering deeper understanding of diverse faiths and faith issues in Oregon.

Previous recipients of the Louise Hunderup Award have included Pacific University Institute for Social Policy, the Rev. Dr. William Apel of Linfield College, the Center for Spiritual Development at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, and Oregon State Rep. Dave Hunt.

The EMO Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner will be held on May 8 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. Reservations are available at [www.emoregon.org](http://www.emoregon.org) for \$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](mailto: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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