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EMO honors Rev. Kent Harrop as “Ecumenist of the Year”

The Rev. Kent Harrop, senior pastor of First Baptist Church in McMinnville, will be named “Ecumenist of the Year” on April 25, 2013, at the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner. The award is presented in recognition of Harrop’s leadership and commitment to fostering the love of Christ through ecumenical dialogue, witness and ministry.

The EMO Board of Directors is honoring Harrop for his many years of ecumenical commitments and dedicated service both within the Christian community and with Jewish, Muslim and other faith communities. He has been one of the outstanding promoters of ecumenical and interfaith dialogue, growing out of the American Baptist commitment to ecumenism. Harrop’s outreach has fostered deep understanding and respect among faiths in Portland and throughout the region.

Rev. Harrop’s lifelong commitment includes partnering with various faith communities to provide vital healthcare and dental services, as well as leading builds for Habitat for Humanity, and encouraging ecumenical religious dialogue and celebration. He has conducted mission trips to Mexico, Nicaragua and Honduras, and he has been a strong voice for the faith community in advocating for innovative, nonviolent alternatives to war.

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. Reservations are available at www.emoregon.org for \$75 per person and tables for 10 are available for \$750. 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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