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Congregation hosts “Village Market”

This summer Micah’s Village, a spiritual community whose mission is to celebrate justice through action, is supporting a new local farmers’ and artists’ market. Developed in partnership with Windance Farms and Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon’s (EMO) Interfaith Food and Farms Partnership, the Village Market offers fresh locally grown organic vegetables, bouquets of seasonal flowers and locally made art to the community.

Micah’s Village seeks to act on its mission by supporting local farmers and artists while providing the community with access to locally grown produce. Farmer Peter Tumelo of Windance Farms explains, “We are providing the healthiest, freshest, best tasting produce for the community. We grow what we sell, and it’s 100 percent organic.”

In addition to Micah’s Village, four other Portland area congregations are hosting farms stands this season as part of a farm to congregation project organized by EMO’s Interfaith Food and Farms Partnership. These congregations are supporting local refugee and immigrant farmers and providing their members and neighbors with a source of fresh healthy food through direct marketing.

The Village Market—on the corner of SE 132nd and Sunnyside Road in the grange hall parking lot—is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Sunday. Currently for sale at this market are a variety of fresh, organic fruits and vegetables, honey, jam, flowers, jewelry, photography, baked goods, tamales and more.

The Village Market welcomes organic growers and local artists. For more information, contact Peter Tumelo at (503) 407-3403 or visit the Web site at windancefarmandart.com.

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