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Enclosed in a check made out to EMO for a full year membership (mail to EMO at 0245 SW Bancroft, Suite B, Portland, OR 97239):

- Individual \$25
 Congregation or Religious Organization \$100

Please check areas of interest:

- Human Rights
 Environmental Justice
 Economic Justice
 Poverty/Hunger
 Affordable Housing
 Healthcare
 Opposition to Death Penalty
 International Peace


Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) is an association of 17 Christian denominations including Protestant, Orthodox and Roman Catholic religious bodies that work together to respond as a people of faith to the needs of Oregonians. Our response comes to life through a commitment to three streams of ministry: theological education and dialogue, public policy advocacy and community ministry.

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Christians for Peace & Justice

The Public Policy Advocacy Network
of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon



*Blessed are
the peacemakers.*

Matthew 5:9

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What is Christians for Peace & Justice Advocacy Network?

Christians for Peace and Justice (CPJ) is an Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) Advocacy Network consisting of individuals, congregations and religious organizations united from different denominations from across the state committed to advocating for social justice as witnesses to the public policy process on a state and national level.

But you must defend those who are helpless and have no hope. Be fair and give justice to the poor and homeless.

Proverbs 31:8

Why should you join Christians for Peace & Justice Advocacy Network?

Democracy can only be effective with the consent of those to be governed. In Oregon, there are over 483 registered lobbyists representing 630 entities actively influencing the creation of laws in the state Legislature that impact all Oregonians. Of that number, less than a handful represent the faith-based community on an every-day basis during the legislative session. We will only make a difference if thousands of people of faith who reflect the spirit of the commandments and the essence of the Bible make their voices heard. The bigger our Network grows, the louder our voice will be heard in the Oregon Legislature and the U.S. Congress. Your personal touch with our lawmakers does make a real difference.

How will Christians for Peace & Justice Advocacy Network work?

At key times throughout the year, CPJ Advocacy Network members will be asked to write, call and/or meet personally with members of our legislative bodies to speak on behalf of the poor and the powerless. The CPJ Advocacy Network supports letters to the editor in local newspapers, adult forums, social events, phone trees, letter writing campaigns and petition circulation. Network members are invited to special events, trainings and lectures. They also receive various publications and reports such as ballot measure guides throughout the year as available.

EMO will help Network members set-up meetings with their state legislators either in the state capitol or their local communities. Members of the CPJ Advocacy Network will receive EMO's *Voice* newsletter.

God calls us to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.

Micah 6:8

Benefits to joining Christians for Peace & Justice Advocacy Network:

- Presentations before adult education forums
- Guided visits to the state Capitol for your group including organized lobby days
- Assistance in forming adult education forums, committees and other programs
- Assistance in arranging meetings with legislators at your congregation or religious organization
- Simple and timely information and alerts on legislative matters on e-mail

EMO Advocacy Principles

EMO envisions a world in which there is no suffering, injustice, violence or exploitation. We have faith that such a world is not only possible but is our responsibility to help bring it into being. We must uphold a social safety net that encompasses systems, institutions and public policies to ensure a life of possibility and dignity for all Oregonians, especially the most vulnerable.

Human Rights. We must promote a society that unites people across differences. Our religious traditions call for an affirmation of human rights for all people regardless of their gender, race, ethnic heritage, religion, immigration status or sexual orientation.

Economic Justice. We must ensure that our economic system is just for all. Whether it's taxes, wages or the economy, our actions are interconnected as a society.

Environmental Justice. We must protect and restore the earth while creating sustainable, just and livable communities. Our religious traditions affirm the sacred in all creation and our role as stewards of the earth.

Democracy. We must ensure that our democratic process is inclusive of all, especially those without voices. Our religious traditions give us a unique and important perspective to offer in the deliberations of civic, legislative and governmental matters.

Public Policy Web page

www.emoregon.org/publicpolicyadvocacy.htm

Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns Web page

www.emoregon.org/INEC.htm