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Community leaders honored at EMO celebration

On Feb. 25, more than 275 people – including faith, civic and community leaders – came together at the Portland Downtown Marriott to celebrate the work of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) and Oregonians that are making a difference at EMO's Annual Community Celebration and Awards Dinner. The Augustana Jazz Quartet provided lively entertainment for the evening.

As in years past, special recognition and awards were given to honor ecumenical and interfaith leadership in the state. The following awards were presented:

♦ **Vollum Ecumenical Humanitarian Award**
Katherine Bentley, in recognition of a lifetime of dedicated volunteer service, and *Chuck Currie* for his commitment to justice and advocating for the

homeless community in Oregon.

♦ **Louise Hunderup Religious Education Award**
The Center for Spiritual Development at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland in recognition of outstanding educational leadership to the religious community of Oregon.

♦ **Ecumenical Service Award**
CERVS Interfaith Care Community from Medford in honor of significant contributions to ecumenical and interfaith community service in Oregon.

♦ **Two Pauls Award** – Two awards were presented in recognition of outstanding promotion of ecumenical and interfaith dialogue, service and relations: *The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation* and the *Oregon Wheat Growers League* for



Elenie Huszagh, Esq., president of the National Council of Churches of Christ, was awarded *Ecumenist of the Year*.

establishing the Citizen's Economic and Fish Recovery Forum, and *Tom Brian, Charles Cameron and Don Bohn* for their visionary leadership in working to establish the Vision Action Network of Washington County.

♦ **Ecumenist of the Year**
Elenie Huszagh, Esq., for her outstanding leadership as President of the National Council of Churches of Christ, and for her deep commitment to the ecumenical movement.

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Faith-based advocates active in Salem

On March 12, over 100 people of faith gathered at the state capitol in worship and advocacy for the 2003 Interfaith Advocacy Day. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) co-sponsored the day with sixteen other faith-based organizations from various faith traditions including Christianity, Islam and Judaism. Interfaith Advocacy Day brought people of faith to the Legislature for a day of worship, community-building, learning and meeting lawmakers. Interfaith participants met with

79 state legislators arranged through Interfaith Advocacy Day. Others who could not be there in person also participated through letters, e-mails, and phone calls.

This year's event featured an interfaith service and advocacy training. Issues lifted up during the day included hunger, mental health services and long-term care. The keynote speaker, state Senator Avel Gordly (District 23, Portland), spoke passionately on the day's theme of

restoring faith in the common good and repairing the social safety net.

The 2003 Interfaith Advocacy Day followed three successive weeks of faith-based advocacy days, as hosted by the Oregon Catholic Conference, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry of Oregon and the United Methodist Women Oregon/Idaho Conference.

The day of advocacy was timely in that it occurred when the Legislature was

struggling, and continues to struggle, to fund and maintain basic state services. Sponsors of the day hoped that raising the importance of the social safety net would impact the Legislature's decision making. Oregon has one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation, the highest hunger rate, a shortening school year and a startling 430,000 residents without healthcare. Part of the challenge for people of faith is to convince

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What will be the ultimate cost of this war?

As of this writing, the war in Iraq continues. As in any military engagement, people are dying, including U.S. military personnel, Iraqis, news reporters and innocent civilians. President Bush has asked for a \$74.7 billion appropriation to finance this first phase of the conflict. More requests will follow to secure the gains made and to provide humanitarian aid needed to repair the damage caused by this war.

As we continue through the final days of Lent, enter into Holy Week and rejoice in Christ's resurrection, let us pray constantly and fervently that soon war will be no more.

As the conflict continues between military combatants, so does the conflict between non-combatants. In recent weeks in this country, the gulf between those advocating for peace and those in support of the war effort grows. Internationally, support for the United States-led military campaign continues to diminish. Sadly, we are now committed to a war that has split the people in this country and strained our relations with much of the world.

As we "roll on to Baghdad," I continue to think and pray about



David Leslie

the wisdom of entering into this conflict. The regime of Saddam Hussein is evil. Through our refugee resettlement program—Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees (SOAR)—and the Iraqi and Kurdish refugees we resettled, we have learned from first-hand accounts the terror inflicted by Saddam on his enemies. We know all too well the type of death and destruction caused by despotic leaders interested only in their own aggrandizement.

However, I continue to wonder if war at this time is the right path. What will be the ultimate cost of this war? It is unnerving to think about additional casualties, potential acts of terrorism against U.S. targets, costs associated with rebuilding Iraq combined with the obligations we made in Afghanistan, and the inability to adequately meet our domestic needs. So much of our public infrastructure such as education, health care and human services are under great stress due to our increasing military spending. I still believe that the more prudent—and cost effective—plan of action would have been to increase inspections and international scrutiny of Iraq. "Containment" in this case is not a bad word.

For months, people in Oregon and beyond have marched for peace, written letters for peace and cried tears for peace. And, many have prayed for peace. As we

continue through the final days of Lent, enter into Holy Week and rejoice in Christ's resurrection, let us pray constantly and fervently that soon war will be no more. Let our prayers join with Christians throughout the world, including our brothers and sisters in Iraq. Finally, let us live the Easter story so that the all may believe that hope and peace are indeed possible and are what God intends for all of creation.

New book *How to Achieve World Peace* now available



The book *How to Achieve World Peace: Reflections of Eight Nobel Peace Laureates and World Peacemakers* is now available through the Wholistic Peace Institute.

Cost of the book is \$9.95. To order the book, send a check for \$12.45 (includes a \$2.50 shipping fee) to Wholistic Peace Institute, P.O. Box 1067, Canby, OR 97013.

For more information, call (503) 266-8996 or go to www.wholisticpeaceinstitute.com.

Bishop Ladehof announces retirement

After 17 years of dedicated service, the Rt. Rev. Robert L. Ladehoff, Bishop of the Diocese of Oregon, will retire this year.

During his years of service, Ladehoff has witnessed program development integrate with parish life. He is particularly pleased with the growth of the Hispanic ministry, the development of top-notch children's and family programs at the diocese's Triangle Lake summer camp, and the increasing participation of lay leaders at all levels.

Last November at the diocesan annual convention in Roseburg, Ladehoff remarked that during his tenure he has driven 525,000 miles and preached 1,948 sermons at the 78 congregations located in Western Oregon. He has also confirmed 3,624 individuals and ordained 81 deacons and 48 priests.

Ladehoff's prayer is that the new bishop will be one who will love the diocese, foster the development of Triangle Lake and continue to support and encourage the expression of differing points of view.

A formal electing convention for a new bishop will be held on May 17, at Trinity Cathedral in Portland, and the consecration will be held on Sept. 20, at the Salem Armory Auditorium. The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, USA, the Very Rev. Frank Griswold, will preside at the event.

EMO celebrates recent grants and gifts

The board of directors and staff extend their appreciation to the many supporters who have given their time and talents in support of EMO's program ministries. The following is a list of recent foundation and community support received by EMO.



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National Religious Partnership for the Environment (NRPE)	Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns
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Community celebration

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Board leadership installed

The community celebration was also a time to recognize EMO's board of directors, including The Rev. Dr. Wes Taylor, outgoing president.

Taylor installed the following new officers of the 2003-04 board of directors: The Rev. Eugene Ross, conference minister of the Central Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ, *president*; The Rev. Mark Knutson, senior pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church in Portland, *president-elect*; Ron Means, *treasurer*; and The Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Jr., senior pastor of Allen Temple African Methodist Church in Portland, *secretary*.

Also installed as new board members were (member denominations are listed in parentheses): James Buck (Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon); The Rev. Karen Crooch (United Methodist Church Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference); Lorey Freeman (United Church of Christ); The Rev. Margaret Marcuson (American Baptist Church); The Rev. Stephen Whitney-Wise (Episcopal Diocese of Oregon); and The Rev. Roger Carlson (United Methodist Church Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference). Re-elected to the board were Willie Mae Hart (American Baptist Church) and Virginia Robertson (Presbyterian Church, USA).

Faith-based advocates

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lawmakers and each other that a strong social safety net is critical to economic recovery. In addition, the faith community needs to not just restore faith in the common good but also trust in each other and our institutions, be it in the public or private sector.

Christians for Peace and Justice Advocacy Network

EMO is launching *Christians for Peace and Justice Advocacy Network*, a membership-based public policy advocacy network. The network provides members with up to date public policy information and action alerts for both state and national issues. Trainings, presentations and meetings with legislators are offered to members. This is a great and easy way to stay involved and have an impact on the public policy decisions that affect our society.

You can join as an individual or with a group such as a congregation or faith-based organization. Membership costs are a \$25/year donation for individuals or \$100/year donation for a group. Proceeds will help fund EMO's public policy program.

For more information, please call (503) 221-1054, or refer to EMO's Web site at www.emoregon.org/publicpolicyadvocacy.htm.



Senior refugee project completes first year

The Oregon Refugee Senior Access Project (ORSAP) successfully completed its first year of service, providing advocacy services for the most vulnerable citizens – seniors.

ORSAP is a collaborative effort of four agencies providing assistance to elderly refugees in the Portland metropolitan area by linking them to the mainstream aging service system, as well as other resources. Participating agencies include EMO's Russian Oregon Social Services (ROSS), serving senior refugees from the former Soviet Union; Lutheran Community Services, specializing in Russian-speaking, Eastern-European seniors, as well as seniors from Africa, Iran and Iraq; Catholic Charities, working with Southeast Asian seniors; and Jewish Family Child Services, serving Russian-speaking Jewish seniors.

An ORSAP first anniversary party was held on Dec. 20, 2002, with over 50 clients from the ORSAP agencies attending. The party included a meal of Russian and Vietnamese food and musical performances by several of the senior clients. It was also an opportunity for the seniors to exchange their experiences and share the



Seniors enjoy a Russian and Vietnamese lunch at first anniversary party for Senior Refugee Project.

challenges they face as refugees living in a new country. The seniors expressed their sincere gratitude for the services they've received from the program and for the hard work of the ORSAP staff.

The ORSAP project received a new grant for 2003 and will continue its services.

For more information about ORSAP, please call Natalya Pennington, ROSS elderly service specialist, at (503) 777-3437.

Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns named a *Founder of a New Northwest*

Sustainable Northwest has named Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns (INEC) as one of this year's recipients of the *Founders of a New Northwest* award. As a program of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO), INEC encourages earth stewardship through community education and dialogue, public policy advocacy and hands-on action. INEC director, Jenny Holmes, said, "This award is a great honor for EMO. We are pleased that the broader community has recognized the role of the faith community in this way."

Sustainable Northwest, based in Portland, promotes environmentally compatible economic development in the Pacific Northwest. Sustainable Northwest created the *Founders of a New Northwest* program in 1997 to recognize individuals, businesses and communities working to reconcile individual well-being, community vitality, economic progress and environmental health.

To date, Sustainable Northwest has recognized

140 *Founders*, including farmers, ranchers, foresters, businesspeople, community activists, chefs, teachers, filmmakers, scientists and government agency personnel. Recipients of the *Founders* award are selected by an independent committee recruited from businesses, government, non-profit organizations and educational institutions. INEC will be profiled along with 23 other *Founders* in a book to be published by Sustainable Northwest in May 2003. The *Founders* award profiles are also available free of charge from www.sustainablenorthwest.org.

INEC will receive the award at the conclusion of The Sustainability Forum (see calendar page) at a Sustainability Gala Dinner on May 31, from 7 to 11 p.m., at the Portland Hilton Hotel. On May 31, the conference is free and open to the public. The cost for the Gala is \$50. To register or for more information, visit Sustainable Northwest's Web site, listed above, or call (503) 221-6911.

Patton Home rooms available!

Patton Home, a community ministry of EMO, is a beautiful and gracious 100-year old single-room occupancy (SRO) residence in north Portland offering drug- and alcohol-free living to people with low incomes. Occupying a full city block, the historic site provides housing for up to 63 residents. Patton Home is fully ADA compliant. Each resident's room comes with a small refrigerator, bed, chest of drawers and end table. Microwaves are provided in the communal dining room and kitchen prep areas on each floor. In addition, Patton Home contains well-appointed common rooms and gathering spots, including a sunroom, smoking room, cozy TV room and private spaces for entertaining family and friends. There is a spacious, shady veranda for socializing and a well-used Community Garden on the grounds.



If you know of someone who is in need of alcohol- and drug-free housing, please call Rick Stoller at (503) 221-1054.

Calendar of Events

April 19

Introduction to Compassionate Communication.

7 to 9:30 p.m. at Salem Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 5090 Center St. NE, Salem. The speaker for this event is Marshall B. Rosenberg, Ph.D., author, educator and founder of the Center for Nonviolent Communication. Presented by the Oregon Network for Compassionate Communication. No pre-registration for the event. Requested donation of \$5 to \$20, paid at door. Verify location prior to event at www.orncc.net or call (503) 450-9909.



April 21

Expressing Authentically/Receiving Empathically: an Intermediate Nonviolent Communication Workshop. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Paulist Center, SE 16th and Division, Portland. The speaker for this event is Marshall B. Rosenberg, Ph.D. Presented by Oregon Network for Compassionate Communication. Requested donation of \$40 to \$80. For more information, visit www.orncc.net, call (503) 450-9909 or e-mail pdxgiraffes@hotmail.com.

April 21

Creating Nonviolent Social Change: Communicating Nonviolently for Activists. 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Paulist Center, SE 16th and Division, Portland. The speaker for this event is Marshall B. Rosenberg, Ph.D. Presented by the Oregon Network for Compassionate Communication. Requested donation of \$20 to \$55. For more information, visit www.orncc.net, call (503) 450-9909 or e-mail pdxgiraffes@hotmail.com.

April 26

Opening Awareness: A one-day retreat at the Bishop's Close. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Elk Rock Garden at the Bishop's Close. Led by Forster Freeman, this retreat will provide participants with aids for intentionally tending to what is subtle, still and small from the Divine. The day will include an ecumenical service and centering time, time for quiet and reflection in the garden and instruction on developing the awareness of the still, small voice within us. Participants are encouraged to bring a journal and/or sketch pad and a sack lunch. Maps to the garden will be mailed to all registrants. Cost is \$15. To register, call The Center's offices at (503) 478-1218.

Upcoming EMO events

May 12 & July 14

EMO Program Tour. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at EMO, 0245 SW Bancroft, Suite B, Portland. Every other month, EMO offers an interactive tour of our ministries and services in the community. The tour is free and offered to anyone who is interested. To reserve your space, call Mindy Becker at (503) 221-1054. Private tours can also be arranged.

May 29 to 31

Sustainability Forum. At the Hilton Hotel in Downtown Portland. With 130+ panels and workshops presented over three days, the Sustainability Forum includes two days for a professional audience, plus one day of trade shows, speakers and workshops for the public (May 31). Meet people from a host of disciplines working to resolve economic, social and environmental challenges. Learn from and share thoughtful exploration of sustainability in Oregon and the Northwest—the successes, failures and emerging opportunities. Speakers include Winona LaDuke, Lester Brown, Bill Shireman, Marjorie Kelly and others.

As part of the Forum on May 31, EMO's INEC is providing two *Greening Congregations* workshops: "Food and Faith" from 11 a.m. to noon, and "Energy Stewardship" from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information and registration, go to www.sustainablenorthwest.org/soclsfindex.htm or call John Harrington at (503) 222-7041.

June 10

Portland International Community School Graduation. 7 p.m., location to be announced. All are welcome to attend. For more information or to be placed on the mailing list to receive an official invitation, call the school at (503) 232-5334.

September (exact date and location to be announced)

Oregon Interfaith Global Warming Summit. This gathering of religious leaders and congregational liaisons will explore the state of the global warming issue in changing times and the religious community's unique contribution. The event will include briefings, ethical and theological reflection and dialogue. The Oregon summit will provide input to a national November 2003 summit for senior religious leaders to be held in Washington, DC. If you are interested in attending the state summit, please call Jenny at (503) 221-1054, ext. 278.

April 28 to May 4

Hunger Awareness Week. Contact Rick Stoller at (503) 221-1054 about related activities.

May 12 to 15

2003 National Workshop on Christian Unity. Hyatt Hotel, Savannah, Georgia. Registration fee: \$125. Fee includes packet, plenaries, seminars and closing luncheon. For more information, contact Fr. Michael J. Kavanaugh at (503) 964-0219 or MJKavanaugh@aol.com.



May 18

Portland Area CROP Walk. 1 p.m. registration and 2 p.m. walk begins at Koinonia Campus Ministry Center, Portland State University, 633 SW Montgomery, Portland. For over three decades, CROP Walks have raised funds for hunger and disaster relief in the United States and around the world. CROP Walks also provide opportunities to raise awareness about world hunger issues in congregations, schools and communities. For more information, contact The Rev. Karen Sapio at (503) 246-1759 or e-mail trinpres@att.net.

July 22 to 26

Wilderness Trip of Perspective (for men).

August 5 to 9

Wilderness Trip of Perspective (for women). Experience the natural beauty of the Oregon Cascades. The purpose is to get away from the normal routine long enough to gain a new perspective on what really matters in life, to reconnect and renew our relationship with God, the earth, each other, as well as ourselves. Times for silence, day-hikes, personal reflection, stories around the campfire, worship and community. Sponsored by Journey Into Freedom. For more information, contact Dale Stitt at (503) 244-4728 or visit www.journeyintofreedom.org.

October 17 to 31

Wilderness Trip of Perspective to India. This is NOT a tourist trip. There is a three-month preparation process, so contact Journey Into Freedom ASAP if interested. For more information, contact Dale Stitt at (503) 244-4728 or visit www.journeyintofreedom.org.

Collins Foundation offers matching grant

Double your investment in the common good now!

The Collins Foundation recently awarded \$170,000 for the programs and projects of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO). The grant will support the general operating fund, the Collins Lectures, Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns and Parent Mentor Program.

An exciting part of this award is the challenge grant—a \$75,000 challenge grant for EMO's Annual Fund. The Collins Foundation will match contributions, dollar for dollar, up to the designated amount. The purpose of the challenge grant is to not only raise contributions from individual supporters, but to help increase awareness of EMO's diversity of ministry.

The Collins Foundation was founded in 1947 and provides funding for religious, charitable and educational purposes in the State of Oregon. The Collins Foundation has a rich history of supporting community organizations like EMO. We are blessed to have this partnership with The Collins Foundation in effecting change in the lives of so many Oregonians.

For more information on the challenge grant, please contact Stephanie Howell, director of development and communications, at (503) 221-1054 or showell@emoregon.org.

To submit calendar items for the Voice, please e-mail mbush@emoregon.org.