

## WELCOME HOME FOR GOOD

Your community is invited to become a welcoming space for those impacted by the criminal justice system.

Oregon communities in the Welcome Home for Good network will express that commitment in their own ways locally, as well as participation in the Hearing the Cries for Justice convocation to equip them in their work. Here are a few ideas:

- Dedicate a day each year as a Criminal Justice Sabbath, to learn about justice issues and take action (resource guide online at [emoregon.org](http://emoregon.org)).
- Welcome persons with criminal records into the community, through a mission statement, lobby display, or otherwise demonstrating your commitment to visitors and members.
- Host an exhibit of visual artworks by incarcerated artists.
- Educate your group about the experience of the reintegrating in society after prison.
- Host a book club to read *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander or *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stephenson
- Educate your group about mass incarceration and racism, such as screening the documentary *Thirteenth* by Ava Duvernay.
- Host a small group for family of those in prison, survivors of violence, or persons on parole.
- Attend Restorative Justice trainings, and implement restorative disciplinary practices in classes for children and youth
- Support programs for children of the incarcerated, such as toy drives or camps
- Join EMO's lobby days in Salem to advocate for reform
- Write letters to local leaders and newspapers to encourage specific reform legislation, such as Justice Reinvestment

EMO staff will provide encouragement and resources to support network members throughout the year, as a follow up to the Hearing the Cries for Justice convocation. Through this network, congregations and volunteers will encourage one another and share best practices.

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Hearing the Cries for Justice

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# HEARING THE CRIES FOR JUSTICE

**TUESDAY, JAN. 30, 2018**

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
PORTLAND**



**Presented by  
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon**

In partnership with the  
Episcopal Diocese of Oregon  
Episcopal Bishop of Oregon Foundation  
Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon

# JAN. 30, 2018

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
147 NW 19<sup>TH</sup> AVE, PORTLAND

## ABOUT THE EVENT

*Hearing the Cries for Justice* will inspire and equip people of faith and goodwill to effectively engage with persons impacted by the legal system and justice issues in Oregon.

This convocation will bring together “experts” in the field—including those with lived experience alongside subject matter experts and professionals—to identify gaps in the system and opportunities for people of faith to help change hearts, minds, and society itself. Even more, we will together shape a vision of where Oregon’s faith communities are called to engage with the justice system and those impacted by it. Join us.

- Learn about mass incarceration and its impact on society, including the intersections with racism and mental health needs.
- Be inspired to act for reform through public policy advocacy.
- Learn how your community can provide effective support and accountability to persons impacted by the legal system, especially those navigating the prison reentry process through correctional, parole/probation and social services.
- Hear voices of survivors of crime and violence.
- Apply a Restorative Justice lens to work engaging the legal system.

## ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES OF OREGON

is a statewide association of Christian denominations, congregations, ecumenical organizations and interfaith partners working together to improve the lives of Oregonians through community ministry programs, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, earth ministry and public policy advocacy.

## SCHEDULE

8:15 to 9 a.m. **Registration | Check-in**

9 to 10:30 a.m. **Welcome | Plenary**

- *Jan Musgrove Elfers*, Executive Director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
- *The Rev. Tom English*, Episcopal Deacon, Prison Ministry Commission Chair
- *The Rev. Matt Hennessee*, Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church and EMO Board President
- “Last Words,” *Portland Gay Men’s Choir*

10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

### Morning Break-out Session

*Participants will choose one track for their focus:*

- Preventing the School-to-Prison Pipeline
- Supporting Survivors of Crime and Violence
- Advocating Public Policy for Reform
- Supporting Persons on Parole and Probation/ Post-Prison
- Serving with Persons in Prison and Jails

12:15 to 1:15 p.m. **Lunch**

1:30 to 2:45 p.m. **Afternoon Break-out Session** (see choice of tracks above)

2:50 to 3 p.m. **Confronting Racism in Oregon’s Justice System**

Video by PSU Senior Capstone Class

3 to 4 p.m. **Plenary Roundtable of “Witnesses” | Discerning the Vision**

4 to 4:15 p.m. **Concluding Remarks**

*Jan Musgrove Elfers, The Rev. Tom English*

## PARKING & TRAVEL

For directions, parking and public transportation information, go to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral’s website at [trinity-episcopal.org/visit/directions](http://trinity-episcopal.org/visit/directions).

## REGISTRATION FORM

Registration requested by Jan. 23, 2018

Mail to EMO, 0245 SW Bancroft, Ste. B, Portland, OR 97239; email your information to [Lwestarp@emoregon.org](mailto:Lwestarp@emoregon.org);

or **register online at [emoregon.org](http://emoregon.org)**.

Name(s)

Address

City/State/ZIP

Phone

Email

Congregation / Organizational Affiliation

### QUANTITY

### PRICE

\_\_\_\_\_ Convocation (includes lunch) \$10

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation (optional) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Check (payable to EMO)
- Registration only: I need a scholarship
- MasterCard  Visa  American Express

Name on Card

Credit Card No.

Exp. Date

3-digit Code

ZIP code associated w/card'

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** please call (503) 221-1054 or visit [emoregon.org](http://emoregon.org)