

Jan Musgrove Elfers

Jan Musgrove Elfers is the executive director at Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO). Her career at EMO spans 13 years and includes positions as interim executive director, director of public policy advocacy, director of member relations, and director of peace programs—reflecting her vision, passion and dedication to service to the Oregon community.

Elfers has served on the board of directors of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture Action Fund and the Commission to End Racism at the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon. She is currently a board member of the Institute for Christian/Muslim Understanding. In 2009, she received the Friends of the Muslim Educational Trust Award. Elfers has served on numerous panels and has led workshops and retreats regarding interfaith understanding and dialogue and contemplative practices.

Elfers earned a bachelor's in psychology at Lewis and Clark College. She completed a master's in theology at Marylhurst University in 2006, focusing on the role of interreligious dialogue in peacemaking. During her practicum experience at EMO, she wrote a peace resource guide. In 2015, she completed a two-year course of study at Fr. Richard Rohr's Living School for Action and Contemplation.

Elfers is a member of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Portland. She and her husband Michael have been married for 32 years and have a daughter and son, ages 29 and 26. She is a third generation Oregonian, born and raised in Eugene.

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