ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES of OREGON

Presidents' Circle



Honor the Past, Guarantee the Future

For 40 years, through Ecumenical Ministries, the people of faith have joined together to work, pray and serve in unity, while celebrating their diversity.

> —The Rev. Dr. Rodney Page EMO Executive Director, 1982 to 1996

Planned Giving

Planned Giving can provide benefits for you and your family, as well as helping fulfill your charitable and stewardship goals. Planned giving vehicles can help prepare for possible future needs: health, accidents or unforeseen financial challenges. They can help you provide for your spouse, dependents or other loved ones while reducing the tax consequences of your current assets and future estate taxes.

Types of gifts include: Charitable Gift Annuities, Unitrusts or Remainder Trusts; Charitable Lead Trusts; Appreciated Securities; Gifts of Life Insurance; Gifts of Real Estate; and Permanent Funds.

Please consult your attorney or financial professional for all financial and legal advice. Please call Carla Starrett-Bigg at EMO, (503) 221-1054, with any further questions.

Thank you for your generosity and support of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) 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, environmental ministry and public policy advocacy.

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The Past: 40 Years of Ecumenism in Oregon

When Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) formed through the merger of the Greater Portland Council of Churches and the Oregon Council of Churches in January 1974, its goal was to bring the faith community together for dialogue, advocacy and to care for the needs of people in our society. Programs such as the HIV Day Center, Northeast Emergency Food Program, and the Old Town Clinic were among the first in the state to address the needs of Oregon and southwest Washington's low-income, homeless and HIV-infected populations. And through EMO, the faith community of Oregon lifted their voices for justice for the most vulnerable.



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The Present: Our Ministries Today

As a donor to EMO, you have joined the many congregations, denominations and faith communities that form one of the largest ecumenical organizations in the country.

Your financial support has helped EMO programs serve over 57,000 people annually, providing assistance for the most vulnerable members of your community.

- Your support has ensured that families have received emergency food when unemployment, medical issues, and other life circumstances required them to make choices between paying for heat or food.
- Your support has meant that low-income, HIV-positive men and women have had a safe community where they can find meals, health advice and emotional support on a daily basis.
- You have helped immigrants and undocumented residents receive the legal services they need to begin the path to citizenship and keep their families together.
- You have helped empower your neighbors, congregations, and religious institutions to care for God's creation through community food projects, renewable energy options, and environmental advocacy work.

Your stewardship has allowed EMO to address these needs of our generation.

The Future: Presidents' Circle

Presidents' Circle benefactors are dedicated to ensuring EMO's capability to respond to future needs faced by generations to come.

Having pledged to remember EMO in their will (or through other planned giving legacies), the Presidents' Circle will play a vital role in continuing the ecumenical work in this region.

Please make a commitment to ensure that this work continues into the future, and that future generations have the resources they need to bring God's justice and peace to all in Oregon.

