

# ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES *of* OREGON

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### **EMO organizes 10/10/10 Global Work Parties for Portland metro area**

On Oct. 10, Portland's *10/10/10 Global Work Party* will engage citizens in hands-on projects that help cool the climate and improve communities. As part of a global effort, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) and community partners including SOLV, Portland Community Gardens, Clark County Food Bank, Friends of Tryon Creek and local congregations will organize work party projects focused on energy conservation, watersheds and community gardens. The work parties will be held from 1 to 3:50 p.m. To sign up for a work party or find out more, go to [www.350oregon.org](http://www.350oregon.org) or call Natalie at (503) 221-1054, ext. 210.

The 10/10/10 project encourages both citizens and elected officials to "Get to Work" on climate solutions. Many scientists and climate experts are now saying that 350 parts per million (ppm) is the highest safe level of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere. With the burning of gas, coal and oil our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are at the perilous level of 392 ppm. Efforts are needed immediately to return to 350 ppm from the local to the international sphere. "We are rolling up our sleeves to get to work to improve our communities and the climate because Creation is a precious gift that requires our diligent stewardship. We hope that our leaders will follow," said Jenny Holmes, EMO Environmental Ministries director.

*Some of the projects include the following:*

**Bioswale Tree Planting:** Holy Redeemer Parish, 127 N. Rosa Parks Way, Portland. Trees and shrubs will be planted in existing storm water abatement beds on site.

**Cully Community Garden Work Party:** Cully Community Garden, 4310 NE Killingsworth, Portland. Participants will be weeding common areas in the garden and along the fences in the parking lot.

#### MEMBER DENOMINATIONS

African Methodist Episcopal Church ■ African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church ■ American Baptist Churches ■ Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Christian Methodist Episcopal Church ■ Church of the Brethren  
Community of Christ ■ Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon ■ Episcopal Diocese of Oregon ■ Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ■ Greek Orthodox Church ■ Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) ■ Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Portland ■ United Church of Christ ■ United Methodist Church ■ Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches

**Helping Our Forest:** Alton L. Collins Retreat Center, 32867 SE Hwy 211, Eagle Creek. Remove some invasive species on the retreat center grounds, a beautiful wooded setting.

**Tree Planting with SOLV on Abernathy Creek:** 17028 Anchor Way, Oregon City. Help stabilize the streambank and take CO<sub>2</sub> out of the air by planting trees.

*Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's (EMO) Oregon Interfaith Power and Light project engages the faith community to strive for accountability in our individual and collective energy decisions in an interdependent world. EMO is a statewide association of Christian denominations—including Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox bodies—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.*