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Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon honors Hood River Valley Christian Church with service award

The Hood River Valley Christian Church will be honored with an “Ecumenical Service Award” on May 25, 2010, at the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner. The award is presented in recognition of Hood River Valley Christian Church’s special achievements in hope inspiring, life enhancing, Christ-centered ecumenical community ministry in Oregon.

The Hood River Valley Christian Church’s variety of community ministries include an afternoon drop-in center called “The Pit” for youth in fifth through twelfth grades; a thrift shop that provides used clothing, kitchenware and other small items to the public; “Dress for Less” that gives away gently used prom dresses to high school girls; and a mini-bus service that picks up seniors for worship each Sunday. The church sponsors an annual Vacation Bible School program, which has wide ecumenical involvement, and is a sponsor location for the CROP Walk to fight hunger. Hood River Valley Christian Church also provides volunteers, financial support and sometimes meeting space for FISH Emergency Food Bank, Hospice of the Gorge, Habitat for Humanity, Hood River Christmas Project and Hood River Emergency Assistant Fund through Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital.

The pastors of Hood River Valley Christian Church, the Revs. David and Linda Presley, have been very active in the Gorge Ecumenical Ministries and Faith Connections, a drug and alcohol addiction prevention program for youth.

The EMO Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 921 SW Sixth Ave., Portland. A reception and silent auction to benefit EMO’s ministries will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and the dinner and award presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person and tables for 10 are available for \$600. For more information, call Carla Starrett-Bigg at (503) 221-1054, ext. 275, or csbigg@emoregon.org.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon 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.

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