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EMO to honor community volunteer Ron Means with “Ecumenical Service Award”

Community volunteer Ron Means will receive the “Ecumenical Service Award” at *Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon’s (EMO) Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner* on May 18, 2016. The award is presented in recognition of special achievements in hope-inspiring, life-enhancing, ecumenical community ministry.

Means has devoted his life to ecumenical service, beginning with a transformative experience as a college student at Portland State University living in Koinanoia House, an intentional Christian community. He is a member of Living Savior Lutheran Church and has served as president of Christ the King Lutheran Congregation. He is a dedicated supporter of EMO’s community ministries—especially the Northeast Emergency Food Program—with a commitment that goes beyond financial support to personal concern for staff, interest in operations, and passion for those who are poor, hungry and powerless. Means, a retired CPA, has been the treasurer and a board member of EMO for five different terms since the 1970s. He serves so that EMO, in turn, can serve more effectively.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon’s annual event is a joyful celebration of our shared commitment to compassion, justice and goodness of God’s creation. More than 400 faith and community leaders come together in a spirit of hope and service, honoring past successes, pledging ourselves to work for a healthy and equitable Oregon, and applauding outstanding individuals and organizations who are guided by their faith to serve Oregonians in need.

This year, the event will be held on May 18 at the Hilton Portland, 921 SW Sixth Ave. 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. Reservations, available at www.emoregon.org, are \$100 per person or \$1,000 per table of 10. For more information, contact Carla Starrett-Bigg at (503) 221-1054, ext. 275, or csbigg@emoregon.org.

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, environmental ministry and public policy advocacy.