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New buying club in north Portland aims to make local produce affordable

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Interfaith Food and Farms Partnership (IFFP) is launching a buying club this year to help congregations and their members purchase fresh, local produce at wholesale prices. The basic concept is for members to use their collective purchasing power to buy in larger quantities at wholesale prices.

Members of several congregations in north and northeast Portland have been motivated to join to improve health in their communities through increased access to affordable produce for their families and their congregations. Fresh, local produce is often more expensive and not always readily available in all neighborhoods. In order to improve access to everyone, there will be multiple ways to place weekly orders, and IFFP has applied for an EBT machine to accept the Oregon Trail Card. Members will also be able to use WIC coupons as payment.

The produce will be supplied by Deep Roots Farm, located near Albany. The first delivery will be on June 9, from 4 to 7 p.m., at Holy Redeemer School, located at 127 N. Rosa Parks Way. The club will run weekly through October and will be open to everyone. If you are interested in being involved, please e-mail ksheridan@emoregon.org or call (503) 221-1054, ext. 210.

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.

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