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Nationally renowned ethicists kick off Faith Forum on Genetics

The Rev. Dr. Audrey Chapman, director of the Science and Human Rights Program for the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Michael Banner, Ph.D., professor at the University of Edinburgh, were featured speakers at the initiation of the Faith Forum on Genetics, held at Christ Church Episcopal Parish in Lake Oswego on Jan. 28. Over 140 people representing ten denominations attended the plenary session.

Following the kickoff of the two-year project, each participating congregation will hold five congregationally-specific dialogue/discussion seminars over the next few months. The first year of the project will conclude with another plenary session on May 6.

The seminars are made possible by a grant from the

National Institute of Health. The \$257,000 award, given to Pacific University's Pacific Institute for Ethics and Social Policy, seeks to address the pastoral, ethical, legal and social implications of genetics technology within the context of a faith-oriented community understanding.

The Pacific Institute is partnering with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) to identify 20 participating congregations over a two-year period. Each year these congregations will convene two plenary sessions and five study-dialogue sessions focused on pastoral care and ethical issues related to stem-cell research, pre-natal screening, privacy and genetics testing.

Dr. Marc Marengo, director of the Pacific Institute, and Dr. Lisa Sardinia, associate professor of biology at Pacific



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Genetics ethicist Dr. Michael Banner (left) at the "Faith Forum on Genetics" kickoff plenary session with program developers Dr. Lisa Sardinia and Dr. Marc Marengo.

University, have developed the program and trained facilitators in each of the ten participating denominations to lead group discussions. The National Institute of Health will use the findings of the groups for their

research.

The goal of the project is to increase congregational awareness of the vast and quickly emerging field of genetics and

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Equipping people of faith to respond to the risk and prevalence of addiction

Have you considered developing an addictions and recovery team ministry in your congregation? Faith communities can turn pain and suffering into hope, healing and celebration.

If you want to see your congregation grow into a unique and powerful role in prevention and recovery, plan to attend the Faith Partners Addictions and Recovery Team Ministry training on Thursday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (location in Portland to be announced).

The project is sponsored by the Johnson Institute and Rush Center—nationally

renowned organizations that have led efforts in developing this resource for more than 20 years—in partnership with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO).

This highly effective and sustainable congregational-based ministry is being used in congregations of multiple faith traditions in five other states. The team ministry:

- Builds on the strengths of the congregation by identifying people with special expertise and life experience;
- Carefully utilizes clergy time and energy;

- Trains and equips team members to do prevention education, awareness, referral assistance and recovery support; and

- Offers the whole congregation the benefits of a network with community resources and other teams.

The goals of the May 4 training include: exploration of the Faith Partners Addictions and Recovery Team Ministry program; connecting to other laity and clergy interested and involved in addiction recovery; and learning more recovery

resources in our region. Please feel free to pass on information about the training to outreach and health ministries, youth directors, religious educators and people in recovery.

For more information about this project, go to www.rushcenter.org, call Trish Merrill toll free at (888) 451-9527 or e-mail your questions to trishmerrill@johnsoninstitute.org. If you would like more information about attending the May 4 training, please call EMO at (503) 221-1054.

A different state of affairs

After watching the State of the Union address earlier this week, I am afraid that I am not too confident that the



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world's problems will be solved any time soon. St. Thomas More in *Utopia* captures the cause of my anxiety when he wrote in the 16th century, "(A)lmost all monarchs prefer to occupy themselves in the pursuits of war ... rather than in the honorable activities of peace, and they care much more how ... they may win fresh kingdoms than how they may administer well what they have got ... (and) among royal councilors everyone is so wise as to have no need of profiting by another's counsel."

These 500-year-old words speak volumes to today's state of affairs throughout the world. Specifically, our government's commitment to increased military appropriations are creating increased stress evident through higher numbers of deaths of combatants and noncombatants abroad, more pressure to cut funding for Medicaid, difficulty in accessing health care and a distressed if not shrinking middle class.

Sadly, the need for power and influence comes all too often at the cost of people in need and the infrastructure at home; costs that are

compounded by the reality that those who may be suffering the most are turned away at the doors of those in power.

So how do people of faith, unsettled with the world's state of affairs, deal with these realities that often seem contrary to the vision of the world rooted in a loving and just God? First, we must never lose hope or stop working for the common good. Second, we must remember that our challenges are not ours alone and not relegated to this time and place. It is important to find insight and inspiration from those who are willing to struggle with the world's conditions and who, like the prophets

Today's challenges demand that while we must be actively engaged in addressing the needs of this world, our hearts and souls must be firmly rooted in the Kingdom of God.

and saints of old, work incessantly for peace, minister to those in need and share truth about the world even if it is unpopular. These are people like the late Coretta Scott King,

who carried on in the civil rights movement until the end of her life, never compromising the "utopic" quest for peace, racial equality and economic justice. Third, we must be captured by and share another vision for the world that is rooted in the concept of the Kingdom of God. As St. Paul counseled, "We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God," and thus are compelled to put the honorable ends of peace and wholeness of creation above all else.

Today's challenges demand that while we must be actively engaged in addressing the needs of this world, our hearts and souls must be firmly rooted in the Kingdom of God. For it is in this realm that we ultimately understand the value of all human life in the face of a world that would discard some people as chattel; discover the strength to work for peace, even when those in power would call us to war; and find the voice to speak out when no one wants to listen. And, it is from here that positive, temporal, real world change can ultimately happen.

Today's problems are many and can weary the soul. It is important, however, not to lose hope and our collective commitment to repair the breaches in our world. As citizens of both the world and the Kingdom of God, this is our responsibility and duty. Our faith demands nothing less.

Haynes named "Pastor of the Year"



The Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Jr., was awarded "Pastor of the Year" for the Ninth Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church. He was honored at the Phillips School of Theology 62nd Founders' Observance and 10th Annual Pastors' Conference held near Atlanta, Ga., in January. He was selected for the award out of a group of over 3,000 pastors.

Haynes is the pastor of Allen Temple CME Church in Portland and the Presiding Elder of the Alaska District and the Oregon-Washington District of the Alaska-Pacific Region. He is also president of the North Portland Bible College, vice president of the Albina Ministerial Alliance and a member of the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Board of Directors.

Active in increasing HIV/AIDS awareness in his community, Haynes' work has been recognized by the Cascade AIDS Project with the "Angel Award." Other recent honors include *The Skanner* newspaper's "Drum Major for Justice Award" and EMO's "Ecumenist of Year," both awarded in 2005.

Support EMO's Ministries with planned giving

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) invites you to explore the various benefits you can receive by establishing a charitable life income plan in conjunction with EMO and the Presbyterian Church (USA) Foundation. By working with a qualified advisor, your gift may provide you with an immediate tax deduction, and it can furnish you with an income for life. After your lifetime, the remaining portion of your gift will be given to EMO to help ensure the continuation of the quality program that EMO supports throughout Oregon.

For more information about planned giving, call EMO at (503) 221-1054.

EMO celebrates recent grants and gifts

EMO's Board and staff extend their appreciation to those who have supported EMO's ministries. The following is a list of foundation and community support received by EMO since the September 2005 issue of the *Voice*.

Donor (Fund)	Program
Altria Corporate Services, Inc	HIV Services
American Baptist Church	Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees
Autzen Foundation	Portland International Community School
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The Collins Foundation	2005 Annual Fund
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund	Patton Home
Gilead Sciences	HIV Services
Herbert A. Templeton Foundation	2005 Annual Fund
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church	Northeast Emergency Food Program
Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation	Patton Home
The June and Julian Foss Foundation	2005 Annual Fund
MAC Global Foundation	HIV Services
McKenzie River Gathering Foundation	2005 Annual Fund
Meyer Memorial Trust (challenge grant)	Patton Home
Moreland Presbyterian Church	2005 Annual Fund
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.	Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns
The Oregon Community Foundation	2005 Annual Fund
Oregon Jewish Community Foundation	2005 Annual Fund
PGE Foundation	Northeast Emergency Food Program
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns
Rose E. Tucker Charitable Trust	Portland International Community School
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Interfaith Food and Farms Partnership launched

Food sustainability has been a key focus of EMO's Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns (INEC) over the years. This year, INEC's work in this area is being expanded through a new project—*Interfaith Food and Farms Partnership*—thanks to major grants, as well as significant in-kind support from over a dozen partner organizations, six congregations and many individuals.

The project areas are inner north/northeast Portland, Benton County and Rockwood in east Multnomah County. The central goal of the project is to test and develop a long-term model based in the faith community that can be adapted by other underserved communities to increase access to local, sustainably grown food and support small, new and immigrant low-income farmers through direct farm-to-consumer relationships.

The project objectives include education and training for congregations and community groups, including low-income individuals; increased access by low-income households to culturally appropriate food; and increased direct-market opportunities for small farms.

The first phase of the project is conducting community food assessments among congregations

and surrounding low-income neighborhoods to build relationships, educate and assess resources available and determine food needs. An assessment is underway in Corvallis. The next assessment will take place in inner north/northeast Portland. To equip congregations to participate, a training will be held on Saturday, March 4.

Liv Nevin Gifford is serving as project coordinator for the *Interfaith Food and Farms Partnership*. Her last position was serving as Buy

Fresh Buy Local campaign coordinator for the Community Alliance with Family Farmers in Watsonville, Calif. This work included raising public awareness of local food and farming. Gifford is a graduate of the University of California Santa Cruz, in Environmental Studies. She grew up on a small organic farm in Maryland, which fuels her passion for helping local farms remain viable. She appreciates the interfaith nature of the project, having taught Buddhist mediation in Catholic Brazil.

Major project funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Community Food Program, the United Methodist Church Global Ministries and the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

The March 4 training will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (8:30 a.m. registration) at the Historic Kenton Firehouse, 8105 N. Brandon, Portland. An organically-grown lunch will be provided. Suggested donation is \$7. For more information, please call (503) 221-1054, ext. 278, or (541) 757-1988, ext. 107. You may also download a registration brochure from EMO's Web site calendar of events at www.emoregon.org.

Some ways congregations can be involved include:

- Participating in the community food assessments in the Corvallis and Portland areas.
- Hosting educational opportunities on food and farming issues.
- Participating in direct marketing alliances with local farmers.
- Distributing information on community ways to access local food and build food security.
- Using land or facilities for community food projects.

Protecting the breath of life: Cleaner cars for Oregon

Oregon now has a tremendous opportunity to improve air quality and do its share in reducing global warming pollution. Oregon's Governor Kulongoski asked the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to move ahead with a rulemaking process to adopt Low Emission Vehicle Standards by the end of June 2006. These rules, if adopted by DEQ, would require new cars and light trucks sold in Oregon to meet California vehicle emissions standards.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed rules by March 3, 2006. The Oregon Interfaith Global Warming Campaign encourages congregations to make their members aware of this opportunity and provides information and a sign-on letter. For more information, contact Jenny Holmes at (503) 221-1054, ext. 278, or go to www.deq.state.or.us.



Photo credit: Jonathon Brandt

Children celebrate Governor Kulongoski's veto of anti-clean car legislation at a rally at Pioneer Square in downtown Portland in August 2005.

Providing a religious witness at Montreal climate conference

In December, over 80 representatives of faith organizations, including Oregon Interfaith Power & Light, joined leaders from 180 countries in the international effort to fight global warming at the United Nation's Climate Change Conference in Montreal. On December 3, they joined thousands of others in a peaceful march in downtown Montreal.

Global warming is of particular concern to the Pacific Northwest, since it is reducing mountain snowpack—the largest reservoir of fresh water in Oregon. In the past 20 to 30 years, snowpack has been reduced by 30 percent. By 2050, snowpack in the Cascades is projected to be reduced even more, possibly by half. In October, 50 Northwest economists issued a report on the economic impacts of global warming that showed substantial losses in four economic sectors.

For the first time, the climate change conference, known as the Conference of the Parties (COP11), was held in North America, allowing many concerned U.S. citizens to attend. This was also the first Meeting of the Parties (MOP 1) since the Kyoto Protocol went into effect on Feb. 16, 2005.

Even though the United States produces 25

percent of the world's green house gases, it did not sign the Protocol. Interfaith Power & Light (IPL) believes the United States has a moral and ethical obligation to reduce its emissions. The Rev. Sally Bingham, cofounder of the IPL movement, said, "We are the richest country in the world, and we have the technical knowledge to make the necessary changes. Now we just need to do what is right. If we don't, then we are neglecting the poorest among us who will suffer the worst impacts from global warming."

The IPL delegation included clergy and lay leaders from Washington DC, Minnesota, Massachusetts, Oregon, North Carolina and California. Sister Pat Nagle, a Sister Servant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, attended as a representative of Oregon Interfaith Power and Light, of which she is co-chair. Jenny Holmes, director of EMO's Environmental Ministries, attended as part of a delegation of the National Council of Churches and distributed the Oregon Interfaith Energy and Climate Charter to highlight strong grassroots support for U.S. action.

To view and endorse the charter, go to www.emoregon.org/inec/html or call (503) 221-1054, ext. 278.

Greening congregations – Energy efficiency

Oregon Interfaith Power and Light (OIPL), a project of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO), helps congregations and their members take action on global warming through reducing emissions of global warming gases.

OIPL is encouraging congregations to join the Energy Stewardship Covenant and pledge to take action on global warming, including reducing energy by 20 percent of 2005 levels by 2010.

A similar pledge is offered for individuals and households. Visit www.emoregon.org/inec/htm.

Workshops on Green Building & Renovations for Congregations

Oregon Interfaith Power and Light workshops are being organized for April 29, May 11 and May 13 in Portland, Hillsboro and the lower Willamette Valley. See our Web site at www.emoregon.org for more information. Help us recruit your facilities people, trustees and other decision makers!

Green congregations recognized

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's (EMO) Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns (INEC) awarded its first Green congregations awards in 2005. St. Philip Neri Catholic Parish in southeast Portland and Forest Grove United Church of Christ in Forest Grove received the overall achievement award.

Special recognitions were given to the following congregations for achievements in specific areas:

- *First Unitarian Church*: Education, Community Outreach, Lifestyle
- *St. Mary Catholic Church*: Community Outreach
- *First United Methodist Church*: Education and Lifestyle
- *St. Jude Catholic Church*: Energy Stewardship Achievement Award

The next round of green congregation awards will be given in 2007.

Shared Housing, an alternative to living on your own

"John's" wife has Alzheimer's disease. He and his wife share their home with "Ellen," who provides 10 to 12 hours a week of respite care – time when John can go shopping, visit the senior center or just take a walk. Ellen also helps with the housework a couple hours a week. She lives with John and his wife rent-free in return for her help.

"Jane" is going through a divorce. She has kept the home, which has four bedrooms. She is having trouble making the mortgage payments each month and rents out a room to help make ends meet. Her housemate is "Karen," who used to rent her own apartment but found it too isolating. She enjoys living in a house where she feels more connected to the community. Both Jane and Karen appreciate the increased feeling of security they get from sharing housing.

The Shared Housing Program of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) provides affordable housing opportunities through the process of matching people seeking low-cost housing with individuals who have a house or apartment and

would like someone to move in with them. Housing providers may be compensated by the payment of rent. For those who are elderly or disabled, or for any reason require help with household chores, compensation may be in the form of services such as cooking, cleaning, driving or personal care.

The program provides housing alternatives for low-income homeseekers, while at the same time helping the elderly and others remain in their own homes. The program makes very efficient use of existing housing stocks and therefore contributes to a sustainable lifestyle. The program also contributes to the development of both interpersonal and community relationships.

During 2005, Shared Housing provided over 1,500 months of housing to individuals in and around the Portland metro area. In the fourth quarter of last year, the program began partnering with All Saint's Episcopal Parish in Hillsboro to do client interviews in the parish hall twice a month. The number of Washington County tenant applicants has almost doubled due to improving the ease of access for those farther from

Shared Housing's northeast Portland office location.

Funding for the program comes from Community Development Block Grants, individual and congregation contributions, and private grant foundations.

Home seekers should call to make an appointment at the Shared Housing office. Home providers can join the program over the phone. All participants are screened for past criminal activity – violent crimes or recent possession convictions will prevent someone from joining the program. There is a one-time program fee of \$10 to \$30 (sliding scale based on income).

To join the program, contact Shared Housing at (503) 225-9924. The office is located at 2906 NE Glisan in Portland.



Crop Walk returns to Portland to support hunger relief programs

Once again, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is cosponsoring the 2006 Church World Service (CWS) Crop Walk in the Portland metro area.

Participants will gather at All Saints Episcopal Church, SE 40th and Woodstock in Portland, at 2 p.m. on May 21. Sponsored by family and friends, participants can join either a four-mile or a one-and-a-half-mile course.

Church World Service provides disaster and development assistance around the world and here at home. They are currently in the hardest hit North West Frontier Province of Pakistan, as well as Kashmir, Afghanistan and India. CWS has been the largest donor of shelter, food packages and medical care in that area and also serves in 80 countries around the world.

Every spring, people in the Portland area have the opportunity to support CWS and local hunger relief programs with the Crop Walk. Seventy-five percent of the money that is raised goes to CWS for their many programs. The remaining 25 percent stays in our community for local hunger relief. The goal for 2006 is to raise \$10,000.



Please plan to join us on a spring Sunday to provide a walking witness to Christian love. For more information about the Crop Walk, please send an e-mail to cropwalk@tpcspirit.com.

SOAR awarded funding to help new refugee and immigrant students succeed in school

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees (SOAR) is one of several Voluntary Resettlement Agencies (VOLAGs) to receive a \$47,000 grant to implement the Multnomah County School Impact Project. VOLAGs provide services such as reception, basic orientation, counseling, food, shelter and health services to refugees. They also act as referral sources to the appropriate local agencies for employment and English language training.

The school impact project will begin in February. Funding will be used to provide school orientation programs for new immigrant and refugee students and their families, ESL during summer months, after-school tutorials focused on helping students understand and complete assignments, school orientation for parents, interpreter services for parent/teacher meetings



Refugee and immigrant families with school-age children, such as the Bantu Somali family above, will benefit from new educational funding.

Photo credit: Patrick Morgan

and conferences, and bilingual/bicultural staff.

Awarding the funding to the VOLAGs will help ensure that all newly arriving immigrant and refugee school age children and youth will be enrolled in the project as early as possible in the resettlement process, and that the project will be closely tied to the caseworker's involvement with the family.

For more information, call (503) 284-3002.

Religious witness and commitments to be honored at EMO's annual celebration in May

On Tuesday, May 9, representatives from the faith community, cooperative organizations and community leaders from around the state will come together in downtown Portland for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's (EMO) Annual Community Awards and Celebration Dinner. The purpose of the event is to celebrate the work of EMO, as well as church leaders and people of faith who are making a difference in Oregon. As in years past, special recognition and awards will be given to honor ecumenical and interfaith leadership in the state.

The community celebration is also a time to recognize EMO's board of directors, including The Rev. Dr. Daniel Bryant, outgoing president. New

officers and Board members will also be installed during a brief ceremony. New Board officers include the Rev. Alcena Boozer (Episcopal Diocese of Oregon) as president, the Rev. Kent Harrop (First Baptist Church, McMinnville) as president-elect, Ms. Trudy Bradley (First Christian Church, Portland) as treasurer and the Rev. Robert Ned (African Methodist Episcopal Church) as secretary.

The event will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 921 SW Sixth Ave., Portland. A reception and silent auction will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the dinner and program beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person or a table of 10 for \$500. For more information and advance registration, please contact Dana Bussey at (503) 221-1054, ext. 203.

Put your faith into action

Volunteer at one of EMO's ministries programs

Interested in volunteering your time for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon? There are lots of opportunities for volunteers at EMO! Help feed the hungry, share your wisdom, lend a hand with events, minister to refugees, help keep things running or share a special skill. Come by yourself or with friends. It is a great way to meet other caring and passionate people. Below are just a few of the many possible volunteer opportunities available.

HIV Services, located in northeast Portland

- Day Center Support Volunteer – help with meal preparation and serving, cleanup and ongoing client service
- Meals Driver – deliver meals to homebound people with HIV and AIDS in the greater Portland area
- Other: Arts and Crafts Volunteer, English Tutor, Massage Therapist, Hair Cutter

Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns (INEC), located in southwest and north Portland

- Help maintain a community garden
- Administrative assistance, such as researching, tracking information, proofreading, letter writing and more

Northeast Emergency Food Program (NEFP), located in northeast Portland

- Food Pick-Up – weekly or monthly food pick-up at donation sites around town
- Program Assistant – assist staff with unloading and sorting food, packing food boxes and assisting guests
- Garden Volunteer – help water and weed the 20 NEFP garden beds

Portland International Community School (PICS), located in northeast Portland

- Teach evening ESL classes for either beginning or intermediate levels
- Tutor students one-on-one

Russian Oregon Social Services (ROSS), located in southeast Portland

- Teaching opportunities: ESL, citizenship classes, In-Home Tutoring
- Mentor Russian-speaking victims of domestic violence
- Other: legal consultations, child care, office assistance (knowledge of Russian is required)

Shared Housing, located in northeast Portland and Hillsboro

- Help with client interviews (in Hillsboro)
- Office work (in Portland) including answering phones, creating files, making copies and doing mailings
- Make phone calls (from home)

Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees (SOAR), located in northeast Portland

- English tutoring for Russian-, Spanish-, Burmese- and Somali-speaking clients
- Pick up clients from the airport and help develop housing options
- Help with various office tasks such as answering telephones, greeting clients, assisting with mailings
- Solicit and pick up donations

For more information about volunteering at EMO, please visit our Web site at www.emoregon.org/Volunteer.htm or call us at (503) 221-1054.



Photo credit: Michelle Bush

A young volunteer donating his time at EMO's Northeast Emergency Food Program.

In 2005, EMO had over 600 volunteers who donated almost 29,000 hours of their time, saving EMO an estimate of over half a million dollars.

April is National Volunteer Month

EMO lifts up volunteers at its annual volunteer appreciation event

All of us at Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon appreciate our volunteers' commitment to serving our community, and we thank them for helping create lives of possibility. To show our appreciation, we are holding a *Volunteer Appreciation Celebration* on Wednesday, April 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Grace Memorial Episcopal Church, 1535 NE 17th Avenue in Portland. *Thank you volunteers!*

Meyer Memorial Trust awards challenge grant

Fundraising campaign for the Patton Home

Redevelopment Project nears completion

Nearly a year has passed since Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) kicked off the second phase of the Patton Home Redevelopment Project. EMO is excited to report that we have received a challenge grant from Meyer Memorial Trust and are close to reaching our goal of raising \$165,000 to remodel the third floor and open the *Rodney Page Community Ministries Center* at the Patton Home. To date, EMO has raised \$122,295 in cash and grants and \$6,650 in pledges, leaving a balance of \$36,055 to be raised in cash or in-kind gifts. Our goal is to raise the remaining funds by the end of February, enabling construction to begin in March.

The benefits of opening the *Rodney Page Community Ministries Center* at the Patton Home include the availability of office space to local community groups and for EMO program offices to be located on site to support residents of Patton Home as well as the community at large. It will also offer the availability of the Patton Home kitchen and meeting rooms to local organizations, businesses and groups. A fully functioning Patton Home and *Rodney Page Community Ministries Center* will also enhance EMO's overall mission to support the poor and reduce poverty in Oregon.

EMO operates the Patton Home as a single-room-occupancy facility serving low-income people, many of whom are in recovery from substance abuse or transitioning from homelessness. The historic building has 64 beds, is 41,000 square feet and occupies one full city block. David Leslie, EMO executive director, said, "Completion of the *Rodney Page Community Ministries Center* will allow us to serve Patton Home residents more comprehensively

and creatively, allowing people in Patton Home to access more supports needed to live stable and hopeful lives."

There are numerous giving options available, including naming opportunities for donors who give \$5,000 or more to complete the build out and finishing of the seven offices, as well as reception areas. If you are interested in making a donation to the Patton Home Redevelopment Project, please call Dana Bussey at (503) 221-1054.



The partially finished third floor office space for the *Rodney Page Community Ministries Center* awaits completion.

Faith Forum on Genetics

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to enhance pastoral care skills in both clergy and laity. At the January kickoff session, Chapman discussed the need to enhance dialogue between religion and science. As a theologian and pastor, she has been able to do this herself and knows the challenges as well as the benefits. In dealing with genetics, she noted how important it is for people of faith to understand, or at least be interested in, the basic science, as well in the societal implications of emerging technologies.

Banner emphasized the importance of using good scientific information as a foundation to make good ethical decisions. Too often, he said, our fears of the threat of certain kinds of genetic technologies are based on bad science. We must determine what is a legitimate threat and what is simply misinformation. He concluded by emphasizing that because the decision making in our world is frequently based on fear, the faith communities have a very important contribution to make. As Christians, Jesus Christ tells us first of all to "be not afraid."

In addition to the two keynote speakers, Sardinia conducted a brief introductory course, "Genetics 101," which introduced the audience to the science that genetics research is based upon. Marengo closed the session with a walk through of the interactive Web site that is available to the participants as they study and discuss both the scientific data and the case studies that place the science into real life situations.

The current seminars for the first year of the project are closed to new members. Congregations interested in participating in next year's seminars may contact Jan Elfers with EMO at (503) 221-1054 or jelfers@emoregon.org.

“Sermon Project” expresses moral concern about the federal budget

“If you want peace, work for justice,” said Pope Paul VI. The “Sermon Project,” originated by Oregon PeaceWorks (OPW), is a way to build a movement for peace and justice within any congregation of faith. It calls upon the congregation to compare the values expressed in the priorities of the current federal budget with the values of the congregation’s faith, especially as it pertains to world peace and the poor. If this comparison reveals conflicting values, the congregation is encouraged to take action appropriate in their faith’s traditions.

Leadership from the pulpit or the pew

OPW encourages pastors and other religious leaders to give sermons about the moral implications of the federal budget. Educational activities as a follow-up to the sermons are encouraged. For example, group discussions, letter-writing parties to Oregon’s Congressional delegation, meetings with that congregation’s U.S. Representative’s or Senator’s staff are great follow-up activities.

Lay members of the congregation can take the lead as well by organizing a forum, panel discussion, study group, discussion group or other educational activity using materials that OPW or Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) are happy to provide. Some of these materials can be viewed from the following Web sites:

- OPW at www.oregonpeaceworks.org
- Call to Renewal at www.calltorenewal.com
- Oregon Center for Public Policy at www.ocpp.org

- Center for Budget and Priorities at www.cbpp.org/12-20-05bud.pdf

Here’s how it works

You and your congregation do some or all of following:

- Give a sermon on whether federal budget priorities adequately reflect your faith’s values.
- Publish information in your congregation’s bulletin.
- Organize a presentation, forum or discussion for your congregation to examine how well federal budget priorities reflect your faith’s values.
- Take action appropriate to your faith’s traditions and inform your U.S. Representative and Senator of your congregation’s activities on the federal budget.
- Contact OPW or EMO for materials that can be circulated to the congregation, including:
 - Written information, lectionary suggestions and references to your religious leader.
 - Written information for you to pass out to those interested in your congregation.
 - A speaker or discussion leader on the federal budget for your group.
 - A sample bulletin article on this subject.
 - Assistance such as planning activities.

Oregon PeaceWorks can be contacted in Salem at (503) 371-8002. Peter Bergel, executive director, can be contacted at pbergel@igc.org.

Free training offered on lobbying for churches and non-profits

Unsure what churches and non-profits can do and can’t do in the political arena? Compelled to politically express your faith but don’t want to jeopardize your tax status?

EMO is joining with the Oregon Center for Public Policy and the Northwest Area Foundation in presenting a free workshop on lobbying and advocacy for non-profits and church leaders interested in learning more about how to influence political decision-makers.

The training will expand your understanding about the regulations and capacity impediments that affect lobbying and advocacy with the focus on nonprofits, and you will gain new perspectives on legislative advocacy through dialogue with the presenters. The training will focus on two primary areas: (1) the do’s and don’ts of nonprofit advocacy, as well as provide you with an opportunity to seek guidance and clarification for your organization, and (2) Legislative Advocacy: Building your organization’s capacity for effective legislative campaigns.

This workshop is ideal for pastors, lay leaders, social action committees or religious social services professionals. The three-hour workshop is free and will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, at the First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson St., Portland.

To register, please call (503) 221-1054. Space is limited.

Rev. Dr. James Forbes returns to Portland “For the Healing of the Nations: Let Justice Roll”

The Center for Spiritual Development at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland welcomes back the Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Jr., for a Friday lecture and Saturday workshop on February 24 and 25.

Forbes is hailed as one of the nation’s foremost preachers and has been called “the preacher’s preacher.” He has taught at Union Theological Seminary in New York and is a retired senior minister of Riverside Church in New York City, one of the largest inter-denominational and interracial congregations in the nation.

Forbes is also a community activist, interfaith leader, published author and conference leader for the National Council of Churches. He speaks to national and international audiences on the issues of justice and the need for social, economic and political transformation. Deeply informed by the Biblical tradition, Forbes speaks with passion that this moment in history is a “teaching moment.” He urges us to listen and learn. Forbes will call on us to pay attention, make a difference and live with gratitude.



Photo credit: Derrick Pereira

The Rev. Dr. James Forbes

The Feb. 24 lecture, “For the Healing of the Nations: Let Justice Roll,” begins at 7:30 p.m. and costs \$15. The Feb. 25 workshop, “Teaching Moments in History,” will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. and costs \$30. Both will be held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 147 NW 19th Ave., Portland.

EMO plays key role in launching *Interfaith Health Forum*

The religious community often plays a healing role in society. Whether it’s mind, spirit or body, religions have formed many institutions for the purpose of healing and for living their faith in service. Religious convictions have been the foundation of many of these institutions. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon’s Public Policy Advocacy program has launched, in partnership with other religious bodies, an initiative called the *Interfaith Health Forum* to bring together Oregon’s interfaith community to promote its unique voice on health matters.

On a regular basis, the initiative will gather together health advocates, clergy, laity and health experts to share ideas, build relationships and partnerships, and advance the ministry of health and healing in society. Whether it is to understand trends in health care, share best practices, learn about different religious perspectives on health and healing, or join together for a common purpose, the *Interfaith Health Forum* will provide a venue for all of these possibilities to happen.

The forum is modeled on another interfaith effort, the *Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger*, which has successfully raised hunger awareness and promoted efforts to stop predatory practices in payday loans. The *Interfaith Health Forum*, once formally established, will encourage local forums to form in communities across Oregon. Participation is open to laity, clergy and health professionals affiliated with a faith community.

For more information on the next meeting or to join in this effort, please contact Phillip Kennedy-Wong, director of EMO’s Public Policy Advocacy, at (503) 221-1054.

EMO welcomes National Council of Churches General Secretary Bob Edgar on March 3

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) will host the seven-term former congressman, ordained Methodist minister and general secretary of the National Council of Churches since 2000 for a morning reception from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 3, in the Fireside Room at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2710 NE 14th Ave., Portland. Dr. Edgar will address the intersection of the environment and poverty in the United States. The event is open to the public. A collection will be taken. Proceeds will help off-set the cost of the event and to support EMO’s Public Policy Advocacy program.

To register, please call (503) 221-1054. Space is limited. For more information about the National Council of Churches and Dr. Edgar, please go to www.nccusa.org.

A series of interfaith peace services marks the third anniversary of the war in Iraq

People of faith filled Augustana Lutheran Church to pray for peace in Iraq on Sunday, January 22. *A Prayer Service for Peace in Iraq: A Service of Lamentation and Hope*, was the first of five monthly interfaith prayer services focused on the commitment to peace shared by the major faith traditions.

The faith gatherings are an effort to acknowledge the grief and suffering involved in war, as well as to encourage and build up the peace community in the state. The Rev. Mark Knutson, pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church, gave the opening welcome and a prayer of lamentation and hope. Jewish, Muslim and Christian leaders offered their perspectives on the tragedy of the violence, as well as their hopes and desires for peace in Iraq. Those in attendance included Rabbi Daniel Isaak of Congregation Neveh Shalom, Shahriar Ahmed of Bilal Mosque, the Rev. Alcena Boozer of Saint Philip the Deacon Episcopal Church and the Rev. Gabrielle Chavez of Christ the Healer United Church of Christ. Both Rev. Wes Taylor of Tualatin United Methodist Church and Tamrah Knutson quoted inspirational words of peace spoken by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annette Pritchard, a military family member who lost her nephew in the war, shared a poignant reflection about her loss. A recitation of the names of some of the casualties of the war, both Iraqi and American, followed.

An assortment of musical selections served to emphasize the many ways that peace is articulated through song. The Encore Choir performed a Buddhist chant that spoke of the



Photo credit: Deacon Maria McGarry-Lawrence

Vocalist Marilyn Keller with accompanist Glenn Luedke performing at the interfaith peace service on Jan. 22; those looking on include (from right) Rabbi Daniel Isaak and the Rev. Mark Knutson, pastor at Augustana.

unity of all people. Morris McClellan played the guitar and asked the audience to join with him in singing a number he had written entitled, "Let Peace Prevail." Marilyn Keller, a member of the Augustana Lutheran Jazz Quartet, sang, "Bless the Beasts and the Children" and ended the service with an inspiring rendition of "We Shall Overcome." The participants sang along as they formed a circle and lit candles for one another, symbolizing the light of peace that each one of us takes out into the world.

Following the service, participants gathered for a peace fair at the church, which featured various organizations from the Portland area presenting their materials on peace activism.

The remaining interfaith peace services will be held on Feb. 19 at Christ United Methodist

Church in west Portland, March 12 at the First Unitarian Church in downtown Portland, April 23 at Saint Andrews Catholic Church in north Portland and May 21 at the Muslim Educational Trust in Tigard. (See the *Calendar of Events* page for more details on the services.)

Cosponsors of the peace services include: Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, the Interfaith Alliance, People of Faith for Peace, Muslim Educational Trust, Augustana Lutheran Church, Saint Luke Lutheran Church, United for Peace & Justice, First Unitarian Church, St. Andrew Catholic Church, Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Tualatin United Methodist Church and Clergy & Laity Concerned About Iraq.

For more information about peacemaking activities, please call Jan Elfers at Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon at (503) 221-1054.

OPB Radio adds "Speaking of Faith" to Sunday schedule



Oregon Public Broadcasting Radio will add "Speaking of Faith" with Krista Tippett—public radio's premiere national program about religion, meaning, ethics and ideas—to its Sunday broadcasting schedule starting February 12 at 7 p.m.

"Speaking of Faith" does not always have "religion" itself as a subject. Week after week, it grapples with themes of American life—asking how perspectives of faith might distinctively inform and illuminate our public conversation.

As host of "Speaking of Faith," Tippett has been credited with creating a new way to discuss religion in America, first by probing her guests on the experience behind their own personal beliefs, then asking them to articulate the important ideas and relevant perspectives that faith can add to private and public life. The result illuminates how perspectives of theology, spirituality and ethics can enrich our common deliberation on topics in the news and in our lives.

Tippett is a journalist and former diplomat with a master's of divinity degree from Yale University. She is a graduate of Brown University and a former Fulbright Scholar. Before creating "Speaking of Faith," she consulted with a number of organizations, including the internationally renowned Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research at Saint John's Abbey and University. Earlier in her career, she wrote and reported for a number of international news organizations, including the *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, the *International Herald Tribune*, ABC and the BBC. She is currently at work on her first book.

Monthly Taize Prayer at the Grotto

Taize prayer services are offered on the third Sunday of each month (except December), from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Chapel of Mary at the Grotto, located at NE 85th and Sandy Blvd. in Portland. People of all faiths are invited to participate in this ecumenical form of prayer, which moves in a gentle rhythm of meditative singing, hearing of scripture, silence and praying for the world.

For more information, call (503) 254-7371.

Memorial held for the late Rev. Peter Paulson, fighter for social justice

The Rev. Peter Paulson, an Episcopalian priest and a United Church of Christ minister, passed away at his home in northeast Portland on Dec. 12, 2005, after complications from viral encephalitis. He was 84.

As a result of his participation in the Pastoral Care Commission of the Portland Council of Churches, Rev. Paulson founded the Northwest Pilot Project in 1969, a downtown nonprofit agency for the elderly, poor and homeless. He started the first Meals on Wheels program in Oregon and is known for championing the needs and rights of senior citizens and affordable housing. "He was just one of those quiet fighters for social justice in the community," said Gretchen Kafoury, a former Portland city commissioner. "He just never wavered from his purpose, which was to give dignity and meaning to every person's life."

Born Feb. 27, 1921, in Birmingham, Ala., Rev. Paulson moved to Portland in the 1960s to become chaplain at Good Samaritan Hospital. While at Good Samaritan, he observed senior citizens being sent home without adequate follow-up care. The

Pilot Project was born out of a wish to meet those needs and a deep caring for other people instilled in him by his childhood church, his wife Linda said. "His favorite thing was just to be in engaged conversation with others in all walks of life, all sorts and conditions of people, in any setting—from the person emptying the garbage cans in his hospital room to politicians," she said.

Since retiring in 1987, Rev. Paulson remained active in community causes, including ministering to farmworkers and working with the Gray Panthers, a senior advocacy group. He also earned a master's degree in social work from Portland State University.

In 1999, EMO honored Rev. Paulson with The Vollum Ecumenical Humanitarian Award in recognition of his efforts to enhance ecumenical dialogue and the quality of life for all Oregonians.

Services were held on Dec. 28 at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church in Portland. The family suggests donations to the Northwest Pilot Project, 1430 S.W. Broadway, Portland, 97201.

Source: Su-Jin Yim, *The Oregonian*

Calendar of Events

February 24 & 25

Lecture and Workshop by Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Jr. Friday lecture at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday workshop from 9 to 11 a.m. at The Center for Spiritual Development, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 147 NW 19th Ave., Portland. For more information, see story on page 6.

February 28 to April 4

Class — “The Lord’s Song in a Foreign Land – A Mediterranean Bible in American Culture.” 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays at The Center for Spiritual Development, Trinity Cathedral, 147 NW 19th Ave., Portland. This course will explore the Mediterranean cultural setting of the New Testament and look at the wide variety of texts in order to understand how biblical language was shaped by the Mediterranean culture. Cost: \$60. For more information, call (503) 478-1218 or visit www.center-for-spiritual-development.org.

March 3

Water and Spirit: Heeding the Call to Stewardship. 4 to 9 p.m. at Trinity Cathedral, Kempton Hall, NW 19th and Everett, Portland. The public is invited to an evening of celebration and reflection on the rivers and clean water of our region. To register in advance, send a check for \$10 to “Water and Spirit” c/o 7111 SW 14th, Portland, OR 97219, or register at the door beginning at 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$15.

March 5

Lecture by Rabbi Michael Lerner. 7 p.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1137 SW Broadway Ave., Portland. Rabbi Michael Lerner, editor of *TIKKUN Magazine* and rabbi of Beyt Tikkun Synagogue in San Francisco, will speak regarding his latest book, *God’s Left Hand*. Please call the church at (503) 228-7219 for more information.

March 10 to 12

Creating a Culture of Peace Workshop. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, at St. David of Wales Episcopal Church, 2800 SE Harrison St., Portland. Janet Brown and Fr. Jeremy Lucas, the weekend facilitators, work with the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Lunch and snacks will be provided. The cost of the three-day retreat will be on a sliding scale, up to \$150. Please make out checks to and send to St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 1704 NE 43rd St., Portland 97213. Call Deacon Marla McGarry-Lawrence at (503) 284-7141 for questions or more information.

March 14

Leadership Training in Active Nonviolence. 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at First Unitarian Universalist Church, Fuller Hall, 1011 SW 12th Ave., Portland. Led by Glen Gersmehl of Lutheran Peace Fellowship and designed for clergy and lay leaders to inspire active nonviolence. Sliding scale participant fee from \$15 to \$30 plus manual (some scholarships available). Lunch included. For more information, call (503) 246-3239.

March 15

Community-Wide Peace Song Sing-along (a hootenanny). 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 6835 SW 46th, Portland. Learn new peace songs and join many voices together for peace.

March 17 & 18

Lecture and workshop with Huston Smith & Marcus Borg. Friday lecture at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday workshop from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at The Center for Spiritual Development, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 147 NW 19th Ave., Portland. The Center welcomes back Huston Smith to share in conversation with friend and colleague Marcus Borg. The lecture is on “The Heart & Soul of Christianity” and costs \$20. The workshop is on “Justice & Non-Violent Resistance in Wisdom Traditions” and costs \$35. For tickets, e-mail emilyr@trinity-episcopal.org. For more information, call (503) 478-1218 or visit www.center-for-spiritual-development.org.

To submit calendar items for the *Voice*, please e-mail mbush@emoregon.org.

Upcoming EMO sponsored/co-sponsored events

February 22

Sustainable Energy and the Power of Faith: The Interfaith Power and Light Movement. 12 to 1:30 p.m. at the Interchurch Center, Pamplin Room, SW Bancroft and Kelly, Portland. Learn how the Interfaith Power and Light movement to slow global warming as a religious issue got started, hear stories of innovative faith-based renewable energy and conservation projects around the nation, where the movement is headed and what is happening in Oregon. Our speaker is Bill Bradlee, program director for The Regeneration Project and national coordinator for Interfaith Power and Light. Cost: \$3 for members of congregations that have signed the Energy Stewardship Covenant; others are \$8. Registration deadline is Feb. 20. To register, call (503) 221-1054 or e-mail dbussey@emoregon.org. Please specify whether you want meat or vegetarian for lunch.

February 22

Legislative Advocacy Training for Nonprofit Institutions. 1 to 4 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson St. (parking available and near a MAX stop), Portland. Please see story on page 6 for more information. To register, please call (503) 221-1054. Space is limited.

February 27

Sustainability Cafe: Linking Local Farms and Congregations. 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 501 NW 25th St., Corvallis. Join in a dialogue to explore how we can support local farmers and work together to create a sustainable local food system. Participants will include farmers, congregations and interested community members from the Corvallis area. The evening will offer an opportunity for cross-pollination of ideas as we develop strategies for action and change. Admission is free and a fresh, local dinner will be provided. Space is limited; please RSVP by Feb. 23 by calling (541) 757-1988, ext. 107, or e-mail lgifford@emoregon.org.

March 4

Community Food Assessment Workshop. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (8:30 a.m. registration) at the Historic Kenton Firehouse, 8105 N. Brandon, Portland. This workshop will train participants to conduct a grassroots food assessment to improve food security in inner north and northeast Portland as part of the Interfaith Food and Farms Partnership. Participants will learn the basic steps of Community Food Assessment methods and tools. Case studies of successful assessments will be shared and initial plans developed. An organically-grown lunch will be provided. Suggested donation: \$7. For more information, please call (503) 221-1054 or (541) 757-1988, ext. 107. To register, download registration form at www.emoregon.org.

March 14

Fourth Annual Faith-Labor Breakfast. 8 to 10 a.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Carvlin Hall, SE 18th Ave. and Division St., Portland. Portland Jobs with Justice Faith-Labor Committee, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and the Northwest Oregon Labor Council invite clergy, lay leaders and trade union activists to gather for prayer, fellowship and breakfast. Our purpose is simple: to celebrate and build on the long history of our shared values and shared struggles for justice and to continue to build relationships. Cost: \$5. Please register by March 1 with Portland Jobs with Justice at (503) 236-5573.

May 9

EMO’s Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner. 5:30 p.m. reception and silent auction, and 7 p.m. dinner at the Hilton Hotel, 921 SW Sixth Ave., Portland. For more information, call (503) 221-1504.

March 18

Lenten Retreat at The Grotto on the Passion Narratives. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Grotto Conference Center, NE 85th and Sandy Blvd., Portland. Logos Bible Teacher Kevin Sauders will present a day-long retreat on the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ Passion. Cost of Retreat: \$35, includes coffee, lunch and elevator token. To register, call (503) 261-2430 by March 14.

April 6

Writers & Scholars Lecture Series — “The Gordian Knot: History, Historiography & Typology—The Case of the Exodus.” 7:30 p.m. at Congregational Neveh Shalom, Portland. Guest lecturer will be Yair Hofman. Tickets: \$15; no charge for students with proper ID. For more information at (503) 244-4473 or frankel@lclark.edu.

May 12

Cappella Romana Concert: The Fall of Constantinople. 8 p.m. at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1716 NW Davis, Portland. Single tickets \$25 adults, \$22 seniors, \$12 students, plus service fees. Tickets available through TicketsWest; call (800) 992-8499 or visit www.ticketswest.com.

Celebrate Earth Day Sunday

The National Council of Churches offers an Earth Day resource focused on environmental justice and the Katrina hurricane. It includes background information, a liturgy, a sample sermon and study resources. The full resource may be downloaded at www.nccccejustice.org. Many Christian congregations celebrate an Earth Day Sunday on the Sunday closest to Earth Day (April 22), which is the Sunday after Easter, April 23, this year.

May 17

Writers & Scholars Lecture Series — “How Yevye Learned to Fiddle: Sholom Aleichem’s Tevye in Yiddish, Hebrew, English & Russian Film.” 12 p.m. at Portland State University, the Browsing Lounge, Portland. Guest lecturer will be Anita Norich. Tickets: \$15 per lecture; no charge for students with proper ID. For more information, contact Sylvia Frankel at (503) 244-4473.

March 19

3rd Anniversary of the Invasion of Iraq — Mobilization against War. At Portland’s Waterfront Park south of the Morrison Bridge, Portland (start time to be announced). A march and rally will be held against the war in Iraq. For more information, call (503) 236-3065 or e-mail iraq@pjw.info.

May 21

Crop Walk. Begins at 2 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, SE 40th and Woodstock, Portland. See story on page 4 for more information.

Interfaith Peace Services

A series of monthly interfaith prayer services for peace in Iraq will be held, which focus on the commitment to peace shared by the major faith traditions. Each service begins at 4 p.m.

February 19: *Christ United Methodist Church*, 12755 NW Dogwood, Portland.

March 12: *First Unitarian Universalist Church*, 1011 SW Twelfth Ave., Portland.

April 23: *St Andrew Catholic*, 4919 NE Ninth Ave., Portland.

May 21: *Muslim Educational Trust*, 10330 SW Scholls Ferry Rd., Tigard.

See story on page 7 for more information or call (503) 221-1054.