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EMO honors Ron Steiner with “Ecumenical Service Award”

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) will honor Ron Steiner with an “Ecumenical Service Award” on April 24, 2019, at its *Benefit Dinner & Awards Celebration*.

Steiner, through his steadfast work for Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, manifests a bold vision of compassion for all—a calling informed by his Catholic faith and inspired by an encounter with Sister Helen Prejean. We honor his promotion of the principles of restorative justice for everyone affected by crime, including victims’ families and prisoners and their families. The transformative work Steiner does heals fractured communities.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon’s *Benefit Dinner & Awards Celebration* is the single most important annual fundraiser for our vital ministries to the poor, the vulnerable, the hungry and the sick throughout the state of Oregon. Funds contributed by sponsors and guests enable us to serve those in need and to advocate on their behalf at the Oregon Legislature for a just, equitable and sustainable society. Each year we honor extraordinary organizations and individuals like Ron Steiner whose moral vision and commitment to action have contributed profoundly to making our community a better place.

This year, the April 24 event will be held at the Benson Hotel, 309 SW Broadway, Portland. A reception and silent auction to benefit EMO’s ministries will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m.; dinner, live auction and the award presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. Reservations, available at emoregon.org, are \$100 per person (festival seating) or \$2,000 per table of 10 (includes Bronze Sponsorship and reserved seating). 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, creation justice, and public policy advocacy.