

Janet Musgrove Elfers

Janet Musgrove Elfers is the President of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO). She began her career at EMO in 2003. Before she became president in 2016, Elfers served as EMO's interim executive director, director of public policy advocacy, director of member relations, and director of peace programs—reflecting her vision, passion and dedication to service to the Oregon community.

Elfers has served on the board of directors of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture Action Fund the Commission to End Racism at the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon. She is currently on the board of the Institute for Christian/Muslim Understanding and the Board of Advisors for WorldOregon. In 2009, she received the Friends of the Muslim Educational Trust Award and in 2017, the Annual Drum Major Legacy Award for Bridge Building. Elfers has served on numerous panels and has led workshops and retreats regarding interfaith understanding and dialogue and contemplative practices.

Elfers earned a bachelor's in psychology at Lewis and Clark College. She completed a master's in theology at Marylhurst University in 2006, focusing on the role of interreligious dialogue in peacemaking. During her practicum experience at EMO, she wrote a peace resource guide. In 2015, she completed a two-year course of study at Fr. Richard Rohr's Living School for Action and Contemplation.

Elfers is a member of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Portland. She and her husband Michael have two adult children.

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