2004 annual report

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

God’s call to bear faithful witness

The two words “faithful witness” speak volumes as to Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon’s (EMO) mission in 2004. Our ministries and services make real our belief that God has called us to feed the hungry, house the homeless, care for the environment, create dialogue opportunities on critical moral and ethical issues, and advocate for justice. The ministries we engage in are rooted in the Scriptural mandate to love our neighbors and put our collective faith into action in ways that heal and provide hope.

As the 2004 Annual Report details, EMO’s mission in 2004 was carried out and supported by thousands of people, congregations, denominations, businesses and foundations who gave generously of their time and financial resources. Major highlights include the launching of the capital campaign to finish-out the Rodney Page Community Ministry Center at the Patton Home, presenting the Collins Lecture featuring the Rev. Dr. Tony Campolo, creating an interfaith dialogue and support group in the Klamath Basin in the midst of ongoing conflicts related to natural resources and expanding the EMO Christians for Peace and Justice Advocacy Network. In 2004, we engaged more people from more places into action in ways that heal and provide hope.

While the 2004 Annual Report is a snapshot of the past, it is more importantly an invitation to future service. Our hope is that you are already engaged in some aspect of EMO’s mission, you will increase your commitment. If you are encountering EMO for the first time through this report and find some aspect of the mission that engages you, we hope that you will find a place within EMO to serve God’s people. For at the end of the day, it is only through your support that we are collectively able to provide hope, change lives and serve the principles of love, compassion and justice that are essential aspects of God’s creation.

EMO 2004 Financial Report

Expenses $2,925,696

Revenues $2,858,172

Net Assets at the Beginning of the Year $1,695,960

Changes in Net Assets Due to:

Results of Operation ($67,524)

Net Assets at the End of the Year $1,628,436

Last year, an average of 370 volunteers donated over 2,600 hours each month, saving EMO an estimate of over half a million dollars.
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Environmental Ministries in 2004 ... INEC brought together over 50 religious leaders and community members in four meetings in the Klamath Basin to participate in dialogues to work toward resolution of water conflicts in the Basin. The Oregon Interfaith Global Warming Campaign (OGWC) mobilized the faith community to provide comment on Oregon’s Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, generating testimonies to letter with 40 religious leaders’ signatures “As if Salmon Matter: Making Ethical Choices” drew over 50 people, and a professional video was produced for religious education A “Green Congregations Award” program was initiated.

Public Policy Advocacy in 2004 ... Volunteers for EMO’s Public Policy Advocacy estimated to vote close to 1,000 people during the Faithful Citizen voter registration drive EMO sponsored several advocacy events during the year including the “Rending unto Caesar” tax refund workshop with noted theologian Marcus Borg, the “Let Justice Roll” campaign with the Rev. Dr. James Forbes preaching about poverty and politics, and “Christians for Peace and Justice Advocacy Summit” Publications during the year included the “2004 EMO Ballot Measure Guide” and “Tax Reform Study Guide.”
Refugee & Immigration Ministries (RIM) offers comprehensive services to refugees and immigrants, including legal aid, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, job training, housing assistance, social services, health care, and more. RIM is committed to providing a welcoming and supportive environment for all refugees and immigrants.

Refugee & Immigration Ministries (RIM) in 2004... In honor of RIM's 25th anniversary, a celebration and silent auction where held in November, attended by over 250 people • PICS enrolled 65 students in 2004... At ROSS, a total of 1,610 Russian-speaking clients received direct services, and over 50,000 people received community orientation and education • SOAR resettled 578 immigrants from various regions and countries throughout the world including the Former Soviet Union, Cuba, Ethiopia, Somalia and the Congo, as well as Hmong refugees from Asia.