Serving together in faith

“... have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another ...” 1 Peter 3:8

Central to the ministry and witness of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) is a conviction that we are called by God to love and serve our neighbors. Carrying out this calling is done in many ways, including:

- **Community ministry programs** that serve refugees and immigrants, people living with HIV/AIDS, families who are homeless, victims of domestic violence and children who are hungry.
- Partnerships with faith and community-based organizations that address critical environmental issues, including access to healthy and locally grown foods and clean water.
- **Advocacy on issues of social justice and for policies in the Oregon Legislature that support people on the economic margins, including people living with disabilities and low income seniors on fixed incomes.**
- **Worship and interreligious dialogue programs** that bring together people from differing traditions to discover how we can faithfully and constructively live in our diversities and offer a testimony to the power of unity.

As the 2011 Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Annual Report reminds us, our mission is carried out through the faithful efforts of a multitude of religious denominations and congregations, as well as the generosity of time, talent and financial resources of thousands of individuals. Through these and many other ecumenical and interreligious efforts throughout the state, EMO makes visible the healing and transformative power of collective action.

The quality of Oregon’s future will indeed be strengthened by our commitments to the well-being of our neighbor’s health and wellness. Today and tomorrow’s challenges related to poverty, racism, environmental degradation and class inequities can only be effectively addressed when we see these issues as our collective responsibility. When we serve together in the “unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another,” we live faithfully and make real hope and new possibilities for life.

On behalf of the communities and people that make EMO such an extraordinary organization, we thank you for your faithful support and give thanks to God for the opportunity to serve in ministry for the well being of God’s people and creation.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Jr.   David A. Leslie
President      Executive Director

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In 2011, over 600 volunteers helped EMO serve the needs of more than 60,000 Oregonians.

**EMO provided internships for 19 young adults from Concordia University, George Fox University, Portland State University, University of Portland, Warner Pacific College and Jesuit Volunteer Corps.**

**2011 annual report**

**EMO 2011 Financial Report**

**Revenues: $3,198,631**

- Congregations & Denominations $112,586
- Government Grants & Contracts $1,765,189
- Service Fees & Rent $506,089
- Foundations & Businesses $503,655
- Events $63,364
- Interest/Other $46,329

**Expenses: $3,223,251**

- Management & General $498,281
- Communications & Development $175,681
- Public Policy Advocacy $56,003
- Environmental $217,817
- Refugee & Immigration $1,455,745
- Basic Human Needs $771,419
- Theological Education & Dialogue $48,305
We extend our deep appreciation for the generosity of our partners.

Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns (INEC) carried out the EMO Environment Ministries’ mission of earth stewardship by connecting, informing and empowering people, congregations, and religious institutions to work for justice and the care and renewal of creation.

Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns (INEC) held the second annual “Earth Care Summit,” attended by over 130 people from 57 congregations; launched the “Green Steward Project” in partnership with the Josiah Hill III Clinic to develop environmental health tools for congregations in north/northeast Portland.

Interfaith Food & Farms Partnership (IFFP) facilitated nine farm-to-congregation partnerships; collaborated with Multnomah County Public Health to develop and promote “Healthy Food Drive” materials for congregations.

Oregon Interfaith Power & Light (O IPL) led 30 organizations in coordinating 350.org’s “Moving Planet” climate change event at the Rose Quarter; installed and 13 kW systems at congregations in Hood River and Salem through the Solar Congregations project.

Affordable Housing

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Affordable Housing in 2011 ... The Patton Home provided affordable drug- and alcohol-free housing for more than 63 individuals who were in various stages of recovery from substance abuse, transitioning from homelessness, or striving to maintain their personal independence. The Patton Home housed 167 clients, 1,510 months of housing for the year; The Second Home project provided 51 months of housing for young homeless youth.

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Public Policy Advocacy

EMO believes that we are called to promote justice and compassion, ensuring that all Oreganians can live their lives fully of possibility. EMO’s Public Policy Advocacy helps train and engage people so that they may participate in this important aspect of our ministry.

EMO’s advocacy network Christians for Peace and Justice unites individuals, congregations and religious organizations from many different denominations across the state who are committed to advocating for social justice as witnesses to the public.


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Hunger, Nutrition & Social Support

Serving communities in crisis and people in need is central to EMO’s basic human needs programs, which are listed below.

Food Services/Delizioso Catering prepares nutritious meals for clients at the HIV Day Center and Daily Bread Express, residents at the Patton Home and students at local schools. The program also runs a catering service, providing outstanding and affordable food for events.

HIV Services offers a wide range of assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS. The HIV Center provides meals, counseling, recreational therapy, computers, phones, laundry and clothing. The Daily Bread Express is the only program in Portland that delivers meals to home-bound individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

Northeast Emergency Food Program (NEFP) provides nutritionally-balanced food for people in critical need and works to develop neighborhood-based solutions to secure access to affordable, adequate and healthy foods.

At the HIV Day Center, 34 volunteers spent 4,524 hours providing a variety services—from tutoring clients with their reading skills (above), and leading art sessions, to providing massage therapy, haircuts and foot care.
Theological Education & Dialogue

EMO: Theological Education & Dialogue programs help congregations and individuals deepen their faith and ecumenical commitments and better understand those of their neighbors. Each year, EMO offers workshops, discussion lectures, presentations, celebrations and prayer vigils to celebrate Christian unity, foster interfaith relations, and explore ethical and moral issues. EMO also sponsors the Collins Lectures, an annual event designed to provide an opportunity for clergy and laity to explore issues related to religion and social ethics.

The Collins Lectures

The Collins Lecturer Fr. Richard Rohr spoke on “Restoring Sacred Balance” to a sold-out crowd at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

Refugee & Immigration Ministries (RIM)

ECumenical Ministries of Oregon’s Refugee and Immigration Ministries offer comprehensive and compassionate services to thousands of refugees and immigrants in the Portland metro area through the programs listed below.

Oregon Russian Speaking Social Services (ROSS) gives assistance to Russian-speaking refugees and immigrants, including domestic violence services, breast and cervical health education, mental health counseling, ESL and computer classes, citizenship training, legal and tax assistance, dental care and more.

Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees links sponsors with refugees before they arrive in the United States and helps sponsors welcome and assist the refugees in their adjustment to a new life in the Portland metro area.

SOAR Legal serves the law-related needs of the broader refugee and immigrant communities, providing low-cost immigration representation to immigrants and refugees in application processes.

Refugee & Immigration Ministries in 2011

...Russian Oregonian Social Services offered direct services to 2,962 Russian-speaking individuals, including 310 victims of domestic violence and sexual violence and their children; 261 women received a free mammogram and over 3,500 received breast and cervical health education.

Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees resettled 257 refugees and 20 asylees, the majority of whom came from Cuba, Iraq, Bhutan and Burma.

SoAR Legal initiated the “Voter Education Project,” teaching newly naturalized citizens about the U.S. voting system and helping them register to vote; served 1,820 immigrants and refugees, and filed 52 applications for permanent residence, 85 for work permits, 307 for Naturalization and 70 for Family Reunification.