It is a profound privilege to serve you as executive director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO). You represent faith communities and people of goodwill from across the state of Oregon who believe in the power of working together for the good of all. You give us all great reason to hope.

We believe deeply that we belong to one another. We have faith that we can transform society by practicing acts of kindness and breaking down barriers that prevent people from experiencing the fullness of life that we all desire. And we are a part of a movement that is growing, as we transform our future together into one filled with hope.

Each one of EMO’s programs is founded in this vision: every person should be able to have a dream and the opportunity to reach their full, God-given potential.

This report is merely a brief glimpse into our vital work. I wish you could witness the thousands of people who have been touched by EMO’s many programs this past year. You would encounter the faces of people who make our nation and state beautiful, diverse and strong. And together we would realize how deeply interconnected we are, and that we are, indeed, family.

I celebrate with you the good work that we are accomplishing together. This, my friends, gives us reason to hope.

With gratitude,

Jan Musgrove Elfers
Executive Director
How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

Psalm 133:1

Our interfaith education and theological dialogue programs help congregations and individuals deepen their own commitments and better understand their neighbors. Each year, we offer workshops, discussions, lectures, presentations, celebrations, and prayer vigils to celebrate Christian unity, foster interfaith relations, and explore ethical and moral issues. Our annual Collins Lecture presents emerging and inclusive theological and social perspectives and engages participants in inquiry, dialogue and reflection.

Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations


- Our annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner brought together over 300 guests in a joyful celebration of our shared commitment to compassion, justice and goodness of God’s creation.
Public Policy Advocacy

And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

Ecumenical Ministry of Oregon’s public witness and advocacy efforts persuade policy makers and legislators throughout Oregon to change systems that perpetuate poverty, inequality and violence in our society. We bring voices to the Legislature in Salem to testify about how our laws directly affect their lives.

Public Policy Advocacy

- Last year’s Interfaith Advocacy Day in Salem brought together a record number of 300 people of faith from across the state to stand in solidarity with the most vulnerable in our society in order to advocate for a hopeful future for all Oregonians.

- During the 2015 Legislative Session, EMO participated in advocacy days and hearings and provided testimony in support of affordable housing, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and gun safety legislation such as SB941, Universal Background Checks for Guns, which was signed into law by Governor Kate Brown on May 11.

More than 40 students from the Muslim Educational Trust, the University of Portland and Warner Pacific University attended the 2015 Interfaith Advocacy Day in Salem (right).
The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Psalm 24:1

Our Environmental Ministry programs connect, inform, inspire and empower people, congregations and religious institutions to work for food justice and the care and renewal of the earth. We foster an awareness that care for creation is integral to a life of faith.

Last summer, Oregon Interfaith Power & Light organized a “Faith & Fossil Fuels” field trip to the Columbia River Gorge for faith leaders to learn from people with frontline experience about the impacts of fossil fuel exports (above).
How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? … Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

1 John 3:17-18

Ecumenical Ministry of Oregon’s Community Ministry programs help people put their faith into action by addressing human needs in their communities. Our diverse programs provide nutritious meals, affordable housing, social support, and integrated refugee and immigration services.

**Affordable Housing**

EMO has a long history of developing and advocating for affordable housing and is dedicated to filling the housing needs of the most vulnerable.

- **The Patton Home**—a 128-year old single-room occupancy residence—provided affordable housing for 63 individuals who were in recovery from substance abuse, transitioning from homelessness, or striving to maintain their personal independence.

- **Second Home**—a community response to the housing needs of unaccompanied, homeless youth while they attend high school—facilitated housing arrangements last year for nine students with volunteer host families, providing 1,700 months of housing and over 5,000 meals.

Last June, all seniors in the Second Home program successfully graduated from high school, including Ruth Kim (above left) who celebrated her graduation with Jenny Pratt, Second Home program manager. Ruth now attends the University of Oregon.
The Northeast Emergency Food Program delivered food weekly to nearly 50 low-income families at Sacajawea Head Start (above).

Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Isaiah 1:17

**Nutrition & Social Services**

Serving communities in crisis and people in need is central to EMO’s basic human needs programs.

- **Circles of Support & Accountability** (CoSA), following a restorative justice model, operated five Circles with each Core Member receiving between 150 to 200 hours of healthy social engagement with volunteers and treatment professionals throughout the year.

- In 2015, our **Food Services** prepared 19,861 nutritious, home-style meals for 1,406 people in need, including residents of the Patton Home and clients of our HIV Services programs.

- Last year, our HIV Services offered assistance for 282 low-income people living with HIV/AIDS who made 7,393 visits to the **HIV Day Center** for meals, counseling, peer support, computers, phones, laundry, hygiene supplies, clothing and showers. Over 11,500 meals and nutritional supplements were delivered by the **Daily Bread Express** to home-bound individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

- **Northeast Emergency Food Program** gathered and distributed more than 839,733 pounds of nutritious food (including 9,047 pounds of locally grown produce) and nearly 40,000 items of clothing to over 11,861 people in 2015.
Refugee & Immigration Ministries

We offer comprehensive and compassionate services to thousands of refugees and immigrants in the Portland metro area.

- **Russian Oregon Social Services** (ROSS) gave direct assistance to 1,364 Russian-speaking refugees and immigrants in 2015, including domestic violence services, mental health counseling, mentorship, self-sufficiency classes, in-home tutoring, legal and tax assistance, dental care and more.

- Last year, **Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees** (SOAR) provided resettlement services for 452 refugees—the majority of whom came from Afghanistan, Burma, Cuba, the former Soviet Union, Iraq and Somalia—and assisted them in their adjustment to a new life in the Portland metro area.

- In 2015, **SOAR Immigration Legal Services** provided low-cost immigration representation and education services to more than 2,000 immigrants and refugees in application processes, including 144 family reunifications and nearly 200 naturalization applications for citizenship.

For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in.

**Matthew 25:35**

Refugee youth entering Portland schools for the first time face a daunting challenge. Many have only minimal education in their native language while living in refugee camps.

To address this challenge, 36 refugee children were enrolled in School Assistance for Refugee Newcomers (SAFRN), which provides educational support services to refugee children, their parents and their schools. SAFRN is partnership of EMO’s Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees, Lutheran Community Services Northwest and Catholic Charities.

A special thank you to Georkis Ramos Quintana, case manager at EMO’s Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees, for contributing many of the beautiful photos of EMO clients featured in this annual report.
Thank you to the 1,367 donors and foundations who gave $939,343 to EMO during 2015.

**Congregations & Religious Organizations**

- Ahmadiyya Muslim Community/ Rizwan Mosque, Portland
- Ainsworth United Church of Christ, Portland
- Augusta Lutheran Church, Portland
- Bethel Congregational United Church of Christ, Beaverton
- Bridgeport United Church of Christ, Portland
- Central Lutheran Church, Portland
- Central Lutheran Church Women, Portland
- Central Presbyterian Church, Eugene Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Ridgefield, Wash.
- Church World Service, Elkhart, Ind.
- Community of Christ, Portland
- East County Church of Christ, Gresham
- Eastrose Fellowship Unitarian Universalist Church, Portland
- EcoFaith Recovery, Portland
- First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Portland
- First Baptist Church, McMinnville
- First Christian Church, Albany
- First Christian Church, Eugene
- First Church of Christ, Portland
- First Church, Silverton
- First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eugene
- First Congregational United Church of Christ, Portland
- First Presbyterian Church, Bandon
- First Presbyterian Church, Portland
- First Presbyterian Church, Roseburg
- First Unitarian Church, Portland
- First United Methodist Church, Eugene
- First United Methodist Church, Portland
- First United Methodist Church, Salem
- Fremont United Methodist Church, Portland
- George Fox Evangelical Seminary, Portland
- Grace in the Desert Episcopal Church, Las Vegas, Nev.
- Gresham United Methodist Church
- Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Portland
- Hood River Valley Christian Church, Hood River
- Interfaith Council of Greater Portland
- Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Oswego
- Lake Oswego United Church of Christ
- Luis Palau Association, Beaverton
- Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Portland
- MacDonald Center, Portland
- Mid-Columbia Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Hood River
- Moreland Presbyterian Church, Portland
- Murray Hills Christian Church, Beaverton
- Muslim Educational Trust, Tigard
- Open Door Baptist Church, Troutdale
- Operation Nightwatch, Portland
- Parkrose Community United Church of Christ, Portland
- Peace Church of the Brethren, Portland
- Portland Mennonite Church
- St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Beaverton
- St. Luke Lutheran Church, Portland
- St. Mark Lutheran Church, Salem
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- Smyrna United Church of Christ, Canby
- Southminster Presbyterian Church, Beaverton
- Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity
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- Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Willamette Falls, Oregon City
- Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem
- Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Portland
- Vermont Hills United Methodist Church, Portland
- Volunteers of America of Oregon, Portland
- West Hills Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Portland
- Westminster Mainsail Mariners, Portland
- Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland
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- WyEast Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Portland

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- Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon
- Central Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ
- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oregon and Southwest Idaho
- Community of Christ, Greater Pacific Northwest
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- Episcopal Diocese of Oregon
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—Oregon Synod
- Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Presbytery of the Cascades
- United Methodist Church, Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference
- Willamette Quarterly Meeting of the Society of Friends

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- Alternative Gift Markets
- American Immigration Lawyers Association
- Association of Nurses in AIDS Care Portland Cascade Chapter
- Bad Habit Room
- Bazi Bierbrasserie
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