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### **Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon honors the Luis Palau Association's "Season of Service" with award**

The Luis Palau Association's "Season of Service" will be honored with an "Ecumenical Service Award" on May 25, 2010, at the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner. The award is presented in recognition of special achievements in hope inspiring, life enhancing, Christ-centered ecumenical community ministry in Oregon.

The inaugural Season of Service, held in Portland in 2008, saw churches unite to serve their city as a precursor to CityFest with Luis Palau. The Portland metro area continues to see churches working together to complete projects in the emphasis areas of schools, health and wellness, homelessness, hunger and poverty, and the environment. Season of Service campaigns have spread from Portland to places including Little Rock, Ark., and Kigali, Rwanda. Many churches are doing projects all over the world. May 1, 2010, marks the beginning of the third consecutive Season of Service in Portland.

The EMO Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 921 SW Sixth Ave., Portland. A reception and silent auction to benefit EMO's ministries will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and the dinner and award presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person and tables for 10 are available for \$600. For more information, call Carla Starrett-Bigg at (503) 221-1054, ext. 275, or [csbigg@emoregon.org](mailto:csbigg@emoregon.org).

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