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EMO awards the Rev. Alcena Boozer “Ecumenist of the Year”

The Rev. Alcena Boozer, rector emerita of St. Philip the Deacon Episcopal Church, will be named “Ecumenist of the Year” on May 12, 2011, at the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner. The award is presented in recognition of leadership and commitment to fostering the love of Christ through ecumenical dialogue, witness and ministry.

A native Portlander, Boozer has served the local community as an educator and a priest of the Episcopal Church. She worked 26 years as a teacher, counselor and administrator for the Portland school district, retiring as principal of Jefferson High School in 1997. From 1993 until May of 2010, Boozer served as the rector of St. Philip the Deacon in Portland. Past assignments include assisting priest at Grace Memorial and St. Stephen in Portland; vicar at Emanuel in Birkenfeld, St. Augustine in Clatskanie, and St. John the Baptist in Portland; and dean and chaplain of the Upper School at Oregon Episcopal School. Past diocesan service includes the Diocesan Council, and she currently serves on the Commission to End Racism. In the community, Boozer has served as a member of the Metropolitan Tri-County Board of Directors (Tri-Met) and Loaves and Fishes Board of Directors. During the 1980s, she served her first term on the EMO Board of Directors, and she was the first female clergy elected as president of the board from 2006-07.

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. Reservations can be made at www.emoregon.org for \$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.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is a statewide association of Christian denominations—including Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox bodies—congregations, ecumenical organizations and interfaith partners working together to improve the lives of Oregonians through community ministry programs, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, environmental ministry and public policy advocacy.

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