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EMO honors Corvallis faith leaders with “Two Pauls Award”

Three Corvallis faith leaders will be honored together with the 2012 “Two Pauls Award” on May 8, 2012, at the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner. The award is presented in recognition of outstanding work in the interfaith spirit of community service, dialogue and relationship building. The award was established in 1994 to honor two significant Oregon clergy members, The Rev. Dr. Paul Wright and The Most Rev. Paul Waldschmidt.

The award will be presented to **Rabbi Benjamin Barnett of Beit Am Mid-Willamette Valley Jewish Community, Emir Mohamed Siala of the Salman Alfarisi Islamic Center, and the Rev. Elizabeth Oettinger of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Corvallis.** The award acknowledges their ongoing work of interfaith reconciliation in Corvallis and Portland after the 2010 Pioneer Square bomb plot and subsequent bombing of the Corvallis Islamic Center.

The EMO Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner will be held on May 8 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 are available 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.

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