Robert Ingram to receive posthumous Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) Award; The Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Jr. installed as EMO Board President

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon’s (EMO) 2012 Ecumenical Service Award will be posthumously awarded to Robert Ingram at EMO’s Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner, May 8, 2012, at the Portland Hilton and Executive Towers. The award is presented in recognition of Ingram’s special achievements in hope inspiring, life enhancing, Christ-centered ecumenical community ministry in Oregon.

Ingram—who passed away on Nov. 28, 2011, at the age of 38—dedicated his life to improving the lives of others. He was director of the City of Portland’s Office of Youth Violence Prevention, president of the Urban league of Portland’s Young Professionals, president of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Columbia Northwest’s African American advisory board, member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., member of the International Fellowship Family Church, and a deeply loved mentor and respected community leader.

Also on the evening of May 8, EMO will install its new Board President, the Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Jr., a well-known civil rights leader and pastor of Allen Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in northeast 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. 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.

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.