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Leading preacher and activist Dr. Campolo to speak on peace and patriotism at the 2004 Collins Lectures

Dr. Tony Campolo—minister, educator and founder of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education (EAPE)—will be the guest lecturer at the 2004 Collins Lectures on March 2 and 3, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1624 NE Hancock, Portland.

On March 2, from 7 to 9 p.m., Dr. Campolo will lecture on "Peace, Patriotism and the Prophetic Voice of the Church." A panel of three Christian perspectives will then give their responses. The panelists will include Rev. Claude Pomerleau (Catholic), Elenie Huszagh (Orthodox) and Ron Mock

(Protestant). The cost of the lecture is \$10.

A seminar entitled "Hot Potatoes Christians Are Afraid to Touch"—based on one of Dr. Campolo's books—will be held on March 3, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., also at Westminster Presbyterian. Dr. Campolo will facilitate the seminar, focusing on how pastors and lay leaders can pastorally address difficult issues such as war and peace in a congregational setting, which he refers to as "hot potatoes." The cost of the seminar is \$25. A special package price for both the lecture and seminar is \$30; students will be admitted for half price.

Dr. Campolo, professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern College in St. Davids, Pa., is among the most celebrated and sought-after Christian speakers and writers in the United States. He is a media commentator on religious, social and political matters, and has been a guest on television programs including "Nightline," "Crossfire," "Politically Incorrect," "The Charlie Rose Show" and "CNN News." Dr. Campolo has authored 28 books, the most recent of which are *Revolution and Renewal: How Churches Are Saving Our Cities* and



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EMO marks 30 years of service and unity

Ecumenical: *unity*, universal, to inhabit

Ministries: the act of *servicing*; one that *serves* as a means; an instrumentality

100 years of ecumenism in Oregon

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) is celebrating its 30th anniversary during 2004; however, this is a story of nearly 100 years of ecumenism in Oregon. EMO's "roots" can be traced back to 1917, with the formation of the Home Mission Council. The council was formed to promote evangelism among Oregon's churches and provide a vehicle

for cooperative service, or *service and unity*.

From 1917 to 1973, many changes occurred in both leadership and the structure of the organization. It is recorded that in June of 1919, local Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox congregations organized to form the Portland Council of Churches. During this period, several different people assumed leadership roles within the Portland and Oregon Councils of Churches: Rev. E.C. Farmham, Rev. George Nace and Dr. Mark A. Talney.

In the 1950s and 1960s, the Portland and Oregon Councils of Churches'

activities and accomplishments included advocacy efforts in protecting Klamath Indians' interests, promoting a state-wide seminar on World Peace, participating in Church World Services' Faith and Order Study Groups and initiating "Living Room Dialogues" between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

The Oregon Council of Churches welcomed the Roman Catholic Archdiocese in Oregon as a member in 1964. The union made history as the first between a U.S. Archdiocese and a church council.

The Christian Portland

Lectureship Series—now the Collins Lectures—was first held in 1967. The formation of the lectures was a cooperative effort between the Council, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.

Transition to EMO

The next chapter of ecumenism in Oregon began on Dec. 5, 1973, with the incorporation of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, commonly known as "EMO," through the merger of both the Portland and Oregon Councils of Churches. The first meeting of the EMO

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Join EMO in celebrating past, current and future commitments

Well, the party is about to begin and you are invited! On Feb. 18, friends of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) will gather at the Benson Hotel to celebrate EMO's 30th Anniversary. The celebration will be a unique opportunity to renew old friendships, hear testimonials about lives changed through EMO's ministries and services, and honor those who have helped build EMO into one of the most dynamic regional ecumenical organizations in the country.

"EMO's past has been glorious and its future is grand," a former EMO Board President recently said.

The 30th Anniversary Celebration will also be a time to recommit to the future. All too

many anniversary celebrations are designed to only reflect on the past. Not this one!

On Feb. 18, we will celebrate current and future commitments, including the development of the *Rodney Page Community Ministries Center* at Patton Home; opening 30 to 40 new drug- and alcohol-free Oxford Houses in rural and urban communities throughout Oregon during the next three years; expanded interfaith initiatives to reduce hunger, improve the environment and address economic inequities; and new programs to bring the Christian community closer together in ecumenical fellowship and service.

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David Leslie

Indeed, this is so. Through faithful service to God in the spirit and love of Christ, people living with addictions have found the road to recovery, individuals have expanded their faith and witness for collective ministry and service, relationships between strangers have been nurtured into friendships, critical social services have been retained, decaying buildings restored, and the causes of justice, peace and unity well-served. All this and much more will be lifted up at the celebration dinner.

So, on behalf of the planning committee, I invite you to come celebrate and renew your commitment to the mission and ministry of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. The banquet has been prepared – your presence is requested!

For more information about the 30th Anniversary Celebration, go to the Calendar of Events page.

See related story about EMO's 30 years of service on the front page.

Jernigan named Presbytery of the Cascades co-executive

In its November 2003 meeting, the Presbytery of the Cascades called the Rev. Aleida Jernigan as co-executive Presbyter for the Northeast Region. She began service in January and comes from a staff position with Redwoods Presbytery in California.

As a racial/ethnic woman, Jernigan brings the skills of language and cross-cultural sensitivity to her work and ministry. Her experience includes being staff to four Hispanic congregations and a Designated Pastor to one of them, as well moderator of the Hispanic Caucus for the Synod of the Pacific. As an Associate Executive Presbyter, Jernigan served on committees that relate to multi-cultural and cross-cultural ministries. She continues to volunteer for consultation with multi-cultural ministries.

"My life's journey in faith has brought me to Cascades," states Jernigan. "The Co-Executive Presbyter position provides an opportunity for me to fully use my gifts and energy for administrative and pastoral ministry."

Feinstein Foundation offers another \$1 million challenge to fight hunger

For the seventh straight year, the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation in Rhode Island will divide \$1 million among hunger fighting agencies throughout the country to help them raise funds during March and April of 2004.

EMO's Northeast Emergency Food Program (NEFP) invites schools or churches to put on a food and/or money drive toward this challenge. All food items donated to NEFP during March or April can be counted at \$1 each or \$1 a pound. In 2000, NEFP received \$1,623 from the foundation's challenge, and in 1999, they received \$7,818.

This is the most successful campaign in the country's fight to end hunger, and those who participate can take great pride in being a part of it.

For more information or to make a donation, contact NEFP at (503) 284-5470. NEFP is located at 1912 NE Killingsworth, Portland, OR 97211.



EMO celebrates recent grants and gifts

The board of directors and staff extend their appreciation to the many supporters who have given their time and talents in support of EMO's program ministries. The following is a list of recent foundation and community support received by EMO since the Oct. '03 issue of the *Voice*.

Donor (Fund)	Program
American Baptist Church	Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees
Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon	EMO Annual Fund
Boeing Employees	Northeast Emergency Food Program
Broadway Cares	HIV Services
Central Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ	EMO Annual Fund
Lake Grove Presbyterian	Parent Mentor Program
Marge Riley Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation	Hopewell Building
Moreland Presbyterian-Paul & Sally McCracken Mission Endowment Fund Newman's Own	Russian Oregon Social Services
Oregon Housing & Community Services	Northeast Emergency Food Program
Oregon Jewish Community Foundation	Oregon Recovery Homes
Portland General Electric	Hopewell Building
St. Luke Lutheran Church	HIV Services
The Greenville Foundation	Northeast Emergency Food Program
The Oregon Community Foundation	Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns
The Susan B. Komen Foundation	Oregon Recovery Homes
Thomas Taylor Foundation	Russian Oregon Social Services
United Methodist Church Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference	Hopewell Building
Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation	EMO Annual Fund
	Parent Mentor Program

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EMO launches plan to expand affordable housing programs

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) has a long history of developing and advocating for affordable housing, both in the Portland metro area and statewide. As part of its commitment to provide basic human needs, EMO is dedicated to the housing requirements of those less fortunate. To this end, EMO successfully launched a plan in 2003 to expand its affordable housing program on a statewide basis by integrating the resources of the Oregon Recovery Homes, Patton Home and Shared Housing.

Oregon Recovery Homes administers a state-funded, interest-free loan fund program to groups like Oxford Houses of Oregon, which is the primary model for the Oregon Recovery Homes program. Patton Home is a drug- and alcohol-free single room occupancy facility for 63 low income residents. Shared Housing provides affordable housing through a referral and matching service.

The plan includes the creation of a resource and action center located at Patton Home to provide recovery-related services to low-income, recovering populations in the community,

including residents and clients of Patton Home, Oregon Recovery Homes/Oxford Houses and Shared Housing.

A Housing/Recovery Services Coordinator will provide both direct services and information and referral. The Coordinator will also assist residents and clients in becoming more aware of community resources through consultation or group meetings. Coordination of resources and some case management will also be provided, as well as making a database of drug and alcohol recovery services and programming in the Portland metro area available to residents and community members.

Two major outcomes for this integrated affordable housing model are a continuum of services and the ability to replicate throughout the state. With a continuum of secure and affordable housing, an individual may enter the continuum in a Recovery Home, progress to the Patton Home and move on to Shared Housing. Eventually, he or she may be able to live successfully and independently in his or her own home or apartment. This integrated model is also



Residents benefit from affordable housing at an Oxford House in Salem, which is drug- and alcohol-free.

replicable as a whole or in part in any city or town in Oregon.

For more information about the Patton Home, call Gary Logsdon at (503) 221-1054; for Oregon Recovery Homes, call Mike Morgester at (503) 307-4811; and for Shared Housing, call Barbara Stone at (503) 225-9924.

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EMO Board of Directors meeting in 1995, including former Executive Director Rev. Rodney Page (second from left) and former Board President Bonnie Groshong (second from right).

Board of Directors was held in January of 1974. Beginning that year, EMO was led by Bill Cate, executive director of the Portland Council of Churches; then leadership transitioned to Richard N. Hughes. In July of 1974, the Rev. Rodney Page became associate director of EMO. Rev. Page had previously served as director of the Center for Urban Education (CUE) and the Portland's downtown area Community Action Program (CAP).

A few milestones during the decade of the 1970s included the formation of the *Institute of Pastoral Ministries*, the *School of Religious Learning*, and *Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees (SOAR)* to help resettle refugees from across the globe.

Many people have told the significant story of Thanksgiving in 1979. Several of the churches of the northeast Portland cluster of EMO sponsored a united service. In his sermon, the Rev. Bertram Griffin, Pastor of St. Andrews Catholic Church, called on the churches to deal with the problems of the elderly, hungry and unemployed in working towards justice and peace. The churches responded by forming *Project Linkage*, matching the needs of the elderly with volunteers from the churches. Additionally, the cluster began the *Job Opportunity Bank* to assist people in finding jobs and to form support groups for

the unemployed.

Just prior to Thanksgiving in 1979, EMO's executive director, Richard N. Hughes, died, leaving Stephen Schneider administrator of CUE and Rev. Page as administrator of EMO and CAP. Rev. Page became executive director of EMO in May 1982 and was later honored as Oregon's Citizen of the Year. Later in 1984, Barbara George was named deputy director of EMO.

During the 1980s, EMO initiatives and new program development included *Shared Housing*, a program to provide affordable housing opportunities through referral and matching services. The *Northeast Emergency Food Program (NEFP)* was started in partnership Albina Ministerial Alliance and the Urban League. During this period, EMO's Board of Directors also established the *Refugee, Immigration and International Ministries*, the *Alcohol and Drug Ministries* (the Alcoholics Rehabilitation Association), *Folk Time* and the *Old Town Clinic*, which was directed by Dr. Neal Rendelman.

Later in the 1980s, country-western singer Willie Nelson sent EMO \$10,000 to assist farmers facing bankruptcy and foreclosure, and EMO established *Common Ground* as a mediatory device of Oregon's farmers. EMO also opened the first freestanding HIV center in the nation. The *HIV Day Center* provided nursing services, nutritious meals, socialization and pastoral counseling to those living with HIV/AIDS.

During the 1990s, EMO grew substantially in size and influence through more program development and advocacy activities. In 1991, EMO took over Hospice House, Inc., which had closed Jan. 1 of that year, due to financial struggles. On Nov. 18, the facility was reopened as *Hopewell House*. The *Letty Owings House* was opened in 1989 to provide substance abuse recovery programs for pregnant women and women with young children.

The EMO Board established the *Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns (INEC)*, the *International Learning Program* (now known as the *Portland International Community School*),

the *Parent Mentor Program* and the *Patton Home*, a historic north Portland house that currently provides an alcohol- and drug-free home to 63 low-income residents.

Also during the 1990s, EMO established the *Russian Oregon Social Services (ROSS)*. In 1997, the Board of Directors appointed David Leslie as executive director of EMO.

For 2000 and beyond, EMO has continued to play a significant role within Oregon to address the needs of the poor by providing direct services and being very active in bringing about social change through advocacy and education.

Emerging from the conflict in the Middle East and the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, the faith community has increasingly gathered to seek better understanding of and establish collaborations among diverse faiths.

Although EMO has historically provided leadership in finding "common ground" among urban and rural constituents, this need is even more relevant today. Some of the new "common ground" initiatives for the decade of 2000 include the establishment of the *Community Food Security Project*, *Oregon Interfaith Roundtable Against Hunger*, *Oregon Faith Leaders' Summit on Climate Stewardship*, *Oregon Interfaith Global Warming Campaign*, *Eco-Justice Marketing Project*, *Celtic Spirituality Workshops*, *Christians for Peace & Justice Advocacy Network*, *Jubilee 2000*, *Interfaith Advocacy Day*, *Oregon Campaign for Economic Justice*, *Oregon Interfaith Power and Light*, *Patton Home Capital Campaign*, *Pathways to Peace Conference* and the *Peace Resource Guide*.

In preparing for EMO's 30th anniversary, David Leslie recently had a chance to visit with James Sitzman, who was a founding member of the EMO Board. Mr. Sitzman stated, "After 30 years, I can't believe the name we chose for this new organization, 'Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon,' is still in use to today. After 30 years, *ecumenism* and *ministries* are still very relevant terms in today's Oregon."

*Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
is service and unity.*

Calendar of Events

February 27

What Is Spiritual Direction? 7 to 9 p.m. at the Interfaith Spiritual Center, 3910 SE 11th Ave. (next to Sacred Heart Parish), Portland. A brief history and introduction to the ancient practice of Spiritual Direction will be followed by questions and answers. No charge. For more information, call (503) 233-2026, ext. 4.

March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

From Violence to Wholeness (workshop series). 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Paulist Center, SE 16th & Division, Portland. Pax Christi Portland and the Franciscan Ministry Network are pleased to announce a five-week Lenten Workshop Series on the Spirituality and Practice of Active Nonviolence. *From Violence to Wholeness* is a study and action program developed by Pace e Bene that explores nonviolence as a creative, powerful and effective process for addressing and resolving the conflicts in our lives and in the world. Drawing on the vision of Jesus, Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., and many others, this program offers resources to deepen the journey this Lenten season from fear to freedom, from despair to hope, from violence to wholeness. For more information, contact Susan Francois at (503) 234-1611 or pdxpax@cs.com. Visit Web site at www.pdxpax.org/paxchristi.

March 4

The Mourning Project Candlelight Ceremony. 7 to 7:30 p.m. at the Japanese-American Memorial Plaza in Waterfront Park, Portland. The purpose of the candlelight ceremony is to honor and grieve for all the dead of war, including all those who died on Sept. 11 and since then in Afghanistan and Iraq. For further information, please call (503) 344-5084 or e-mail info@TheMourningProject.org.

March 12

Faith & Family Night (Portland Trail Blazers vs. Sacramento Kings). At the Rose Garden Arena, Portland. Faith & Family Night participants will receive discounted tickets; free \$3 food vouchers to redeem at concessions; pre-game chat including a Blazers player, special guest speaker from the Harlem Globetrotters, Team Chaplain Al Egg and Blaze the Trail Cat. Groups of 25 or more will also receive their group name on the big screen and post-game shot on the Blazers' court for everyone in the group! The popular Christian *a cappella* group *Rescue* will be performing a post-game concert. Get tickets for as low as \$15. To order tickets, go to www.blazers.com and click on Tickets, Theme Night and enter code: Faith2004, or call J.D. Bigelow at (503) 797-9934.

March 17 to 28

Trip of Perspective to Haiti. (This is not a tourist trip.) One cannot go to places like Haiti without experiencing some of the realities that most of us spend our entire lifetime trying to ignore. This is an opportunity to re-examine our security base, to move out of our comfort zone, to meet some incredible people and possibly to have our lives changed. Sponsored by Journey Into Freedom. For more information, call Dale Stitt at (503) 244-4728 or visit www.journeyintofreedom.org.

March 27

Labyrinth Workshop: Walking toward unity. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, NW 19th and Everett, Portland. Cost is \$50 (includes lunch). Register through the Center for Spiritual Development at (503) 478-1224.

To submit calendar items for the *Voice*, please e-mail mbush@emoregon.org.

Upcoming EMO sponsored events

February 18

EMO Annual Community Celebration and Awards Dinner. 6 p.m. reception, 7 to 9:30 p.m. dinner, at the Benson Hotel, 309 SW Broadway, Portland. Please join us in celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon serving the people of Oregon. For more information, call Bob Baker at (503) 221-1054, or e-mail bbaker@emoregon.org. Download reservation form at www.emoregon.org.

February 28

Community Food Security Workshop. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3737 Liberty Rd. S., Salem. This workshop will explore the connection between food and faith, the ethics and politics of food, the concept of community food security and effective congregational engagement. The workshop will include presenters with expertise in family farming, community gardens, congregational organizing, theology of food and food policy. The cost is \$10. To register, call (503) 221-1054, ext. 278. Download registration brochure at www.emoregon.org.

March 13

Community Food Security Workshop. 9 a.m. to noon at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Upper Social Hall, 501 NW 25th St., Corvallis. See details above.

March 2 & 3

2004 Collins Lectures with Dr. Tony Campolo. Lecture from 7 to 9 p.m. on March 2, and seminar from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on March 3, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1624 NE Hancock, Portland. Dr. Campolo will lecture on "Peace, Patriotism and the Prophetic Voice of the Church." Cost for the lecture is \$10. Dr. Campolo will also facilitate a seminar entitled "Hot Potatoes Christian Are Afraid to Touch," which will cover how pastors and lay leaders can address difficult issues such as war and peace in a congregational setting. Cost for the seminar is \$25. A special package price for both the lecture and the seminar is \$30; students will be admitted for half price. For more information or to register, call (503) 221-1054 or visit www.emoregon.org to download a registration form. The registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 27. You may also pay at the door for the lecture.

May 2

Community Food Security Workshop. 2 to 5 p.m. in Eugene (location to be announced). See details above.

March 27

Grief and Spirituality. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Gregory Parish Hall of the Sacred Heart, 1133 SE Center (between Holgate and Powell), Portland. This one-day workshop will explore the impact grief and spirituality have on each other. This workshop is appropriate for pastoral care workers, chaplains, spiritual directors, mental or physical health care workers and anyone who wants to better understand how grief and spirituality are woven together. Cost is \$45 for early bird registration or \$60 at the door. Pre-registration is requested. Beverages will be provided; bring your own brown bag lunch. To register or for more information, call Gretchen at (503) 233-2026, ext. 6.

April 2 & 3

Second Annual Regional Livability Summit – Regional Equity: Who Benefits? Who Doesn't? Reception on Friday evening and Summit all day Saturday; in Portland area (location to be announced). The keynote speaker will be Manuel Pastor, a national expert on linking regional and community development to improve social conditions facing low-income communities. Coalition for a Livable Future's *Regional Equity Atlas* will be unveiled at this event. Workshops and strategy sessions will focus on improving access to nature, healthful food, quality jobs, affordable housing, transportation choices and other necessities that ensure a high quality of life for ALL our region's residents. Presented by Coalition for a Livable Future (EMO is a member). For more information, call (503) 294-2889 or e-mail info@clfuture.org.

2004 Collins Lectures

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Let Me Tell You a Story.

Dr. Campolo is an ordained minister and has served American Baptist Churches in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He is presently recognized as an associate pastor of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church in West Philadelphia.

Through EAPE, Dr. Campolo has developed and nurtured elementary and secondary schools, universities, adult and child literacy centers, tutoring programs, orphanages, AIDS hospices, urban youth ministries, summer camps and long-term Christian service programs in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Africa, Canada and throughout the United States. For more information about Dr. Campolo, visit www.tonycampolo.com.

For more information about the Collins Lectures or to register for the event, please call (503) 221-1054 or visit EMO's Web site at www.emoregon.org to download a registration form. The registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 27, 2004. You may also pay at the door for the lecture on March 2.

