Our theme for this report, “Building Bridges, Healing Communities,” is grounded in our belief that the earth and all who live on it have inherent, God-given dignity. Everything and everyone belongs. And when there are divisions between us, it is our responsibility to heal relationships and to restore hope.

African American author Dr. Cornel West says, “But you can’t talk about hope without wrestling with despair.” It is important for us to wrestle with despair at this critical point in our history—we can’t get to real hope though naïve optimism. Dr. West describes this struggle, “Hope looks at the evidence and says that it doesn’t look good, but we are committed to going beyond the evidence, to create new possibilities based on dreams that allow people to engage in heroic actions against all odds. That is hope.”

It's up to us, as people of faith and of goodwill, to offer a radically different vision of our future. This vision elevates justice, peace and compassion as our highest values and the wisdom that we will only be able to survive and thrive if we join our hands and our hearts to face the great challenges of our day. We cannot escape the fact that we are connected and that is the greatest beauty of this thing we call community.

How do we build bridges and heal communities? By countering hate and fear with compassion and courage, and by answering the voices that say it’s too hard with a will and determination to persist. By coming alongside one another with openness and humility as we listen, share our stories, heartaches, and our dreams.

I’m asking you to choose hope. As long as there are people who bravely engage in the necessary struggle to overcome despair with an unwavering commitment to love, there is always hope.

Thank you for being the very people we have all been waiting for. We can do this—together.

With gratitude,

Jan Musgrove Elfers
President
And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon’s public witness and advocacy work is building bridges by providing a consistent faith presence at the Oregon Legislature. Through these efforts, we heal communities by advocating for the marginalized, poor and voiceless. We also train and empower congregations and people of faith to participate in this important aspect of our ministry.

**Public Policy Advocacy**

- During the **2018 Legislative Short Session**, EMO’s advocacy efforts included testifying at public hearings, meeting 29 times with legislators or their staff, and coordinating 19 legislative visits by EMO supporters about the Clean Energy Jobs bill. EMO also advocated for successful passage of a gun safety bill (HB4145), closing the boyfriend loophole, as well as tuition equity for students who are undocumented (SB1563).

- For the 2018 general election, EMO’s **Voters’ Guide to Oregon Ballot Measures** reached nearly 7,000 households and places of worship throughout Oregon.

- **Communities of Support & Accountability** presented “Hearing the Cries for Justice” with our partners in the Episcopal Dioceses of Oregon to help people of faith effectively serve and advocate with persons impacted by the criminal justice system. The convocation, held in January at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, was attended by 300 people.
Refugees & Immigration

We offer comprehensive and compassionate services to thousands of refugees and immigrants in the Portland metro area.

- Last year, Russian Oregon Social Services (ROSS) served 838 individuals, including 62 women and their children who escaped dangerous or abusive homes.

- In 2018, Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees (SOAR) resettled and welcomed into our community 104 refugees and nine asylum-seekers; countries of origin include the former Soviet Union, Cuba, Burma, Bhutan, Congo, Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, Pakistan, and Venezuela.

- Last year, SOAR Immigration Legal Services provided low-cost immigration representation and education services to 2,748 immigrants and refugees. We expanded our services, opening an office in Hillsboro and starting a Removal Defense Program, allowing us to represent individuals in deportation proceedings before the immigration court.

Show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:1-2

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is healing communities through our direct services for people in need. Our diverse programs are many and they are transformative. We provide nutritious meals, affordable housing, social support, and integrated refugee and immigration services.
For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in. Matthew 25:35

Nutrition & Social Services

Serving communities in crisis and people in need is central to EMO’s basic human needs programs.

- In 2018, EMO’s Food Services prepared 23,918 nutritious, home-style meals for 3,178 people in need, including residents of the Patton Home and clients of our HIV Services programs (HIV Day Center and Daily Bread Express) and Aging, Disability and Veterans Services Division.

- Last year, our HIV Day Center welcomed 289 individuals living with HIV/AIDS into a supportive community offering basic resources and countering social isolation.

- Northeast Emergency Food Program received 372,142 pounds of donated food last year from individuals, congregations and businesses (including Trader Joe’s, Whole Foods and New Seasons Market); distributed 160 holiday boxes to Sacajawea Head Start families.

During 2018, the Northeast Emergency Food Program, located in the Cully Neighborhood, fed 9,740 people nutritious food including fresh produce.
Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. *Isaiah 1:17*

**Affordable Housing**

EMO has a long history of developing and advocating for affordable housing and is dedicated to filling the housing needs of the most vulnerable.

- In 2018, **Metro HomeShare** placed 16 home seekers with home sharers, fighting the challenge of housing instability through the power of individual hospitality.

- **The Patton Home**—a 131-year old single-room occupancy residence—provided affordable housing for 63 individuals who were in recovery from substance abuse, transitioning from homelessness, or striving to maintain their personal independence.

- Last year **Second Home**—a community response to the housing needs of unaccompanied, homeless youth while they attend high school—facilitated housing arrangements for 20 students with volunteer host families. Each of these students either graduated or progressed to the next grade.

Last summer, Second Home student Louis celebrated his high school graduation with his home providers, Ruthann and David. All participating students in the Second Home program either graduated or progressed to the next grade, for a 100 percent success rate!
The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out. Proverbs 18:15

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon’s interfaith education and theological dialogue programs are building bridges by inspiring congregations and individuals to deepen their own commitments and better understand their neighbors. Each year, we create workshops, discussions, lectures, presentations, celebrations and prayer vigils to celebrate Christian unity, foster interfaith relations, and explore ethical and moral issues. Our annual Collins Summit provides a forum for clergy and laity to explore contemporary issues related to religion and social ethics.

EMO convened the Common Table Retreat last fall at the Oregon coast with 30 faith leaders from across the state, who put aside their political and ideological differences to rediscover what they have in common.

Education & Dialogue

- The 2018 Collins Summit, “Human Migration: Claiming roots in an uprooted world,” explored the causes, challenges and opportunities of human migration in an increasingly global society. The event included an afternoon seminar with a plenary and workshop sessions, followed by an evening lecture by The Rev. Dr. David Vásquez-Levy, president of the Pacific School of Religion, and Ellen Rosenblum, Oregon attorney general.

- Throughout the year, EMO organized other events including the Faith Forum & Resource Fair on Affordable Housing and the presentation, “Religion as a Force for Good in a Multicultural, Multi-faith World,” hosted by EMO’s Presidents’ Circle.
The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Psalm 24:1

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon fosters an awareness that care for creation is integral to a life of faith. Our Creation Justice programs build bridges and heal communities by empowering congregations to improve their practices of environmental stewardship and environmental and ecological justice. We accomplish this through education, building relationships and advocacy.

Creation Justice

- Last year Oregon Interfaith Power & Light (OIPL), in partnership with Renew Oregon, acted as the lead faith organization to advocate for the Clean Energy Jobs bill during the Legislative Short Session. In that effort, we held 33 events with our partners in 20 unique faith communities, resulting in 400 individuals who declared their support of clean energy jobs and 13 faith communities who pledged to activate their congregations around climate advocacy.

- Last year, EMO released the film, Our Voice, Our World, Our Future, in partnership with Wagging Tale Productions and Rosemary Anderson High School. The film features four high school seniors, as they examine climate change through the lens of local public opinion, pollution, health, economy, community impact, and homelessness.

- Creation Justice staff traveled to Washington, DC, to attend the annual Interfaith Power & Light Conference and meet with staff from Oregon’s congressional delegation to discuss climate-related legislation.

Students from Rosemary Anderson High School participated in a rally for climate justice in Salem. Four of the students were featured in the film, Our Voice, Our World, Our Future, exploring the impacts of climate change on low-income communities in Portland, Ore.
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- Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Portland
- Bethel Congregational United Church of Christ, Beaverton
- Bridge City Friends Meeting (Quakers), Portland
- Bridgeport United Church of Christ, Portland
- Calvin Presbyterian Church, Tigard
- Celebration Tabernacle, Portland
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