



ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES — OF OREGON —

The 2023 Ecumenist of the Year, The Rev. Linda Jaramillo,

is being honored for her leadership and commitment to fostering justice, equity and compassion. Grounded in the belief that we are each responsible for sharing wisdom and stories across generations, Linda cherishes engagement with interfaith, inter-cultural, and multilingual communities.

Over more than 45 years of engagement with religious, nonprofit, and government programs, Linda has applied these values both locally and globally. She served for 10 years as Executive Minister of Justice and Witness Ministries in the national headquarters of the United Church of Christ (UCC), overseeing the church's work on human rights and racial, environmental, economic, and gender justice in the United States and around the world.



Prior to her ordination in 2005, Linda was an active layperson with 25 years of experience in various capacities with the UCC, including the Coordinating Center for Women, Commission for Racial Justice, National President of the Council for Hispanic Ministries, Co-convener of the Council of Racial and Ethnic Ministries, and a UCC delegate to the World Council of Churches Assembly in Zimbabwe.

In working collectively for a peaceful, non-violent future, Linda is particularly motivated by hope for a more loving and caring social culture. She continues to dedicate her ministry to interfaith collaborations including the Center for Ministry in the West and Lift Every Voice Oregon, a grassroots interfaith coalition committed to reducing gun violence. She has also journeyed with the Muslim Educational Trust, Seventh Day Adventists, Portland Spirit Led Justice Alliance, and served as President of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Board of Directors.

Linda is a member of Ainsworth United Church of Christ (UCC) in Portland, Oregon. She received an M.Div. degree from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif. She is the proud mother of two and grandmother of five beautiful and brilliant grandchildren!