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“Love ought to show itself in deeds more than in words.” – St. Ignatius of Loyola

Dear Readers,

Love transcends languages, cultures and denominational structures. When we come together, united by the love we each have within us, we truly are an unstoppable power for good. Reflecting on my time at EMO this year, there is no doubt of how proud I am of the work being done to feed the hungry, shelter and educate unaccompanied houseless youth, advocate for climate resiliency, resettle refugees, counsel migrants, and care for those living with HIV. This is love. This is what matters.



Both my parents came as immigrants to the United States—my mother from Peru and my father from Thailand. They came in search for of a new life free from the violence and corruption they witnessed in their respective countries. Now, we are seeing more immigrants fleeing the effects of climate change, which is exacerbating all the causes of displacement we have seen in the past. We've even experienced this here in our state, when forest fires have driven Oregonians from their homes.

Like other immigrants, my parents sacrificed so much to make Oregon home. With little support in their new state, I saw how they still offered a helping hand to those in need of assistance. Their studies and hard work—at times both working two jobs each—afforded me the opportunity to pursue my education and paved the path for me to dedicate my life to public service. My parents' life experiences and commitment to helping others inspired me to devote much of my professional career to fostering policies and practices that capture the benefits of migration.

Immigration, more than anything else, is what has made the United States we know today. So many parts of our lives have been enriched by immigration—from innovations in technology to art, culture and cuisines. For many of us, our families came from elsewhere—either recently or in the distant past. When you read this VOICE's highlighted story about SOAR Immigration Legal Service's work to help people get U.S. citizenship, I ask that you reflect on how your own family came to live in Oregon. I hope this reflection will help us consider how we should welcome the newest Oregonians, whether refugees from Afghanistan or Ukraine or those coming from Central America, Africa and other parts of the world.

Thank you for supporting EMO in all we do!

This is love in action,

Frank So
Executive Director

IMMIGRATION

My Path to Citizenship

BY ELENA RICARDO GOMAR



Elena Ricardo Gomar (center) was joined by her colleagues from SOAR Immigration Legal Services at her naturalization ceremony in May 2023.

Elena Ricardo Gomar is a DOJ Accredited Representative and Cuban Project Coordinator for EMO's SOAR Immigration Legal Services.

With a broken heart but a suitcase full of dreams and opportunities, I decided to immigrate to the United States in 2016.

The thought of leaving Cuba and starting a new life in a new country without the love and support of my parents and sister was, without a doubt, a painful obstacle. Still, the idea of a better future for me and my family continues to be my motivation.

Adaptation to a new life in the United States was difficult—hours without sleep, uncontrollable tears, no friends, a new language to learn, new foods, a different legal system—a common experience for those who immigrate and leave everything behind.

After arriving in Oregon, I remember coming to Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's SOAR Immigration Legal Services (SOAR Legal) to seek help with my legal paperwork. At SOAR Legal, I found support in obtaining my work permit and residency. They also connected me to Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO), where I learned how to seek employment in the United States.

In 2018, God gave me the happiness and joy of being a mother. At the time, I was also studying English at Portland Community College while working as a tax preparer.

Not long after, I was blessed again when I was hired at SOAR Legal as a Legal Assistant. A year later, I was promoted to Asylum Specialist, and this year I was promoted to Cuban Project Coordinator. I have completed various immigration legal trainings and

recently became a Department of Justice Accredited Representative, allowing me to practice immigration law.

Assisting people from the immigrant community at SOAR Legal is satisfying work. Meeting with clients who are desperately seeking help reminds me of my first days in this country. I always try to help them with compassion and empathy, because I know firsthand what they are experiencing.

At the beginning of 2023, I faced a new challenge: to become a U.S. citizen. I was very nervous about taking this step. To qualify for U.S. citizenship, immigrants must meet legal criteria; be able to read, write and speak English; and pass an American civics and history test with 100 possible questions.

Once again, I turned to the SOAR Legal team for assistance, who helped me apply for naturalization and provided me with resources to study for the citizenship test. (*Learn more about SOAR Legal's New Americans Initiative in the box on the right.*)

On my interview day, it was nerve-racking to know that my future would be defined during a mere seven-minute interview. But the interview went well, I passed the test and fulfilled my dream of becoming an American citizen.

Since leaving Cuba, I have had the freedom to travel to other countries. During these trips, I watch the happiness and joy in my little one's eyes in seeing incredible things! In moments like this, I realize that even though immigrating was hard, it was the best decision I ever made. ■

NEW AMERICANS INITIATIVE

The New Americans Initiative is SOAR Immigration Legal Service's comprehensive citizenship and naturalization program. It provides legal services and citizenship instruction to support immigrants in becoming U.S. citizens. Since the program began in 2010, SOAR Legal has helped more than 4,000 individuals become U.S. citizens.

As part of the New Americans Initiative, SOAR Legal holds Citizenship Day clinics. Our staff works with a team of volunteer attorneys, legal assistants, law students and interpreters to assist at least 50 immigrants apply for U.S. citizenship at each one-day event. SOAR Legal has held more than 30 Citizenship Day clinics since 2010.

SOAR Legal also holds at least four Citizenship Class sessions each quarter with both in-person and online options. Classes are taught by our team of dedicated volunteer English as a second language (ESL) instructors and led by SOAR Legal's education team. We also provide free citizenship consultations on the first Monday of each month.

To learn more about SOAR Immigration Legal Services and the New Americans Initiative, visit soarlegal.org or call (503) 384-2482.

Building Tools for Affordable Housing on Congregation Land



Portsmouth Union Church (right) built 20 units of permanent supportive housing units for veterans (left) on their plot of land. The housing units are scheduled to open this fall.

BY THE REV. JULIA NIELSEN

Rev. Julia Nielsen (she/her), a United Methodist deacon, is the Executive Organizer and one of the founders of the Leaven Community Land & Housing Coalition.

When University Park United Methodist—now Portsmouth Union Church—first began dreaming of building affordable housing on our plot of land in north Portland in early 2015, we thought, “We’re in a housing emergency, so clearly this is going to be easy.” Eight years later, 20 units of permanent supportive housing units for veterans is scheduled to open this fall. In the intervening years, there were many things our small congregation wasn’t prepared for.

First, we learned that building affordable housing wasn’t in the

conditional use allowance for religious communities’ ministries on their land, and that we’d need to be a part of a movement to first change Portland’s zoning code and then Oregon state law to make it so.

Many other congregations (Christian, Sikh, Jewish and others) saw the same holy vision—some of whom had tried and been prevented from building housing on their land. Together, we have created a powerful collective of over 50 faith communities across the state organizing toward that horizon called the Leaven Community Land & Housing Coalition (learn more

“**Faith communities are some of the largest landholders in Oregon. Second only to the state of Oregon, faith communities steward and own the most combined land assets of any entity in Oregon.**”

at leaven.org/land-housing-organizing).

Faith communities are some of the largest landholders in Oregon. Second only to the state of Oregon, faith communities steward and own the most combined land assets of any entity in Oregon. We are land- and relationship-rich, and affordable housing developers often reflect that we are easy to work with because we are patient, mission-driven, and deeply connected to our neighborhoods.

Our congregation also learned that our own motivation—housing our houseless neighbors—would alienate our housed neighbors. This led us to develop a new process for countering NIMBYism (not in my backyard) attitudes, so that we’d turn *toward* one another and not *against* one another. This effort is some of the most important work that is often neglected in affordable housing, and it’s something we as people of faith—who are diverse theologically, politically and economically—may be uniquely suited to lead.

Increasingly, Oregon’s housing crisis is disrupting the fabric of communities and even our congregations. Many of our congregations are experiencing these

realities personally, as our own members are displaced or priced out of their homes, some into houselessness.

The mission of the Land & Housing Coalition is for all Oregonians to come home. We believe that faith communities in Oregon can solve the housing crisis, if we find the will to do it together.

To date, we have supported over 50 congregations; cultivated a network of over 500 neighbors, clergy, and congregants who are organizing people, land, and money for housing justice and community wholeness; accompanied two congregations to complete housing projects on their land; and accompanying eight more congregations slated to break ground on their own developments over the next several years.

But we will need even more of us to commit to this courageous vision: congregations with land, congregations with a commitment to the ministry of housing for all, congregations in relationship with members and beloveds impacted by the housing crisis. We began in isolation, but we’ll inspire and transform our communities—and the lives of our neighbors—together. ■

EMO-LEAVEN COLLABORATION

A coalition comprised of EMO, Leaven Land & Housing Coalition, Here Together, faith leaders, affordable housing developers and housing advocates are working to secure state and local funding to enable places of worship and nonprofits to build affordable housing on their property.

A lack of funding for pre-development costs—land surveys, engineering, zoning compliance, architectural work, etc.—and insufficient engagement with neighbors can prevent land- and community-rich nonprofits from launching needed housing projects.

DID YOU KNOW?

- To afford a two-bedroom apartment in Oregon, a minimum-wage worker must work 80 or more hours per week.
- Oregon ranks 47th (third worst) in the nation for houselessness, with 42 out of every 10,000 people experiencing homelessness. That represents a 23 percent increase (approximately 3,300 people)—the fourth largest increase nationally during the pandemic.
- In 2022, 62 percent of houseless individuals were physically without shelter. Others are living in cars, sleeping on couches, or getting by in whatever way they can—often accessing support services provided by faith communities.

Statistics taken from a 2022 Housing and Urban Development report.

A CONVERSATION WE NEED TO HAVE

CONFRONTING THE TOPIC OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN FAITH COMMUNITIES

BY ALEXANDRA OBMANETS



Domestic violence exists in every racial, national, economic and socio-cultural group, including faith communities that often tend to be more conservative and reserved on such issues. This makes outreach in the faith community particularly valuable.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Slavic Oregon Social Services (SOSS) hosted a significant event on May 30 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in northeast Portland for the Slavic community of Oregon. It was the first-ever conference dedicated to the issue of domestic violence in the Christian Russian- and Ukrainian-speaking immigrant community.

The conference gathered several faith leaders and active members of Slavic churches in Oregon, as well as members of community organizations such as Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO), Lutheran Community Services NW and the Slavic Advisory Council.

Several non-immigrant, faith-based organizations also supported the gathering, including the Living Waters of Hope (an organization offering support from a Christ-centered perspective for women affected by domestic abuse) and Kairos Church Planting (a network of church leaders planting new churches and ministries across the United States).

The Portland Police Bureau was one of the principal partners of the event, with Assistant Chief Jeff Bell in attendance and Community Engagement Officer Natasha Haunsperger speaking to conference attendees.

"Unfortunately, very often we are called to a situation which has already erupted," Officer Haunsperger said. "What I appreciate about tonight—and I know it takes more than one event—is to start to get to know one another, so we can build trust and comfort to continue this conversation ... and the

Police Chief's office could be more involved in the conversation about prevention."

Other speakers included Child Protective Services Specialist Irina Krutova, EMO/SOSS Housing Supervisor Isabella Olia Yarmolich, and Kairos Church Planting Executive Director Dr. Ron Clark.

In the past 20 years, the growing Slavic religious communities in the United States have seen tragic and brutal cases of domestic violence that, unfortunately, were often either ignored—sometimes unintentionally—or neglected by clergy who didn't have the resources or knowledge to deal with the issue.

Some Christian pastors struggle between the intent to keep families together versus addressing domestic violence in their congregation.

"Most of our ministers have no understanding of how to help a person experiencing abuse," said Clark, who is also a pastor. "When women take out a restraining order, their pastor often tells them to go down to the police station and say, 'I lied. My husband was not abusive. Drop the restraining order.'"

Clark continues, "In these situations, I ask clergy, 'What would God say about that?' When you tell your church member to lie—because you are embarrassed that the police know, rather than saying, 'We are sorry that you had to go to the police, but we are glad that we are going to help you'—what happens is that many women end up going back to their [abusive] husbands."

With the Slavic-speaking faith community in mind, SOSS aims to build bridges between organizations and services that support both survivors of domestic violence as well as clergy and lay staff.

Legal and other aspects of domestic abuse can be complicated and even controversial, which is why having allies

in the community is crucial for pastors who are willing to provide assistance. Our goal is that the number of pastors willing to support survivors of domestic violence will grow, because the well-being of the Slavic community largely depends on pastors' engagement.

The conference presentations on domestic violence have been compiled into a video and distributed within the Slavic-speaking community. You may watch the presentations at youtu.be/TM77wucO4Z8. For more information, contact SOSS at (503) 777-3437 or soos@emoregon.org, or visit emo-soss.org.

Alexandra Obmanets is an Outreach Coordinator for EMO's Slavic Oregon Social Services

DID YOU KNOW IN THE U.S. ...

On a typical day, there are more than 20,000 phone calls placed to domestic violence hot lines.

Nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million people.



Women are disproportionately affected by domestic and sexual violence: nearly 3 in 10 women and 1 in 10 men have experienced rape, physical violence and/or stalking by a partner.

ENVIRONMENT

CREATING SHELTER IN OREGON'S CHANGING CLIMATE

BY TAYLOR SILVEY

“In every large disaster response that I’ve worked on, the faith community was instrumental and powerful when it came to working with vulnerable communities to connect and make sure people are getting services.”

Priscilla Fuentes,
American Red Cross

Taylor Silvey is the Program Manager of EMO’s HIV Services.

She is expanding her work to include Creation Justice with an emphasis on disaster preparedness for faith organizations.

Our Oregon summers are getting hotter as our climate is changing. I recently drove to Pendleton with a few staff members of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) to attend a climate vigil hosted by local members of the faith community. The goal of the vigil was to bring together people who are concerned about climate change to learn and act.

Our changing climate has produced natural disasters, such as flooding in Vermont and devastating fires in Maui this summer. Oregonians have also experienced wildfires that have impacted our state and displaced many people.

While we can each do our part to change the ways we treat our planet, we also need to be prepared for natural disasters when they occur.

During times of crisis, many people will turn to faith organizations for resources and comfort. How can our faith communities be more involved in disaster preparedness? EMO is strengthening

our efforts to address this question.

I recently spoke to Priscilla Fuentes, Chief Executive Officer for the American Red Cross Cascade Region, about the faith community’s role in disaster preparedness.

“People want to receive information and resources from places they already trust and feel safe, so faith communities can be of service to their communities during a disaster,” shared Fuentes.

“In every large disaster response that I’ve worked on, the faith community was instrumental and powerful when it came to working with vulnerable communities to connect and make sure people are getting services.”

During the 2020 wildfires in Jackson County in southern Oregon, the American Red Cross partnered with Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Medford. Many families in the congregation were impacted by the fires. Sacred Heart held an event for Immediate Assistance Resources through the American Red Cross. Over 400 families attended the church’s

Immediate Assistance site, which was more than twice the attendance for other similar events.

Being trained and prepared to respond in an emergency is crucial. “Often in a disaster, people will sink to their lowest level of training,” said Fuentes. “So, if you continue to build on your training and prepare for a disaster, then you will have the basic tools necessary and can think, ‘What do I do next?’”

The American Red Cross and EMO have built a partnership to support faith communities already providing disaster preparedness resources to their communities, as well provide training opportunities to faith communities who want to be more involved in disaster preparedness. *See the box on the right to learn more.*

For further information about the American Red Cross, visit redcross.org. For further information for faith communities that would like to be involved in disaster preparedness, email tsilvey@emoregon.org.

HOW FAITH COMMUNITIES CAN BE INVOLVED IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

- 1 Make sure your faith community has access to preparedness information. The American Red Cross provides trainings for preparedness (visit redcross.org).
- 2 Allow the American Red Cross to use your faith community’s facilities to shelter people. This could be as simple as offering a recreation room or other larger space to be a safe place for evacuees. Some basic requirements for a shelter include restrooms, showers and kitchen facilities; however, these requirements are broad, and the American Red Cross can work with faith organizations to see how the space can be utilized.
- 3 Train individuals within your faith community as shelter workers and members of a care team that runs the shelter.
- 4 Get involved with local Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). VOADs are an association of organizations that lead response efforts, communicate urgent needs to the wider National VOAD network, and help communities affected by disaster. Learn more about the Oregon VOAD, including how to become a member, at orvoad.org.

Photo: Aerial view of the devastation from the wildfires in southern Oregon in 2020.

Day Center offers respite for people living with HIV

BY JORDAN BOWEN

“When [participants] are not at the Day Center, they tell me they don’t feel seen. When they’re here, they feel like they’re part of society. They don’t feel invisible.”

— Chautauqua Cabine, Assistant Program Manager



Long-Term Survivors Coordinator Julie Galstad (center) and Food Program Coordinator Johnny Lamb (right) prepare and serve breakfast to Day Center participants with help from a volunteer. Photo by Jordan Bowen

On an unseasonably cold morning, a well-tailored man entered the basement of Ainsworth United Church of Christ in northeast Portland. He asks to be called Jon and is one of dozens of participants of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon’s Day Center.

The drop-in shelter has served people living with HIV since 1990, and it is the country’s oldest standalone, community-based center of its kind.

When the Day Center is open, Jon drops in between errands around the city. Unlike many center participants,

Jon has secured affordable housing. The stability allows him to advocate for others and to be involved in the community.

Jon takes the bus from downtown Portland to the Day Center, located in the Concordia neighborhood, multiple times a week. “I make friends here,” he says. “I do like it here. I enjoy the place. My friends come here. And the food is decent.”

The Day Center serves as a kind of post office, dining hall, laundromat, pop-up health clinic and social club. Surrounded by the quiet, tree-lined streets of Concordia, it is a refuge from Portland’s bleaker scenes.

The walls are lined with comfortable chairs where some participants can take a much-needed nap after a hard night on the street. One morning, waves of laughter could be heard through the basement as the movie “Death Becomes Her” played on a screen.

I first met Jon through my internship at Portland State University’s Master of Social Work program. He has a quick wit, is far more fastidious about his clothing than I am, and often gives me nutrition advice.

Many at the center need more help than Jon does to navigate life with HIV.



Activities and Events Coordinator Connor Feliu with an EMO Day Center member’s dog in the basement of the Ainsworth United Church of Christ. Photo by Jordan Bowen.

Staff, interns and local volunteers serve meals, coordinate laundry and showers, show movies and sometimes go on outings to art museums. We help people get IDs, groceries, a bus pass or connect them with housing services like the Cascade AIDS Project.

This spring, I sat in on a support group for long-term survivors who wrestle with the weight of surviving the AIDS era and aging with the virus. Assistant Program Manager Chautauqua Cabine, who grew up in northeast Portland and went to Concordia University, lost a cousin to AIDS more than 20 years ago. Her job goes far beyond paperwork and case management. People sit by her desk in her small, shared office, sometimes only to talk and be comforted.

“Everybody has different needs,” Cabine says. “It’s kind of like a friendship. There’s trust.”

The center helps bolster participants’ self-worth, she says. “When they’re not at the Day Center, they tell me they don’t feel seen. When they’re here, they feel like they’re part of society. They don’t feel invisible.” ■

A version of this article originally appeared in the May 2023 issue of Concordia News.

RISING COSTS = GREAT NEEDS

The Day Center largely depends on federal grants to operate, but Program Manager Taylor Silvey says inflation has outpaced funding, especially when it comes to the cost of food. The Day Center must stretch its limited resources to meet needs and has had to lay off staff and limit the Day Center’s hours of operation.

“HIV is still prevalent in our community, and unfortunately there’s still stigma associated with it,” says Silvey.

Meanwhile, more Portlanders with HIV need help with finding food, work and shelter. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) and low-income people are significantly more likely to be diagnosed with HIV, and many who come to the Day Center have lost jobs or housing since COVID-19.

The EMO Day Center is always grateful for volunteers and donations of food and clothing.

Please visit HIVDayCenter.org or email hivcenter@emoregon.org to help your neighbors who are living with HIV.

Q&A

with EMO supporter Katherine Lam



Katherine Lam, CEO and Co-owner of Bambuza Hospitality Group

I recently sat down with Katherine Lam, CEO and Co-owner of Bambuza Hospitality Group and a member of Lake Grove Presbyterian Church. We talked about her roots in Vietnam, her values, faith and why she supports Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO).

Q: First, tell me a little about yourself.

A: I was born in Bien Hoa, Vietnam. My family came to Oregon when I was 13. I graduated from David Douglas High School, earned a degree in international business with a minor in Chinese studies from Pacific Lutheran University and my MBA at Marylhurst University. I married my husband [Oregon Representative Daniel Nguyen, House District 38] in 2004. Our daughters were born in 2007 and 2011.

Q: What is the secret to your success?

A: Mutual trust and authentic leadership. I often ask: how can we do this together? I try to use an empathy lens to solve problems. I believe everyone wakes up wanting to do their best each day, but sometimes challenges keep us from doing our best. My personal values are the same values our business is built around: integrity, stewardship, community.

Kristi Baack is Director of Development for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

BY KRISTI BAACK

Q: Why is faith important to you?

A: Faith gives me something to hold on to, gives me hope and peace. I need hope to get through the dark days. If I'm facing a big decision, I will process it and pray on it, then I'll ask myself: do I have peace? Faith is a journey. In these divisive times, I hope people will hold on to and return to faith. All faiths teach doing the right thing.

Q: Why support EMO?

A: My husband, Daniel, and I believe in supporting organizations that align with our values, and we believe in helping the vulnerable. We are impressed with the work EMO is doing—working with refugees, housing homeless teens, feeding people—and with [EMO Executive Director] Frank So's leadership.

When I look at organizations, I also look at their leadership. Frank is passionate. I admire and respect his decision to guide this organization. I want to support leaders who are supporting from the heart. The passion of leadership is reflected in the quality of work. Frank shared an invitation to honor the good work EMO is doing, and we accepted!

Bambuza Hospitality Group, which has a portfolio of 16 restaurants and retail locations, was a Gold Sponsor of EMO's Love in Action Gala in September. ■

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in honor of the Agimi Family
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Jouris Family Foundation	Second Home		
Lincoln County	Second Home		
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