



Metro / Religion

EMO's new board members and officers reflect statewide and faith diversity

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Reflecting its statewide outreach, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) board members and officers installed on February 24 come to their positions from Tillamook, McMinnville, Bend and Portland. In addition each of the members represents a different Christian denomination: Greek Orthodox, Catholic, Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Quaker. "What's important," said Lori Brocker, Esq., who assumed the role of president of EMO board of directors last month, "is that we all share a commitment to the concept of the community and believe that we can be more and do more together than we can do alone." Brocker is general counsel and director of governmental affairs for Oregon Newspaper, Inc. She has served on

the EMO board of directors since 1993 and on numerous EMO committees. She is a former Lutheran pastor and prior to her work at Oregon Newspapers, worked as an attorney at Davis Wright Triaminc in Portland. Brocker replaces Charles Jordan, Director of Portland Parks and Recreation, as president. EMO's new president-elect is Virginia Robertson, interim executive presbyter of the Presbytery of the North Cascades. Prior to becoming interim presbyter, Robertson served as executive of North Central Iowa. Robertson served on EMO committees dealing with Jewish and Christian relations. Currently she is an elder and member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Portland. Installed as secretary of the board, Father James Retelas has been an active member of EMO's board and Denominational Leaders Forum for

over a year. During the past five years, he has served as senior priest at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. A former forester with the U.S. Forest services, Retelas received his Master of Divinity from Holy Cross Orthodox School of Theology on Brookline, Massachusetts and was ordained by Archbishop Iakovos in 1987. Assuming the role of treasurer is Robert Morris Smith of the Willamette Quarterly Meeting (Quaker Society of Friend). Smith is an active participant in EMO's Denominational Leaders Forum and serves on several EMO committees. He has worked as an accountant and served as treasurer for numerous non-profit social justice organizations. Four new board members were also installed in February. The Rev. Martin Jones, who also becomes the chair of EMO's Public Policy Committee, is Director of Network Resource Ministers in four local churches before beginning his work at the conference center in 1982. The Rev. Bill Ellis, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Bend, is currently the ecumenical officers for the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon and an active member of Interfaith Ministries of Central Oregon.

Father John Henderson, Minister of Scared heart Parish in Tillamook, is currently working on the formation of the Tillamook Ecumenical Community. He is a member of the Tillamook Ministerial Association and is active in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The Rev. Kent Harrop, minister of First Baptist Church in McMinnville, has been involved in numerous local and World peacemaking and justice activities, including the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. He participates in several social service and ecumenical organizations in McMinnville.

EMO is an association of 15 Christian denominations including Protestant, Orthodox and Roman Catholic religious bodies that work together to respond as a people of faith to the needs of Oregonians. For more information, call Teri Ruch at 221-1054.

Tri-city 4. Com debuts at #2

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EMI Gospel artist, Tri-City Singers, meets with significant critical and consumer acclaim in first week of sales. EMI Gospel is celebrating the enormous success of their newest release Donald Lawrence presents and Tri-City Singers tri-city 4.com. In its first official week of album sales, the critically acclaimed project debuted at #2 on Billboard's Top Gospel Album sales chart with a Soundscan tally of more than 6600 units. That number also earned the album a #13 spot on Billboard's Heatseekers Album Chart, one of Billboard's few charts that measures sales across music genres. The chart success of Tri-city4.com culminates a week of milestone activity surrounding the retail release of project that both the award-winning group's EMI Gospel debut and their first new album in nearly five years. February 29th, the retail release date of the album, also marked the beginning of multi-city promotional tour, spanning 3600 miles from February 29th - March 4. In a joint effort between EMI Gospel, EMI Music Distribution and Chordant Distribution, the Tri-City Singers and Donald Lawrence—the album's producer and group visionary—appeared in retail locations in 6 major markets (Greensboro, NC, Atlanta, GA, Cleveland, OH, Washington, DC, Philadelphia, PA and New York City). In keeping with the new technology theme of the 13-song album, EMI Gospel selected Liquid Audio, Inc. to offer a free promotional download of the album's first single, "Never Seen the Righteous" for 30 days, beginning February 15. That partnership marked a first for an Urban Gospel Label, and resulted in the availability of the promotional download on more than 500 web sites, as several online retail site [musicland.com, samgoody.com, mediaplay.com, oncue.com, National Record Mart.

(mrmusic.com), virginmega.com and mybytes.com) and lifestyle media web sites (gospelflava.com, gospelcity.com, g-a-n-g.com and crosswalk.com). Tri-city4.com has already garnered significant media attention. A spotlighted review in the 2/5/00 issue of Billboard magazine praised the project's lead single: "The hyper hooky, Never Seen the Righteous" puts a jazzy, rollicking rhythm section underneath 'jammin', jump-for-joy horns' unrivaled since 70s-heyday 'Earth, Wind & Fire.' The project, and unique Internet component were the sole focus of Lisa Collins "In the Spirit" column in the 3/11/00 issue of Billboard, and earned front page status in the 2/28/00 issue of CCM Update, the leading trade weekly in the Christian music marketplace. Tri-city4.com has drawn enormous airplay radio. Driven by the single "Never Seen the Righteous", the project has gained more than 3.2 million listener impressions in the past six weeks, according to broadcast Data Systems (BDS). The newest division of the EMI Christian Music Group, EMI Gospel began operations in April 1998 with the primary vision of signing and establishing new and developing artists in Urban Gospel marketplace. The Tri-City Singers Became EMI Gospel's first established artist signing this past October. Brentwood Tennessee-based EMI Christian Music Group, a member of The EMI Group, is the world's largest Christian music company, operating the EMI Gospel, Sparrow, Star Song and Forefront labels in addition to EMI Christian Music Publishing and Chordant Distribution Group.

Obituaries

In loving memory of

Philip Wallace Lavoy

Sunrise
January 16, 1935

Sunset
March 16, 2000

Funeral March 21, 2000 Will be at River View Cemetery 1:00 PM

Funeral Home Little Chapel of the Chimes. Survivors: include Companion, Shella Finkel of Portland, Oregon, Sister Evelyn Robertson of Carmel Valley, California

In loving memory of

Andrea "Ray" Keller

Sunrise
May 7, 1957

Sunset
March 13, 2000

Memorial Service will be at 2:00 PM, Saturday, March 18 at his Mother, Arlene Aaron's home in Portland. He had worked as a laborer in various businesses. He had attended Boise Elementary School and Washington High School. A life long Portland resident. Survivor include: Mother Arlene Aaron, Father Jimmie Keller, Sisters Sandra, Beverly, Sherrie, Tony, & Elizabeth, Bothers John, Bean, Marlon, Stanley, Bruce, Marcus, John Brown, Kenny & Tiny. Uncles John Keller and Wilbert Walker, Daughter Latonya Keller.

In loving memory of

Ben Ware

Sunrise
March 12, 1913

Sunset
March 17, 2000

Ben Ware was born in Locust Bayou on March 12, 1913. Ben lived in the Portland area for 56 years and served as retired chairman of the deacon of his church, Mt. Sinai Baptist. He is also a retired supervisor of a company that handles the sandblasting of boxcars. Ben Ware leaves to cherish his memory: Fannie Mae Ware Wife Portland, OR; Donnell Ware Son Portland, OR; Betty (Ware) Tolbert Daughter Portland, OR; Ernest Ware Son Portland, OR; Bennie Ware Daughter Portland, OR; Billy Ware Son Portland, OR; Gladys Ware Sister Lincoln, Nebraska; Harrison Ware Brother Chidester, Arkansas; 13 Grandchildren, 28 Great-grandchildren and 6 Great-great-grandchildren

Baby

Anthony Walter Coxeff

February 10, 2000 - 1:28 am
6 lbs 9 ozs - 21" long
Mary Lusk & Obedell Coxeff Jr.

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MARCH EVENTS

JON KOONCE & THE GAS HOGS
Thursday, March 9, at 7pm

THE STEVE BRADLEY GROUP
Thursday, March 16, at 7pm

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION
Friday, March 17, 4pm to 11pm
Irish Bands · Irish Dancers · Irish Coffee
Leprechauns · Storytelling · Family Fun

CRAIG CAROTHERS
SONGWRITERS IN THE ROUND
Sunday, March 19, Doors at 7pm, Show at 7:30pm
Admission \$7

I & I
"Reggae Inna Afrikan Stylee"
Thursday, March 23, at 7pm

BATTLE OF THE BANDS 2000
STEVE BRADLEY GROUP
WITH JON KOONCE
VS
THE X ANGELS
Thursday, March 30 at 7pm

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