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Dear Faith Leader,

Your commitment to social justice is long-standing.

With this shared value in mind, we invite you and your congregation to participate in ***Public Witness in the Pews 2020*** during Oregon's 2020 Legislative Session, which runs this week through March 8.

With the goal of continuing to engage congregants and strengthen communities through collective action, we urge congregations to utilize these bulletin inserts, **starting with the attached insert about Climate Justice.**

In addition to these inserts, we have a few other ways available for your community to engage with *Public Witness in the Pews 2020*:

- **During your announcement time each week**, mention the insert, the February 11th Climate Day of Action and the February 14 Youth Homelessness Advocacy Day, both at the State Capitol.
- **Place a paragraph in your worship bulletin** weekly through the end of session. Carve out a spot in every bulletin where people know they can find an EMO advocacy update and advocacy-related events.
- **Attend** the February 11th Climate Day of Action and the February 14 Youth Homelessness Advocacy Day!
- **Host a “Public Witness in the Pulpit” Sabbath with worship, preaching and teaching** focused around faithful public witness. EMO can provide guest speakers and has worship, education, and action resources for this and other special Sabbaths on our website.
- **Tell other clergy** about EMO’s Public Witness in the Pews 2020, and recruit participants from clergy groups you attend.
- **Include information** in your denominational newsletters.

Will you join us in helping activate Oregon’s faith community to advocate for a more just, peaceful and sustainable state for all? If so, please email us at bconroy@emoregon.org, or call 541-602-2050.

Thank you for your partnership!

Sincerely,

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