

# VOICE

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### NO 2026 VOTERS' GUIDE

Historically, EMO has published a "Guide to Oregon Ballot Measures" during each general election. For the first time since the inception of our voters' guide, there will be no state-wide ballot measures this fall; therefore, we are not publishing a voters' guide.

**“In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart.” —Anne Frank**



Dear Readers,

You don't have to be a person of faith to believe in doing good for others, but you cannot call yourself a person of faith if you persecute or harm your neighbor. Love manifests when we give all individuals and families a chance to create safe and fulfilling lives.

Reflecting on the book, "Navigating Trumpworld: A Spiritual Guide for Turbulent Times," by The Rev. Dr. Lowell Greathouse (a former president of the EMO Board of Directors), I was reminded of the importance of the story of the Good Samaritan. It is in our nature to help others, as we would want someone to do for us if we are in need. Believing that we are made in the image and likeness of our creator only reinforces my conviction that inherent human goodness exists in all of us. We must remember that innate goodness when we encounter rhetoric that feeds on fear, hate and division.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) at its core is a faith-based organization that lives out its mission by believing in the good of God's people. We would not be ecumenical if we did not show up over the past 50 plus years to offer love to all. As I step down from my position as executive director of EMO this fall, I am grateful to have built upon the leadership of so many great leaders who have also overcome challenges and brought light, hope and love to our community. Our social justice work reflects our core values and commitments, and there is no doubt that EMO will continue to advocate for just policies at every level in our state to create a better place for all.

I am grateful for all the work that we have done together. In the Jesuit tradition of reflection, I am so appreciative of our supporters who sustain our work—whether it be spreading the word about EMO, showing up at our events like the annual Collins Lecture and Love in Action gala, or the many volunteers sharing sweat equity at our food pantry or hosting a youth in their homes.

I'm also extremely proud of the way EMO has committed to increasing our interfaith work. When local tensions have intensified, we have come together to fight hate and embrace the shared values rooted in our different faiths. Together, our interfaith work makes a better world for all.

While I will no longer lead EMO, I look forward to staying engaged with the organization. As I often say: *what we do matters*. We still have a lot of good work ahead.

I leave you with one more sage passage from Anne Frank's diary: *No one has ever become poor by giving.*

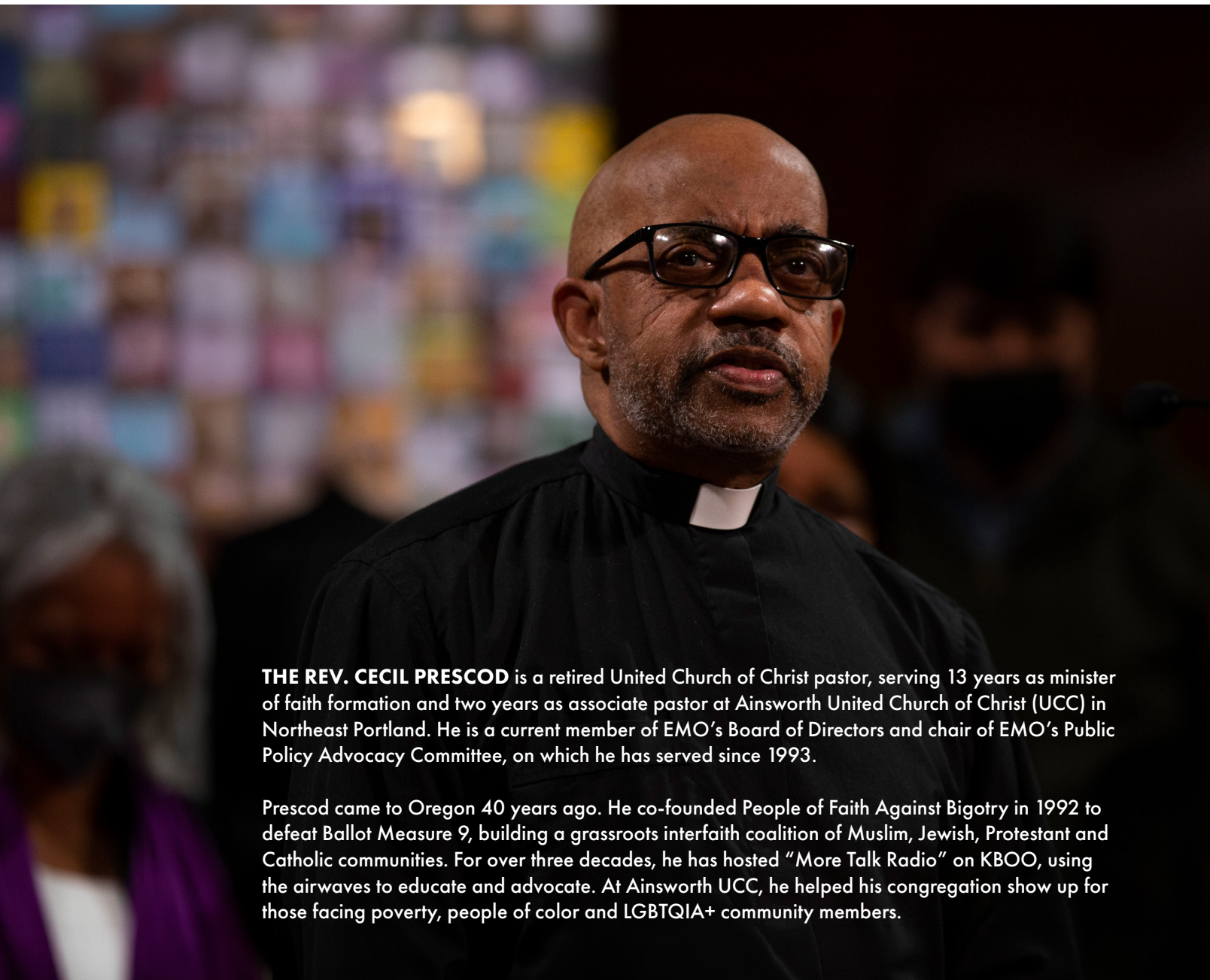
With gratitude, love and hope,

Frank So  
Executive Director

# ECUMENISM

## For Such a Time as This

BY THE REV. CECIL CHARLES PRESCOD



**THE REV. CECIL PRESCOD** is a retired United Church of Christ pastor, serving 13 years as minister of faith formation and two years as associate pastor at Ainsworth United Church of Christ (UCC) in Northeast Portland. He is a current member of EMO's Board of Directors and chair of EMO's Public Policy Advocacy Committee, on which he has served since 1993.

Prescod came to Oregon 40 years ago. He co-founded People of Faith Against Bigotry in 1992 to defeat Ballot Measure 9, building a grassroots interfaith coalition of Muslim, Jewish, Protestant and Catholic communities. For over three decades, he has hosted "More Talk Radio" on KBOO, using the airwaves to educate and advocate. At Ainsworth UCC, he helped his congregation show up for those facing poverty, people of color and LGBTQIA+ community members.

### ECUMENIST OF THE YEAR

The Rev. Cecil Prescod will be honored as "Ecumenist of the Year" at EMO's Love in Action Gala on Oct. 15, 2026, for his decades of social justice advocacy on behalf of our communities. To join the celebration, you may purchase tickets at [emoregon.ejoinme.org/tickets2026](https://emoregon.ejoinme.org/tickets2026).

“Ours is the struggle of a lifetime, or maybe even many lifetimes, and each one of us in every generation must do our part. And if we believe in the change we seek, then it is easy to commit to doing all we can, because the responsibility is ours alone to build a better society and a more peaceful world.”

*John Lewis, “Across That Bridge: Life Lessons and a Vision for Change”*

Each generation is challenged to hear and respond to the clarion call for justice. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) came into existence in response to this call. In 1974, the Greater Portland Council of Churches and the Oregon Council of Churches merged to form Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. The formation of EMO was a step in the journey of seeking to faithfully live out our mission: “Committed to mutual respect and understanding, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon brings together diverse communities of faith to learn, serve and advocate for justice, peace and the integrity of creation.”

Today, more than half a century

later, EMO has a unique role to play in our state by leaning into justice and love and standing in solidarity with communities and creation that are under attack. This is our history and our calling.

A review of the history of the ecumenical movement reveals that churches and religious institutions have gathered to address the welfare of their communities. From the time of the Acts of the Apostles and the epistles in the Christian scriptures, diverse and distant faith communities have united to care for the needs of one another. This has not been incidental but reflective of the very character of faith communities to provide care, hospitality and justice.

In every age and community, the church has been called to promote justice, reconciliation, dignity of all people and the integrity of all creation. When EMO was formed in the 1970s, our state and world were in the midst of war, ecological destruction, and social and economic inequalities. The consensus that confronted and defeated fascism abroad and strove to eliminate racism, nuclear proliferation and poverty was fractioning.

The churches in Oregon recognized their unique ability and role in gathering people from throughout the

state to work together to address issues. That legacy of mutual support helped EMO to work in and with various communities to address social issues—both those issues that were long standing and those that were emerging.

Today, EMO is uniquely situated to build on the legacy of caring by leaning into justice and love and standing in solidarity with marginalized communities under attack: migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, LGBTQIA+ people, women, Black, Indigenous and People of Color. Our religious institutions comprise people of all political perspectives and, in our best moments, we can work together because of a foundational belief that we are called to care and support each other and creation. EMO's direct services programs and public policy advocacy are ways in which we do the work of justice.

At a time when too many refuse to speak up on behalf of those who are silenced, at a time when too many institutions are unable or unwilling to live out their calling, EMO must continue to resist the forces of oppression, pursue justice and keep our eyes on our vision: communities of faith in ministry together creating a more peaceful, just, sustainable and compassionate world. ■

# A PATH FORWARD

## What the Day Center Means to Me

*A foundation for rebuilding my life*

BY CHRISTOPHER MURILLO



Photo credit: Michelle Bush

I came to the HIV Day Center at a time in my life when I was lost in addiction and experiencing homelessness. I was in desperate need of community—a safe space where I could simply exist without judgment. The HIV Day Center gave me that.

I found more than just a place to be. I was given access to showers, two warm meals a day and a kind community. I also received services like healing touch and foot care—things that may seem small to some, but meant the world to someone like me, who felt undeserving and forgotten. For the first time in a long time, I felt cared for. I used the computers available to clients to reconnect with family I hadn't spoken to in years, apply for jobs, and stay in touch with my medical team and other service providers. All of these resources contributed to the foundation I needed to begin rebuilding my life.

Today, I work at CAP Northwest (formerly Cascade AIDS Project) as a peer support specialist. It still amazes me that I now come to the HIV Day Center not as someone *seeking help* but as someone who has the privilege of *offering help*.

For many people who come to the Day Center, I'm a familiar face who understands what they're going through, because I've lived it myself. Some people remember seeing me during the hardest time in my life, when I was struggling with addiction and trying to find my way. Standing before them today as a person who rebuilt their life can be very impactful, reminding them that change is possible.

One of the most meaningful parts of being a peer support specialist is

welcoming new clients to the HIV Day Center. I give tours, answer questions and show people that this is a safe place where they will be treated with dignity and respect. Watching the tension leave someone's face as they realize they've found a place where they belong is something I'll never tire of. In those moments, I see the same sense of relief and peace that I felt when I first walked through those doors.

Every day, I go to work with a purpose: to help people work toward their own goals and be a source of encouragement during difficult moments. Sometimes that means helping someone navigate resources. Sometimes it means simply listening without judgment. Sometimes it's reminding someone that they still matter, even if they can't see it for themselves. Being able to reignite an individual's hope is something I never take for granted.

When I'm at the Day Center, I also help distribute food boxes two days a week to people experiencing food insecurity. Alongside Day Center clients, we've started a garden where we grow fresh food together and learn about healthy, organic eating. It's become more than just a garden—it's another way to build community, create connection and remind one another that growth is always possible.

The HIV Day Center didn't just provide me with services—it gave me hope, dignity and a path forward. It gave me a community that believed in me before I believed in myself. Now, every time I walk through those same doors, I can be that source of hope for someone else. ■

### CHRISTOPHER MURILLO

is a former HIV Day Center client and currently a peer support specialist for CAP Northwest (formerly Cascade AIDS Project). He is also a farmer with NOW Nature Farms in Damascus, Ore., an ambassador for the MLK Dream Run and one of the founders of the Collective Dream Project.

Through his work in peer support, farming, community engagement and advocacy, Christopher is committed to creating opportunities for connection, healing, growth and hope. His own journey of rebuilding his life continues to inspire his commitment to helping others see that change and a better future are possible.

### HIV DAY CENTER

The HIV Day Center is a drop-in center for low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS. In 1990, EMO opened the program in Portland as the first free-standing, community-based program of its kind in the United States.

Our program provides a community that strives to address basic needs of individuals living with HIV/AIDS with respect, compassion and safety. Services include hot meals, phone and mail services, computers, WiFi, showers and hygiene supplies, washer and dryer, clothing closet and more.

Are you are interested in supporting the HIV Day Center? Visit our website at [hivdaycenter.org](http://hivdaycenter.org) to donate or view a current list of volunteer opportunities. You may also contact our team at (503) 460-3822 or [hivcenter@emoregon.org](mailto:hivcenter@emoregon.org).

# ADVOCACY IMPACT

## EMO-Secured Investments and Protections at the Oregon Legislature and Beyond

### EMO'S PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY

brings the faith community's voice to the policy-making process at the Oregon Legislature and advocates alongside communities statewide. On these pages are major successes over the past 10 years.

To support these efforts, consider making a donation at [emoregon.org/advocacy-action/give](https://emoregon.org/advocacy-action/give).

### 2016-18

- Helped **raise Oregon's minimum wage**.
- Helped pass legislation **protecting renters from unfair evictions**.
- Advocated for voter passage of Portland and Metro bonds to **build affordable housing**.
- Supported "Cover All Kids" that **extended full health, dental and behavioral coverage to children under age 19** completely free of charge, regardless of their immigration status.
- Advocated for voter passage of the **Portland Clean Energy Fund**.
- ★ Co-led effort to secure \$2 million for **immigration legal services** to prevent unjust deportations.
- ★ Co-led creation of Refugee Extended Case Management (ECM) supports **to help refugees start new lives**. Investment: \$2 million.

### 2019

### 2020-22

- ★ Ensured faith entities were eligible for state support as **resilience/emergency hubs**.
- ★ Co-led effort to triple Oregon's support for **homeless youth and enshrined in law host homes**—like EMO's Second Home—as an eligible housing option. Investment: \$3.6 million.
- ★ Co-led youth-designed bill to provide **higher education tuition/fee waivers and housing supports for formerly homeless youth**—just as former foster youth have long received.
- Advocated for voter passage of the Supportive Housing Services levy, helping to address the **Portland metro region's homelessness crisis**.
- ★ Co-led passage of legislation ensuring **refugees and certain Pacific Islanders could attend Oregon colleges and universities at equitable tuition rates**.
- ★ Co-led design and passage of the **\$18 million Afghan Humanitarian Relief Project**, the nation's largest investment by a state to welcome and support allies and others fleeing the Taliban.
- ★ Co-led the creation of an **immigration legal services program at the Oregon State Bar**.
- ★ Co-led efforts to increase employment and other **supports for newly arrived refugees** through the Refugee ECM program created in 2019. Investment: \$4.3 million.
- ★ Co-drafted **Governor Kate Brown's proclamation in support of refugees**.
- ★ Led efforts to create a Public Utility Commission process that ultimately **protected Oregonians from power shut-offs** due to inability to pay during cold winter months.

### 2023-24

- ★ Created a program to **prevent families with children from becoming homeless**, operating in six rural counties in Oregon. Investment: \$5 million.
- ★ Won a **dramatic expansion in funding**—to \$25 million/biennium—for programs to prevent youth homelessness.
- ★ Co-created a revolving loan fund to **turn underutilized faith and other lands into affordable housing**. Investment: \$10 million.
- ★ Passed legislation to help **ensure schools correctly translate immigrant students' international transcripts**, helping students stay in school.
- ★ Co-led **efforts to again increase employment and other supports for newly arrived refugees**. Investment: \$4.7 million.

### 2025

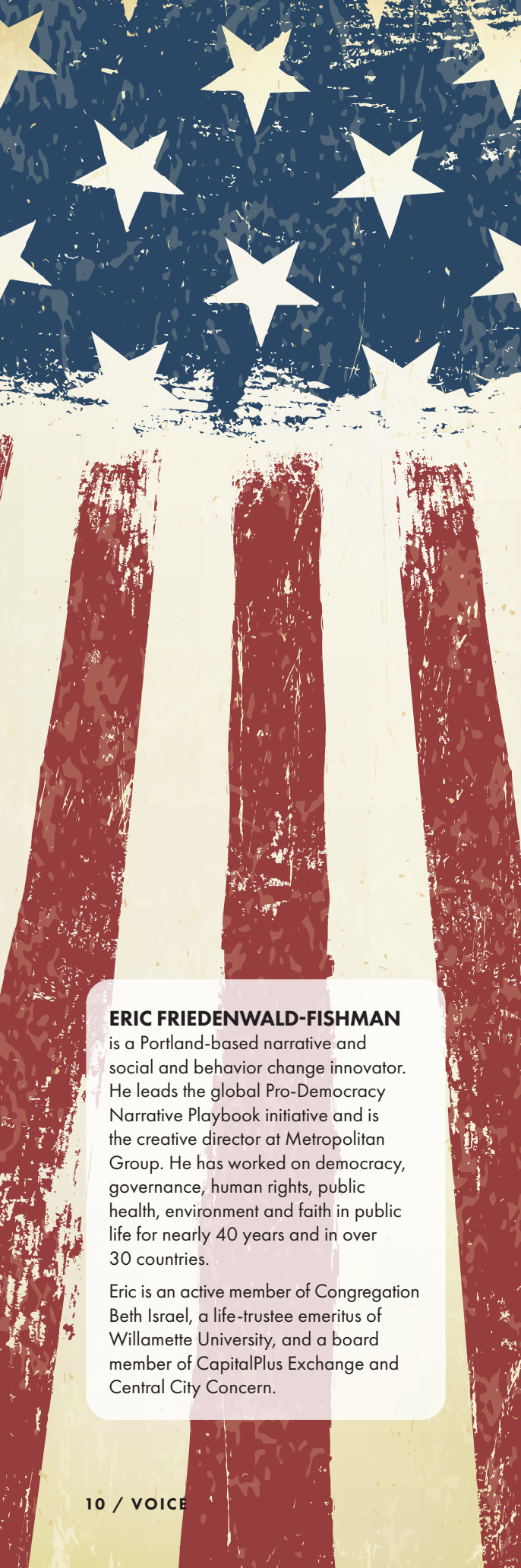
- ★ **Expanded access to family homelessness prevention** to include pregnant Oregonians and families with children ages birth through five years.
- ★ **Expanded 2023 affordable housing loan program** to include forgivable loans and statewide reach.
- ★ Co-led effort to set an ongoing state baseline of over **\$25 million/biennium for homeless youth**.
- ★ Co-led passage of **\$2 million in new state funding for case management and housing for refugees and asylum seekers**.
- ★ Contributed key amendments to bill **ensuring asylum seekers pay in-state tuition and fees** at public colleges, universities and OHSU.

**Washington County:** supported \$250,000 for food aid and \$200,000 for immigration legal aid. **Multnomah County:** supported \$250,000 for human and legal supports. **City of Portland:** supported declaration of immigration state of emergency.

### 2026

- ★ **Doubled immigration legal services funding** at the Oregon State Bar.
- ★ Secured **\$150,000 in emergency City of Portland funding for immigration legal services**.
- ★ Co-led passage of **\$2 million to support refugees, asylees and other humanitarian migrants whose SNAP benefits were eliminated** by the One Big Beautiful Bill (HR 1), which has led to an increase in food and housing insecurity.

★ EMO-led or co-led campaigns. Color codes: **Housing**, **Immigration**, **Hunger**, **Climate**, **Other**

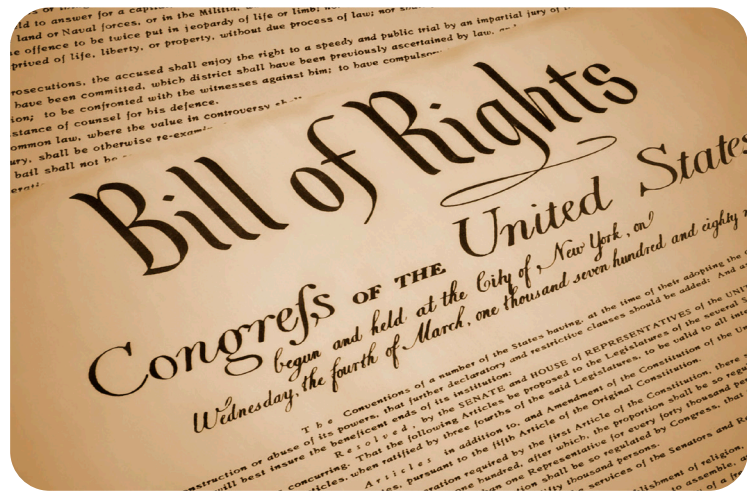


# DEMOCRACY

## *Faith, Freedom & the Common Good*

Advancing an effective pro-democracy narrative

BY ERIC FRIEDENWALD-FISHMAN



Democracy is facing its steepest global decline in decades, with nearly three-quarters of the world's population living in autocracies or nations experiencing "autocratization" (according to the V-Dem Institute Democracy Report 2026).

The crisis is characterized by democratic backsliding, the erosion of a free press and judicial independence, and the weaponization of elections. The United States is not immune to this threat.

Powerful narratives are intentionally being deployed that undermine democratic institutions, increase polarization, and delegitimize democratic norms and freedoms. Narrative can also be one of the most important tools in countering authoritarianism and expanding democracy.

To advance narratives that support democratic principles and actions, the Pro-Democracy Narrative Playbook—a nonpartisan, collaborative initiative—has been developed based on in-depth research conducted across the United States, as well as 11 additional countries on five continents. The free resource provides tested narrative and messaging frameworks and access to research, training and technical assistance to increase understanding and support for democracy.

### THE POWER OF NARRATIVES

Narratives are the stories through which people make sense of the world, process information and make decisions about what to do or not do. They are critical, because they shape social norms and community expectations. Narrative can either inoculate against or create a fertile environment for mis/dis/malinformation.

When a nation is perceived as being under threat (e.g., from minorities, immigrants or foreign powers), an authoritarian narrative often demands that citizens sacrifice personal freedoms. An example of an anti-democratic narrative is one used to erode trust in the free press by delegitimizing journalists as enemies of the people, fake news or partisan actors. Another is the narrative against the democratic right to assemble by labeling protest movements and protesters as violent, extremist and divisive.

A pro-democracy narrative frames the benefits of fundamental freedoms—such as the freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right to assemble and freedom of religion (including separation of church and state)—as critical to a healthy democracy. We need narratives that encourage democratic engagement and behavior, not degrade it.

For example, the free press is held up as a cornerstone of democracy, as it keeps citizens informed, exposes injustice, and helps ensure open and honest government. Peaceful protesters are exercising their right to speak their mind without fear, defending democratic values, and helping inspire hope and progress.

The Pro-Democracy Narrative Playbook demonstrates how positive messaging such as this can advance a proactive narrative of what to be *for*, rather than *against*, while effectively countering authoritarian narratives. It can help individuals and communities speak about democracy that resonates across divides.

### WHAT IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN PRO-DEMOCRACY NARRATIVES AND FAITH?

The very institutions that allow a flourishing nation with diversity of faiths, interfaith connections and commitment to human dignity are under severe threat. One of the most powerful levers to ensure our nation thrives and protects everyone's freedoms is narrative.

Research for the Playbook makes clear that polarization is a key challenge to address, and religious identity is too often being weaponized to increase polarization. For instance,

narrative is being used to legitimize and normalize actions that violate core values of human dignity. These core values are beliefs shared across faiths, such as compassion (often expressed as care for the most vulnerable), truth, forgiveness and justice.

To help bridge these divides and advance freedoms most effectively, the Playbook provides people of faith with resources about today's narrative landscape and how to best frame our shared values and humanity.

### JOIN THE EFFORT

As people of faith, we can change the narrative to help our communities both defend and improve democracy, so it better serves we the people.

Thanks to the generosity of several Pacific Northwest foundations, faith-based and other nonprofit organizations can access free training, hands-on workshops, technical assistance and support for applying the narrative to their work, and a growing library of tools and resources. These resources are available for free at [prodemocracynarrativeplaybook.org](http://prodemocracynarrativeplaybook.org). You may also join the Pro-Democracy Narrative Playbook initiative by signing up at [bit.ly/4fgky2L](http://bit.ly/4fgky2L).

Your voice matters. Together, we can advance democracy that is free, fair and fearless. ■

#### ERIC FRIEDENWALD-FISHMAN

is a Portland-based narrative and social and behavior change innovator. He leads the global Pro-Democracy Narrative Playbook initiative and is the creative director at Metropolitan Group. He has worked on democracy, governance, human rights, public health, environment and faith in public life for nearly 40 years and in over 30 countries.

Eric is an active member of Congregation Beth Israel, a life-trustee emeritus of Willamette University, and a board member of CapitalPlus Exchange and Central City Concern.

# IMMIGRATION

## Humanitarian Crisis United States ends Haitian protections

BY KAYLA ASAKAWA

Photo right: Herka, at age 5, was badly burned by cooking oil when a 7.0 earthquake struck Haiti in 2010. She was evacuated to the United States for medical treatment, accompanied by her family. Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitians was created as a temporary humanitarian response to that disaster. EMO's SOAR Immigration Legal Services successfully extended the family's temporary documentation so Herka could continue receiving vital medical care in the United States.



Photo credit: The Oregonian

### U.S. RESPONSE TO HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN HAITI

Many Haitians fled to the United States following the catastrophic 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck near Port-au-Prince in January 2010 and displaced nearly 2.3 million people. Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitians was intended as a temporary humanitarian response to the disaster, but the conditions that prompted protection have evolved into a prolonged crisis.

After the assassination of Haitian President Jovenel Moïse in 2021, mass

waves of Haitians sought asylum in the United States. Now powerful armed gangs control an estimated 90 percent of Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, and continue to expand their influence throughout the country. Thousands of people have been killed, while kidnappings, sexual violence and the forced recruitment of children by criminal groups have become increasingly common.

The Biden administration recognized these ongoing humanitarian challenges and expanded several forms of protection for Haitians, including TPS,

temporary suspensions of deportations, humanitarian parole and the Haitian Family Reunification Parole Program. These timely policies meant survival for approximately 330,000 Haitians living in the United States.

### U.S. PROTECTIONS END

In March 2025, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced the termination of humanitarian parole programs. The U.S. government also terminated TPS for several countries, most notably Haiti and Syria. The U.S. Supreme Court's decision in June this year to uphold that order allows the federal government to move forward with terminating TPS, ultimately leading to deportation. Haitian Nationals are severely impacted by these immigration program rollbacks.

Both terminations have created uncertainty for hundreds of thousands of Haitian immigrants who have built new lives in the United States over the past 16 years. For many, the court ruling raises fears of family separation. TPS for Haitians ended on July 27, 2026, and they are now on a tight six-month deadline to file for asylum, if they are eligible.

SOAR Legal is working to combat these recent rulings and ensure that every possible legal protection for Haitians in our community has been applied. We held three free clinics for Haitians to determine if they are eligible for pathways to immigration status.

Asylum is a path that is difficult and often unsuccessful for Haitian applicants. In fiscal year 2026, 88 percent of asylum decisions involving Haitian applicants were denials, according to the Transactional

Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC) at Syracuse University. The average asylum case in immigration court takes about four years to resolve. As a result, roughly 2.3 million immigrants with formal asylum applications are currently awaiting hearings or decisions in immigration court, according to TRAC data.

### ONE FAMILY'S STORY

James\* is one of the thousands of Haitians waiting in limbo for a decision in immigration court. James has applied for asylum, but he is struggling to keep his job. After applying for asylum, applicants must wait six months to get work authorization, and that authorization is only good for 18 months before it needs to be renewed. Many employers do not want to hire individuals who may lose work authorization for periods of time.

Esther\*, James' wife, was mistakenly ordered to be deported from the United States weeks after U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services approved SOAR Legal's application for Esther's green card. SOAR Legal filed an emergency motion in time to convince the immigration judge to reverse his decision and get the deportation charges dropped. However, rulings such as this have led the Haitian community to feel that no one is safe and that nothing about the legal system can be taken for granted.

### REASONS FOR HOPE

Despite these challenges, there are still reasons for hope. Every day, we meet Haitian families who continue to work hard, support their loved ones

and contribute to their communities, despite the uncertainty surrounding their immigration status.

"The Haitian community has shown remarkable resilience through years of political instability, natural disasters and now changing immigration policies," says Jennifer Auguste, SOAR's Haitian legal assistant. "As a Haitian and an immigrant myself, I find this work deeply meaningful," she added. "Although my own immigration journey was different, many of my friends, neighbors and members of my community are directly affected by the end of TPS and humanitarian parole protections. Their stories remind me that behind every immigration case is a family striving for safety, stability and the opportunity to build a better future."

Regardless of the challenges ahead, SOAR Legal's commitment remains the same: to provide compassionate legal guidance, accurate information, and dedicated advocacy so that every individual has access to a fair and informed legal process. ■

*\*Names changed for safety of clients*

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Call U.S. Senators, especially in swing states, to urge them to pass the Haitian TPS extension bill, which would extend TPS for three years.

Donate to SOAR Immigration Legal Services ([soarlegal.org/give](https://soarlegal.org/give)) to enable us to continue providing free clinics and legal representation to immigrants and refugees with limited income.

# GIVING

## GIFTS IN HONOR FEBRUARY - AUGUST 2026

*in honor of Douglas Bauer*  
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and Timothy Rich

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Steven Spindel

*in honor of Asha Toulmin*  
Anne and Martin Davidson

*in honor of Stacy Triplett*  
Claudia Dissel

*in honor of Noah Tucker*  
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Marc Seiden, Elise Varga

*in honor of all immigrants*  
Sigrid Casey

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Tim Cayton

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Lynn Rasmussen, Nancy and David Scheele

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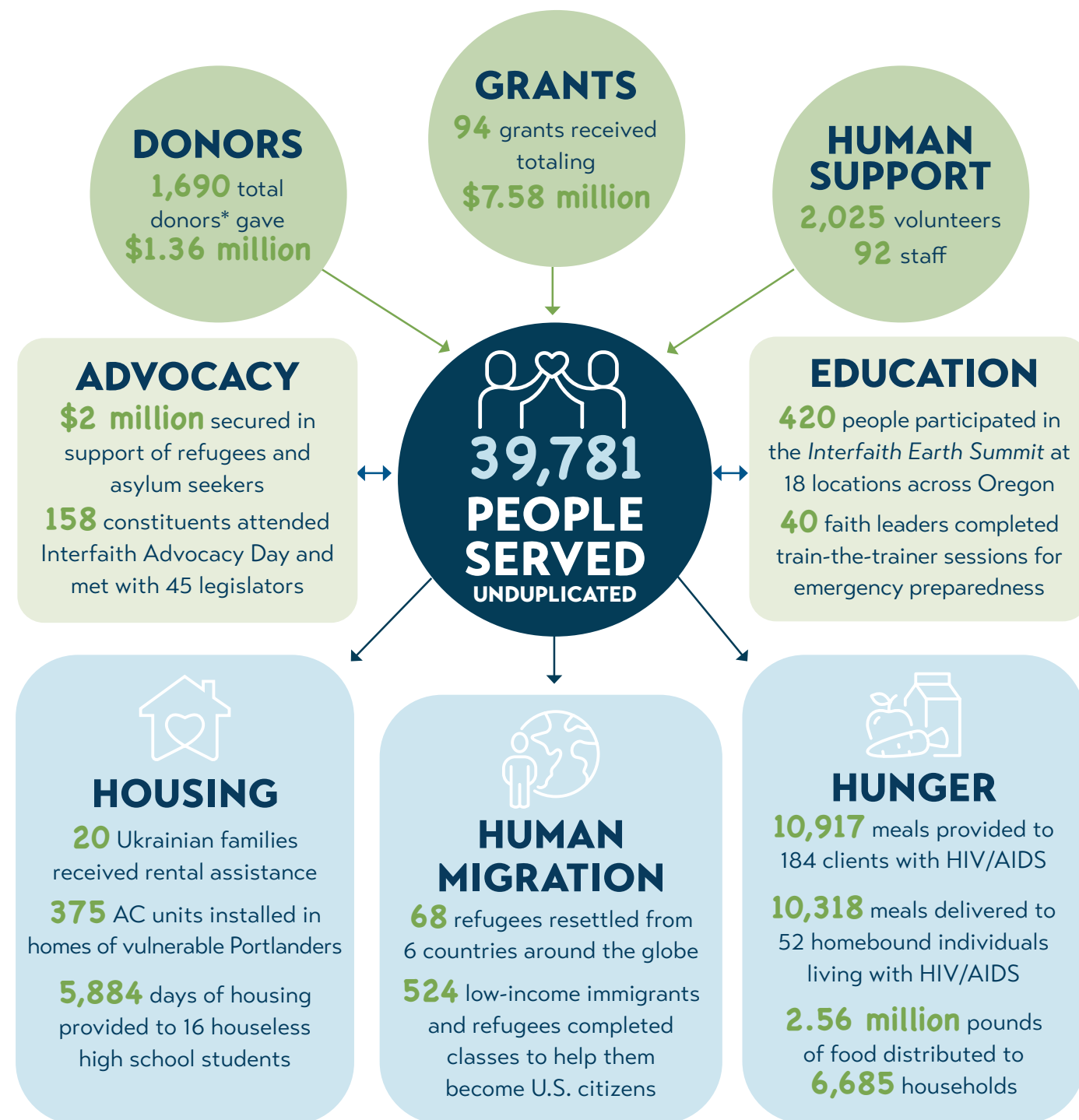
*in memory of Thomas Truby*  
Laura Truby

*in memory of Carleen VanDemarr*  
Charles Jannsen

*in memory of Laura Walls*  
Dianna Gray



# 2025 IMPACT REPORT



\* View EMO's 2025 financials and a list of our 2025 donors at [EMOregional.org/annual-reports](https://EMOregional.org/annual-reports).



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| SUPPORTER                                                            | PROGRAM                                        | SUPPORTER                                      | PROGRAM                                                                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Boys & Girls Aid                                                     | Second Home                                    | OnPoint Community Credit Union                 | Second Home                                                                         |
| Bridge City Friends Meeting                                          | NEFP                                           | Oregon AILA Chapter                            | SOAR Legal                                                                          |
| Catholic Legal Immigrant<br>Empowerment Inc.                         | SOAR Legal                                     | Oregon Community Foundation                    | Public Policy                                                                       |
| The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-<br>day Saints, Portland Region | HIV Services, NEFP,<br>Second Home, SOAR Legal | Oregon State Bar                               | SOAR Legal                                                                          |
| City of Beaverton                                                    | Second Home                                    | Pacific Power Foundation                       | NEFP                                                                                |
| City of Portland                                                     | SOAR Legal                                     | Piedmont Presbyterian Church                   | NEFP                                                                                |
| The Collins Foundation                                               | Annual Fund,<br>Public Policy                  | Portland Community College                     | SOAR Legal                                                                          |
| Columbia Riverkeeper                                                 | Creation Justice                               | Portland Public Schools                        | Second Home                                                                         |
| Community Foundation for<br>Southwest Washington                     | SOAR Legal                                     | Presbytery of the Cascades                     | Annual Fund                                                                         |
| Congregation Beth Israel                                             | NEFP                                           | Rose City Park Presbyterian Church             | SOAR Legal                                                                          |
| Earth Advantage                                                      | Creation Justice                               | St. James Lutheran Church                      | Annual Fund                                                                         |
| Broadway Cares Equity Fights AIDS                                    | HIV Services                                   | St. Michael and All Angels<br>Episcopal Church | NEFP                                                                                |
| Harold and Arlene Schnitzer<br>Care Foundation                       | NEFP, SOAR Legal, SOAR                         | Samaritan Health Services                      | Second Home                                                                         |
| Irwin Foundation                                                     | NEFP                                           | Starbucks Foundation                           | Annual Fund                                                                         |
| Kittelson & Associates, Inc.                                         | NEFP                                           | Neighborhood Grants Fund                       | Annual Fund, Creation<br>Justice, HIV Services,<br>Second Home, SOAR,<br>SOAR Legal |
| Meyer Memorial Trust                                                 | Public Policy, SOAR Legal                      | State of Oregon                                | SOAR Legal                                                                          |
| MJ Murdock Charitable Trust                                          | SOAR Legal                                     | Washington County                              | SOAR                                                                                |
| Multnomah County                                                     | HIV Services, SOSS                             | West Hills Covenant Church                     | NEFP                                                                                |
| New Seasons Market                                                   | NEFP                                           | Westminster Presbyterian Church                | Second Home                                                                         |
|                                                                      |                                                | Zera Foundation                                |                                                                                     |

NEFP = Northeast Emergency Food Program  
SOAR = Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees

SOAR Legal = SOAR Immigration Legal Services  
SOSS = Slavic Oregon Social Services