

Please join us in making a difference for some of our state's most vulnerable people during the worst economic crisis of our generation.

**Join Us in Salem on Friday
February 12, 2010**

Interfaith Briefing and Dialogue on Homeless Children and Families

10:00—11:45am

Public Service Building, 255 Capitol Street NE, Basement Room A
(across the street from the capitol)

Free and Open to the Public

Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Homeless Children and Families

State Capitol Steps at 12 noon

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Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and the *Interfaith Project on Homeless Children and Families* invite you to a day at the Oregon Capitol to help draw attention to the growing number of homeless families statewide and the increasing number of homeless children in our public schools.

In 2009/09 there were 18,059 homeless children enrolled in Oregon's public schools, according to the Oregon Dept. of Education. That number was up 14% from the previous year, and is an increase of 122% since 2003/04.

The day begins at 10:00am with an interfaith briefing and dialogue on issues affecting homeless children and families. Briefings and discussion will focus on education of homeless children and youth, and on programs that prevent and reduce homelessness.

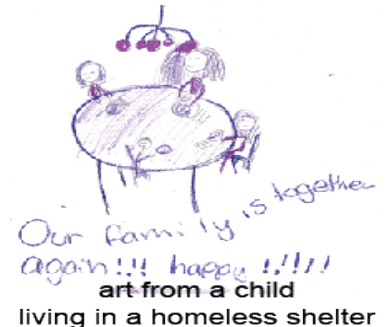
At noon there is a rally and prayer vigil in support of homeless children and families on the capitol steps, and at 1:00pm an important legislative hearing on reducing taxes on low-income working families by increasing the state Earned Income Tax Credit (see below).

Advocacy Opportunity

**Senate Finance and Revenue Committee Hearing
on SB 1044 - Expanding the State Earned Income Tax Credit
Friday Feb. 12 at 1:00pm State Capitol Hearing Room A**

Contact Kevin Finney at EMO for more information.

**As the Legislature meets
in Special Session join
religious leaders in
lifting up the needs of
homeless families and
homeless students in our
public schools.**



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