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Worldwide Foundation for Credit Unions Hosts Delegation from Korea

The Global Bridges journey welcomed delegates from South Korea, connecting them with credit union representatives from across Oregon

Portland, Ore., May 24, 2022 – The Worldwide Foundation for Credit Unions' Global Bridges program returned to Oregon as five credit unions hosted a delegation from the National Credit Union Federation of Korea (NACUFOK). During the Global Bridges journey in Oregon, participants deepened relations with the Korean delegation, providing them a first-hand look at credit union operations in our area.

As part of the National Credit Union Federation of Korea's (NACUFOK) Global Bridges journey to Oregon, delegates joined representatives from Advantis Credit Union, Northwest Community Credit Union, Oregon Community Credit Union, Rivermark Community Credit Union, and Unitus Community Credit Union in a series of learning and networking events. NACUFOK represents more than 870 credit unions in South Korea.

As part of this collaboration, a delegation of Oregon credit union leaders will travel to Korea in November as part of the Global Bridges journey.

"In the spirit of the global cooperative movement, we are always working to share our knowledge and learn from others to improve the products, services, community and global outreach at the heart of our credit union," explained Steven Stapp, President and CEO of Unitus Community Credit Union.

"The Global Bridges program connects credit unions around the world to help strengthen communities," added Mike Reuter, Executive Director of the Worldwide Foundation of Credit Unions, the charitable and engagement arm of the World Council of Credit Unions. "We are proud to serve as the bridge between credit unions and other financial cooperatives around the world to help them exchange ideas, gain diverse global perspectives, and drive innovation around the world."

The NACUFOK delegation engaged with dozens of credit union representatives during their visit to Oregon. The group visited several credit unions, historic Multnomah Falls, the Oregon Korean War Memorial, and the University of Oregon and the legendary Hayward Field.

"We look forward to our visit to Korea this fall for hands-on learning opportunities with NACUFOK," said Mr. Stapp. "Shared learning beyond borders is part of what makes the global cooperative movement so successful."

About Worldwide Foundation for Credit Unions

Worldwide Foundation for Credit Unions is both the engagement and charitable arm of the World Council for Credit Unions, whose 89-country membership is made up of 34 national associations, three regional associations and six credit owned businesses. Our mission is to improve lives and communities through credit unions. Learn more at doglobalgood.org.



About Unitus Community Credit Union

At Unitus, we're dedicated to improving lives in the communities we serve. As a member-owned local credit union, we invest in people by doing the right thing. Through partnerships with nonprofit organizations, we provide support for community groups through volunteerism and financial donations. Our 105,000 members count on us to serve them and their communities; our 300+ employees share that passion for service. Learn about the local impact Unitus makes by visiting unituscu.com.

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