

# Just news

## A Time to Heal — Portland AIDS Vigil

*The AIDS Vigil reflects a commitment to living beyond the fear, mistrust, isolation and sense of helplessness the disease can instill.*

**A**IDS affects all of us. It kills without regard to age, gender, religion, economic status, race, sexual orientation, political affiliation, educational credentials, employment or extent of community contributions. Today we cannot cure AIDS, but we can begin a process of healing around it. The 50 hour International AIDS Vigil, September 11 through 13th, 1987 is an important step in that healing process.

The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches sponsors the AIDS Vigil. This year the theme in Portland is "A Time To Heal." It reflects a commitment to a unity of focus as we confront AIDS. It also reflects a commitment to living beyond the fear, mistrust, isolation, and sense of helplessness AIDS can instill. The educational, participation, music and spiritual activities of the Vigil offer each of us an opportunity to learn, grow, and reflect with this focus.

The 1987 AIDS Vigil includes heavy emphasis on educating about AIDS. The site is wheelchair accessible. There will be signing of major events and will generally be available all hours. There are no fees for any activities of the Vigil. Except for the closing at Schunk Park on Sunday evening, the actual Vigil will take place at Metropolitan Community Church, Portland, 1644 N.E. 24th (24th Avenue at Broadway).

Highlights of the 1987 AIDS Vigil in Portland will include Gil Gerald, Director of Minority Affairs, National AIDS Task Force; Introduction to AIDS by Claudia Webster, Oregon Department of Health AIDS educator; and concerts by Kate Sullivan, the Portland Gay Men's Chorus and the Lesbian Choir.

Gil Gerald will speak at the opening ceremonies at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 11. Following a reception for Gerald, Kate Sullivan will share her unique musical talents in a Sharing the Healing concert. On Saturday, September 12, at 9 a.m., Ms. Webster will speak about AIDS from a public health perspective; her talk will be followed by two Safe Sex workshops.

Besides the actual fifty hours vigil with quiet chapel and valuable educational, music, and worship experiences — and the creation of a tapestry — there is an extensive network of related community activities being coordinated by the AIDS Vigil Support Community including: Clothing Drive (small men's sizes are particularly needed). Food and Personal Needs Drive (especially high protein). Savings Stamps Drive (especially Fred Meyer).

### Friday, September 11

7:00 p.m. **Gil Gerald**, Director of Minority Affairs  
National AIDS Task Force, Washington D.C.

9:30 p.m. **Sharing the Healing Concert**  
**Kate Sullivan**

### Saturday Morning, September 12

9:00 a.m. **Introduction To AIDS**  
**Claudia Webster**, Oregon Department of Health

10:30 a.m. Information about Safe Sex for low risk groups

10:30 a.m. New Attitudes, Safer Sex for High Risk Groups

### Saturday Afternoon, September 12

2:00 p.m. Discussion Groups and Presentations directly concerning AIDS and People With AIDS.

4:00 Loved Ones

5:30 Community Resources

8:00 p.m. Music for Life Concert  
Portland Gay Men's Chorus,  
Lesbian Choir, David York

11:00 p.m. A Time For Sharing:  
An Opportunity  
to tell our stories — to share the lives of loved ones — to each other, our memories.

### Sunday Afternoon, September 13

2:30 Death and Dying Workshop

4:00 Ministering to Grieving with  
Father Chris Johnson, Chair of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon AIDS Task Force

8:00 p.m. CLOSING at Terry Schunk Park,  
S.W. Second and Jefferson. Dedicating the Tree of Life, Candlelight ceremony for PWA's, and a presentation of native American perspectives on death.

The Sunday Morning 10 a.m. and that Evening 5:30 p.m. Worship Services have been expanded. Additionally, there will be Christian Worship Services at midnight and at 8 a.m. each day, and at 6:45 p.m. Saturday. •

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### Fall Lecture Series

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Vickie Santell  
September 2, 7-8:30 pm

**Astrological Ritual Planning**  
Christine Payne-Towler  
September 9, 7-8:30 pm

**Reclaiming the Goddess Within**  
Yana Breeze  
September 16, 7-8:30 pm

**Exploring Past Lives**  
David Levin  
September 23, 7-8:30 pm

**Ritual Wands — Elements & Uses of Wands**  
Constance Meade & Tava Jene  
September 30, 7-8:30 pm

**Herbal Incense — Uses of Herbs in Magical Incense**  
LaVerne Smurpheen  
October 7, 7-8:30 pm

1405 NE Broadway  
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12-6 Tue-Sat  
Noon-5 Sunday

## POSITION OPENINGS: Cascade AIDS Project

### Education Coordinator

Responsible for AIDS information and prevention programs primarily aimed at persons at risk for AIDS, and for the general public. Health education experience required. AIDS knowledge preferred. Salary: \$18,000 - \$21,000.

### Volunteer Coordinator

Recruits, screens and ensures training and supervision of volunteers involved in all aspects of AIDS care and education. Two years experience required. AIDS, knowledge preferred. Salary: \$18,000 - \$20,000.

Apply with resume to:

Executive Director  
Cascade AIDS Project  
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Application deadline: September 10, 1987



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