

PRIDE ANNOUNCES MEETING, CONTEST

Pride Northwest is inviting people who are interested in serving on the 2002 board to attend an upcoming meeting. The hard-working organizers will gather together 6:30 p.m. Aug. 8 on the Portland State University campus in Smith Memorial Center at 724 S.W. Harrison St.

The nonprofit also is accepting submissions for its 2002 Theme Contest. This year's winning entry was "Bridges of Pride!"

Send ideas by Oct. 1 to Pride 2002 Theme Contest, P.O. Box 6611, Portland, OR 97228. The winner will receive a weekend stay at Middle Creek Run Bed and Breakfast in Sheridan.

For more information call 503-295-9788 or visit the Internet site www.pridenw.org.



Just a little more than a month after Pride 2001, the planning already is under way for next year's celebration

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outstanding drum majors for justice from across the nation," Jackson said. "It is significant that the UCC, the denomination most often identified as having a legacy of being early advocates in many areas, now affirms the work of these five honorees."

NOW PRESIDENT VISITS OREGON

The newly elected president of the National Organization for Women, the country's largest feminist group, will be in town to deliver the keynote speech during the Oregon chapter's statewide meeting. Kim Gandy will discuss "Beating Bush to the Punch: Fighting for Women's Rights in the W Years" from 3 to 5 p.m. Aug. 4 at the Operating Engineers Union Hall, 555 E. First St. in Gladstone.

A longtime activist, she served as a senior assistant district attorney in New Orleans and later opened a private trial practice where she litigated child support, marital property, domestic violence, sex and race discrimination, lesbian mother custody and other such cases seeking fair treatment for women. She was active in many community organizations, including holding office in the Lesbian and Gay Political Action Caucus.

The general public is invited. Admission costs \$5 a person.

Gandy's appearance will be preceded by Oregon NOW's statewide meeting, "Putting Women's Issues Back on Center Stage," from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gathering will explore strategies for the upcoming year, discuss recent elections and help activists reinvigorate their chapters.

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PORTLAND CHURCH HONORED FOR JUSTICE ADVOCACY

A Portland congregation was among five honorees designated as exemplary advocates for justice by the United Church of Christ during its 23rd General Synod on July 16 in Kansas City, Mo. A total of 13,000 delegates gathered for the event.

Ainsworth United Church of Christ received the Local Church Justice Award. Bernice Powell Jackson, Justice and Witness Ministries executive minister, said the congregation embodies the denomination's commitment to being truly multiracial, multicultural and accessible to all.

Its diverse ministries include outreach to gang members, the elderly, abused women and people with HIV/AIDS. In 1997, the congregation declared itself to be open and affirming and has been a strong religious advocate for the les-

bian, gay, bisexual and trans community.

The Rev. M. Lynne Smouse-Lopez is the pastor. "They are a powerful witness for justice, strongly grounded in the biblical vision of inclusivity and liberation," Jackson said.

The other four honorees were the Rev. Donald Benedict and the Juan Antonio Corretjer Puerto Rican Cultural Center, both of Chicago; Mark Lewis, 15, of Black River Falls, Wis.; and Roberta Perry of Deland, Fla.

"These five exhibit excellence among many




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