

# Methodists trying to avoid church split over gay rights

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Struggling to avoid a split over gay rights, the top policy-making body of the United Methodist Church on Wednesday narrowly approved a full review of all church law on sexuality, amid an emotional meeting roiled by talk of schism.

Delegates at the Methodist General Conference, meeting in Portland, Oregon, voted 428-405 to delay all consid-

eration of LGBT-related proposals. Instead, the delegates created a commission that will spend at least two years reviewing policy on the subject, contained in the Methodist Book of Discipline, with the goal of developing a plan to address their differences.

The denomination has 12.7 million members worldwide and is the third-largest faith group in the U.S.

"We are at a precipice," said Lonnie Chafin, a delegate from the Northern Illi-

nois Annual Conference, or church district, speaking in favor of forming the commission. "There is urgency before us. The church must divide."

While other mainline Protestant groups, including the Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), have approved same-sex marriage, the Methodists have upheld a policy they adopted in 1972, calling same-gender relationships "incompatible with Christian teaching."

As gay rights gained accep-

tance in broader society and in other churches, Methodist LGBT advocates stepped up pressure for the denomination to lift prohibitions on ordination for people with same-sex partners, along with a ban on gay weddings. However, the denomination is on a more conservative path, with its greatest growth in the U.S. South and overseas, regions where conservative views predominate. Of the 864 delegates at the Oregon meeting, 30 percent are from Africa.

A recent survey by the church found about 54 percent of U.S. pastors and lay people in leadership roles agreed with the church restrictions on gays and lesbians, although only 41 percent of congregants held the same view. The Rev. Adam Hamilton, who leads Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, estimates two-thirds of Methodists are centrists who could live with those differences. But Methodist conservatives and liberals have become even more

polarized over the years, raising questions about how they can stay in the same church.

Matt Berryman, head of Reconciling Ministries Network, a Methodist LGBT advocacy group, said the commission plan "signals hope." The Rev. Rob Renfro, president of Good News, a caucus of evangelical Methodists, said the plan has "some potential to resolve our differences" but is "fraught with peril," depending partly on whether conservative views will be heard.

## Kaim takes new role at Cannon Beach Chamber

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CANNON BEACH — Laura Kaim is headed to the Cannon Beach Visitor Center after two years with EO Media Group as the advertising consultant with the Cannon Beach Gazette. Kaim will be the lead information specialist for the center starting May 31. During her tenure, she helped grow advertising sales in the South County for the Gazette, Seaside Signal and Daily Asto-

rian, as well as handling real estate advertising for all coastal publications.

Kaim said she looks forward to "a return to chamber work."

She worked previously with the Seaside Chamber of Commerce for seven years before coming to the coastal publications. Her new job will consist of greeting visitors and answering questions for those planning to come to Cannon Beach.

"Laura's background as an



Laura Kaim

owner of her own business in Seaside, and then seven years at the Seaside Chamber, gave her

unique insight when consulting with her clientele for the Cannon Beach Gazette," EO Media Group Advertising Manager Betty Smith said. "We will miss her sense of humor and creativity and wish her well in her new adventure."

Kaim lives in Seaside with her husband, son and daughter. "I have enjoyed getting to know Cannon Beach better through my sales work, and I'm excited to share that knowledge with visitors," Kaim said.

## Alzheimer caregiver class offered Saturday

The Daily Astorian

A "Living with Alzheimer's: For Caregivers — Middle Stage" workshop is 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Room 219, Columbia Hall, Clatsop Community College, 1651 Lexington Ave.

In the middle stage of Alzheimer's disease, those who were care partners now

become hands-on caregivers. Class participants will hear caregivers and professionals discuss helpful strategies to provide safe, effective and comfortable care in the middle stage of Alzheimer's.

Registration is required. To register, call 800-272-3900. For a complete list of classes, go to <http://alz.org/oregon>

## Record: There were nearly 2.3 million eligible voters

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other states including Kentucky which also held a presidential primary on Tuesday.

Gronke and Moore both said Oregon was likely able to exceed the million-vote mark because of excitement about Democratic presidential politics. The matchup between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders racked up at least 551,230 votes. Write-in candidates received another 10,229 votes.

But Democrat voters were not as excited with Tuesday's contest as they were in 2008, when Obama, Clinton and the write-ins split 638,790 votes.

Nor were they as excited about Clinton. Although she lost to Obama in 2008 by 116,000 votes, Clinton received 15,552 more votes than she did Tuesday. She lost to Sanders 306,957 to 244,273 as of early Wednesday afternoon.

Moore said that although Donald Trump is already the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, nearly 35



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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks at a rally in Carson, Calif. Tuesday.

percent of Republican voters cast their ballots for "anyone but Trump, which is a big issue for him."

There were nearly 2.3 million eligible voters in this year's primary election. That included more than 100,000 new voters registered in 2016, according to the Secretary of State's Office. Many of those voters were registered as a result of the state's new automatic voter registration system, which took effect this

year. Under the law, people who are eligible to vote are registered after they obtain or renew their driver's licenses, permits or identification cards. Oregon was the first state to enact an automatic voter registration law.

It's too early to know whether automatically registered voters turned out in higher or lower percentages when compared with other voters.

On Monday, the Portland

nonprofit Bus Project which pushed for automatic voter registration claimed on its website that early ballot returns showed higher turnout among automatically registered voters. However, Caroline Cowley of the Bus Project wrote in an email that the group will not finish analyzing the full election results until later this week.

Gronke said many of the automatically registered voters might have been excited to vote in this primary, because it was the first time they received ballots and other election-related mail from the state. The true test will be whether they continue to vote in future elections, Gronke said.

The high point for voter turnout, as a percentage of the total electorate, in Oregon elections remains the 1960s and 1970s when as many as 73 percent of registered voters went to the polls.

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## Shriners screening clinic set for children

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Shriners Hospital for Children in Portland is holding a screening clinic from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Columbia Memorial Hospital, 2111 Exchange St., to identify children from birth to age 18 who can benefit from orthopedic, cleft lip/palate and bum scar revision care.

Shriners Hospitals treat those conditions as well as problems with bones, joints or muscles, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, scoliosis, hip, hand and foot disorders, club foot and skeletal growth abnormalities, regardless of the families' ability to pay.

For information, call Ken Rislow at 503-791-5482 or Vic Kee at 503-791-5880.

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# TV LISTINGS

THE DAILY ASTORIAN Evening listings THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING												MAY 19	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "Family Affair" (SF) (N)	The Catch "The Happy Couple" (N)	The Catch "The Happy Couple" (N)	The Catch "The Wedding" (SF) (N)	KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel		
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "Family Affair" (SF) (N)	The Catch "The Happy Couple" (N)	The Catch "The Happy Couple" (N)	The Catch "The Wedding" (SF) (N)	KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel		
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Jeopardy!	Strong "Four the Win" (N)	The Blacklist (N)		Game of Silence "Road Trip" (N)	KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show		
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN 6 News at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Odd Couple (N)	Mom (SF) (N)	Odd Couple (N)	Rush Hour (N)	KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert	
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Odd Couple (N)	Mom (SF) (N)	Odd Couple (N)	Rush Hour (N)	KIRO News	(35) S. Colbert	
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at Seven	Inside Edition	Strong "Four the Win" (N)	The Blacklist (N)		Game of Silence "Road Trip" (N)	KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show		
9	KRCV	(9) Seinfeld Pt. 2 of 2	Seinfeld	Modern Family	Modern Family	Legends Tomorrow	"Legendary" (SF) (N)	The 100 "Perverse Instantiation" (SF) (N)	KGW News at 10	(35) Two 1/2 Men	(05) Two 1/2 Men	(35) King of Hill	
10	KOPB	(10) Mickela Mallozzi	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Vera "Tuesday's Child"	Afterlife "The Rat Man"			Film School Shorts	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Bones "The Strike in the Chord" (N)	American Grit "Squat Till You Drop" (N)		10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	Loves Ray	
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV		The Mentalist "His Red Right Hand"		The Mentalist "A Price Above Rubies"		
14	KCPQ	(14) Name Game	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Bones "The Strike in the Chord" (N)	American Grit "Squat Till You Drop" (N)		Q13 News at 10		Q13 News	Modern Family	
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Conan	
22	KZJQ	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends	
29	ESPN	(29) (5:30) NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)				SportsCenter	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) 30 for 30	30 for 30	"Chasing Tyson"		NFL Live	NFL Live	E:60	NBA Tonight	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	E:60		
31	NICK	(31) SpongeBob	Henry Danger	Game Shakers	The Thundermans	Marmaduke (2010, Family)	Emma Stone, George Lopez, Owen Wilson.		Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	
32	DISN	(32) Friends Whenever	Girl Meets World	Friends Whenever	Jessie	16 Wishes (2010, Family)	Jean-Luc Bilodeau, Kendall Cross. (4:40) Bunk'd		Best Friends	Girl Meets World	Stuck in Middle	K.C. Undercover	
34	FAM	(34) (5:30) Mrs. Doubtfire	(1993, Comedy)	Sally Field, Pierce Brosnan, Robin Williams.		Men in Black (1997, Sci-Fi)	Tommy Lee Jones, Vincent D'Onofrio, Will Smith.		Best Friends	Girl Meets World	Stuck in Middle	K.C. Undercover	
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) Elysium	(13, Action)	Matt Damon. (4:10) FXM Presents	★★ Elysium (2013, Action)	Jodie Foster, Sharlto Copley, Matt Damon. (4:40) FXM Presents	★★★ The Watch (2012, Comedy)	Vince Vaughn, Ben Stiller. (5:5) FXM Presents					
36	LIFE	(36) Whitney and Bobby: Addicted to Love	(15, Bio)	Arlen Escarpeta, Yaya DaCosta. (1:15) Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor					Toni Braxton: Unbreak My Heart (15) Debbi Morgan, Lex Scott Davis.				
38	ROOT	(38) (4:30) Tennis	Mariners Access	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Baltimore Orioles Site: Camden Yards -- Baltimore, Md.					Post-game	UFC Unleashed "UFC Bantamweights"	UFC Main Event		
39	F51	(39) (5:30) UFC	UFC Tonight		Garbage Time	Fox Sports Live	Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	Best I Heard (N)	Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports	Fox Sports Live	Fox Sports Live
43	SPIKE	(43) Movie	Snitch (2013, Action)	Jon Bernthal, Susan Sarandon, Dwayne Johnson.				Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle (N)	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle
44	COM	(44) (4:15) Futurama	(5:0) Futurama	(20) ★★★ Pineapple Express (2008, Comedy)	James Franco, Danny McBride, Seth Rogen.				Inside Schumer (N)	Inside A. Schumer	The Daily Show (N)	Nightly Show (N)	
45	HIST	(45) Alone		Alone "The Beasts of Night"	Alone "Hunger's Grip" (N)			Alone "Storm Rising" (N)		(05) Mountain Men (N)	(05) Join or Die (N)	(35) Join or Die	
46	A&E	(46) 60 Days In "Shakedown"		60 Days In "Alone for the Holidays"	60 Days In "Institutionalized"			60 Days In: Time Out "11th Hour" (N)		60 Days In "Exodus" (N)	(05) 60 Days In		
47	TLC	(47) My 600-lb Life "Dottie's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Donald's Story"	600-lb Life "Angel's Story" (N)			Extreme Weight Loss "Bob" Bob is a Wisconsin police officer may lose his job.		Weight Loss "Jonathan McHenry" (N)			
48	DISC	(48) Naked and Afraid "King of the Forest"		Naked and Afraid "Contamination"	Naked & Afraid "Sheldown Under" (N)			Sonic Sea (N)		Sonic Sea			
49	NGEO	(49) Primal Survivor "Deadly Waters"		Life Below Zero "Breaking Through"	Life Below Zero "Shakedown"			Life Below Zero "Ghosts of Winter" (N)		Primal Survivor "Thin Air" (N)		Life Below Zero "Ghosts of Winter"	
50	TNT	(50) Castle "Dreamworld"		Castle "Need to Know"	★★★ Catch Me If You Can (2002, Adventure)	Tom Hanks, Christopher Walken, Leonardo DiCaprio.						CSI: NY "Slainte"	
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) ★★ The Hunt for Red October	(90) Alec Baldwin, Sean Connery.		★★★ The Italian Job (2003, Action)	Charlize Theron, Donald Sutherland, Mark Wahlberg.			The Monuments Men (14) Matt Damon, George Clooney.				
52	USA	(52) NCIS "Oil and Water"		NCIS "Better Angels"	WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries.			★★★ Fast Five (2011, Action)	Paul Walker, Dwayne Johnson, Vin Diesel.				
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Big Hitters"		Chopped "Heads Up!"	Chopped "Swai Not?"			Chopped "Tortellini Trials"		Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay
54	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Masters of Flip (N)	
56	FX	(56) (5:30) ★★ 300: Rise of an Empire (14)	Sullivan Stapleton.	★★ The Internship (2013, Comedy)	Owen Wilson, Rose Byrne, Vince Vaughn.					Archer (N)	Archer	The Internship	
57	CNN	(57) The Eighties (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360			Eighties "Video Killed the Radio Star"		CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	
58	FNC	(58) The Kelly File with Megyn Kelly		Hannity	The O'Reilly Factor			The Kelly File with Megyn Kelly		Hannity	On the Record		
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Amer. Greed "Psychic Fiend's Network"	Amer. Greed "The Playboy of Indiana"			Amer. Greed "Psychic Fiend's Network"		American Greed "The Bar Girls Trap"	Paid Program	Paid Program	
63	BRAV	(63) Million Dollar "Bleeker and Bleaker"		Million Dollar "Planet of the Capes"	Million "No Sleep Till Brooklyn Sells"			Million Doll "Murray Up and Wait" (N)		People's Couch "The Best of Bravo" (N)	WatchWhat (N)	Million Dollar List	
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Beach Party (63) Frankie Avalon.		★★ Wild Angels (1966, Drama)	Peter Fonda, Nancy Sinatra. (4:45) ★★ The Trip (67, Fantasy)	Susan Starsburg, Peter Fonda.		★★ Resident Evil (2002, Action)	Michelle Rodriguez, Oscar Pearce, Milla Jovovich.	The Cabin in the Woods			
65	SYFY	(65) ★★ John Carter (2012, Action)	Lynn Collins, Willem Dafoe, Taylor Kitsch.										
162	RFD	(162) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America "Live" "AARP Live"		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library	

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