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Conferences slated

by Kathryn Hall Bogle

Two churches of Portland's Black community are anticipating the opening of regional conferences during the week beginning August 6th. Both are expected to hold sessions each day of the week and each will bring conference sessions to a close on Sunday, August 12th. Both are Methodist Episcopal churches. Ministers say the plans were made separately and the coincidence was just that—a coincidence for their congregations.

The Rev. Matthew Watley, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and his congregation, will hold the Seventh Annual conference of the Puget Sound Conference of Churches, the smallest conference of the A.M.E. Fifth Episcopal District. The Rt. Rev. Henry W. Murph of Los Angeles will be presiding bishop. Delegates are expected from

Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and from Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska. The Rev. Jewell B. De Witty, presiding elder of Seattle, will assist Bishop Murph.

All conference sessions will be held at Bethel A.M.E. Church at Jarrett St. A welcoming banquet, however, will be held at the Red Lion at Jantzen Beach on Tuesday evening, August 7th.

At Allen Temple of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. E.J. Edwards and his congregation will host the Alaska Pacific Annual Conference, opening at church headquarters on August 7th. The Rt. Rev. Nathaniel L. Linsey will arrive a day earlier to greet ministers and lay people of eleven churches in Oregon, Washington and Alaska. All C.M.E. sessions will be held at Allen Temple, according to the Rev. Edwards.



REV. MICHAEL S. JONES (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Pastor earns degree

Rev. Michael S. Jones, FCBA Church Business Administrator of Maranatha Church has been designated a "Fellow in Church Business Administration" (FCBA) by the National Association of Church Business Administrators.

Rev. Jones was one of 14 candidates approved by the Professional Training and Standards Committee of NACBA for successfully completing the prescribed training. She/he has joined the 500 Church Business Administrators who have attained this hallmark of professionalism.

He qualified for the certification as a result of fulfilling specific prerequisites over a period of years, in management experience, education, association activity and completing seminars at approved

educational institutions. The seminars contain such subjects as strategic Planning Management, Stewardship and Financial Management, Church Accounting, Personnel Management, Multiple Staff Developments, Time Management, Congregational Leadership Development, Office Management, Information Systems Management, Property management, legal and tax matters, Christian Perspectives, Theology of Church, Policy, and specific denominational requirements. The certificate was presented at the 28th NACBA Annual Conference in Charlotte, N.C., by C.K. Madison, PT&S Chairman, and Robert A. Young, President of NACBA.



REV. AND MRS. ROBERT C. HILL

13 years of service honored

The Paradise Baptist Church is honoring Rev. and Mrs. Robert C. Hill's 13th anniversary of service to their congregation on August 6th, 7:30 p.m.

Nightly services will be held throughout the week and on August 12th at 3 p.m., featuring various

choirs of the city. A banquet is set for Saturday night August 11th, at 8 p.m.

Paradise Baptist Church invites all to join with them to help make this a wonderful event. They're located at 4735 N. Commercial Ave., Portland, Oregon.

Brother answers call to preach

Roy Edward Clay, a member and deacon of the New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, expressed to his pastor his call to preach several months ago. Brother Clay stated that, "I have felt that God has been working with me or calling me for a long time; and I think it is time that I answer his call." When asked "Why he wanted to preach," Brother Clay stated, "I see the problems going on around us—problems in the world and problems in the church—and the many people who seem lost."

Brother Clay was born in Fordey, Arkansas on January 30, 1944. His family moved to Portland, Oregon, when he was 1 year old. He attended school in the Portland area, where he graduated from Jefferson High School. He is married to Lottie Clay and has three children—all girls.

He became a member of the Morning Star Baptist Church in 1979. There he sang in the choir and served as president of the Brotherhood Auxiliary.

In August 1981, he, along with 21 other members, was called to start a



ROY EDWARD CLAY

new local Baptist Church in the Northeast Portland area. Rev. Lee Arthur J. Madison was the organizing pastor. This was the New Jerusalem Baptist Church—the place of his current church membership.

Brother Clay will be preaching his first sermon on Sunday, August 12, 1984, at 7:00 p.m. The entire city, and others alike, are invited to come and help lift up the name of Jesus and share this memorable occasion. The church is located at 1615 N.E. Killingsworth. Telephone 284-8705 or 284-1020.

Navy chaplain to speak here

The public is cordially invited to hear Chaplain Black on August 3rd and 4th at the Sharon Church, located at 5209 N.E. 22nd, Portland, Oregon.

Lieutenant Commander Barry Black is a chaplain in the United States Navy. He has received a Doctorate of Ministry from Eastern Theological Seminary. Dr. Black served as a pastor in the southern states prior to becoming a chaplain. Black is noted for his oral presentations of speeches of the late Dr. Martin Luther King.

Hear Dr. Black at 7:15 p.m., August 3rd and at 11:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., August 4th.



CHAPLAIN BARRY BLACK

St. Andrews hosts meeting

You are invited to an open meeting of the Portland Sanctuary Coalition on Tuesday, August 7th, 7:30, at St. Andrew's Church Community Center, N.E. 8th and Alberta.

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