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Service for Central America

An Ecumenical Worship Service for Peace in Central America will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 18, at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1200 S.W. Alder, Portland. The service, which is open to all, is co-sponsored by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and the Council for Human Rights in Latin America. It will feature the Misa Campesina (Peasant Mass) composed and performed by

Nicaragua's foremost musicians Carlos Mejia Godoy y los de Palacaquina. It will also feature contemporary gospel soul music by the New Beginnings Gospel Ensemble of the Maranatha Church of Portland. Services will be conducted by the Most Reverend Kenneth Steiner, Bishop of the Archdiocese of Portland and The Reverend Rodney Page, Executive Director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

Pastoral classes offered

The Institute of Pastoral Ministries today announced its course offerings for the 1984-85 academic year. The institute offers courses, workshops and seminars designed to give church professionals the educational experiences necessary to update their skills, help them keep abreast of Biblical and theological scholarship and nurture their faith. As far as is known, the Institute is the only one of its kind in the country, not operated by a college, seminary or university. Credit is extended

through cooperating education institutions, but the Institute is sponsored by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. The Rev. Rodney I. Page, Executive Director of EMO stated, "This year's course offerings are the largest number in the history of the Institute and present some of the most outstanding leaders of the Christian faith."

For further information and registration contact EMO at 0245 S.W. Bancroft, Portland OR 97201, or call 221-1054.

Historic Black church to observe anniversary

The members of Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church will observe the anniversary of the only historically Black United Methodist Church in the Oregon-Idaho region, from September 15, thru September 22.

Founded under the name of the church of the Open Door in 1945, in Vanport, the church of originally 30 members now enjoys a congregation of approximately 150. In May of 1950, the members adopted the present name of Hughes Memorial after the first Black Bishop elected to the central jurisdiction of the

United Methodist Church.

The present church, 111 N.E. Failing, was established in 1960. Pastor Wayne Reynolds, and Family arrived in Portland, three years ago and infused the church with new direction and energy.

The general community is invited to participate in the various activities scheduled during the week. Highlights include attendance of the founding pastor Ennis Whaley. A dinner and fashion show at the Holiday Inn-Airport, Gospel concert. For those interested contact: Dena Bowles, 283-2756.

Dinner benefits peace work

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon will sponsor a benefit dinner to be held Monday, September 17, at 6:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church (1624 N.E. Hancock) in Portland. Proceeds from the dinner will go towards the work of EMO's Peace and Disarmament Committee and scholarship assistance to those traveling to the Soviet Union to promote peace and goodwill.

After dinner special music from Russia will be performed by the St. Nicholas Orthodox Choir, newest denomination to join EMO. Following the music program, Ms. Jane Shepard, Regional Vice President of Church Women United, Fr. George Gray, pastor of

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, and the Rev. Joyce Mason Funk, Regional Associate Minister for the Christian Church (Disciples) will share their experiences of their recent travels among "Believers" in the U.S.S.R. There will be slide shows as well as a question and answer period.

A special feature of the gala benefit buffet will be Alaskan Halibut, donated by Mr. Ted Smith, member of First Christian Church. Cost of the dinner is \$12 per person, \$10 for Associate Members of EMO. Call 221-1054 in Portland to make reservations or for further information.

Why your church needs a constitution

by W.L. Perry

The church is bound by God and people, therefore, power and ambitions tend to violate the basic principles of the teaching of the Bible. A church needs to adopt the policy of a legalized constitutional administrative process.

Your church constitution should set forth the administrative policies subject to laws and by-laws in the smallest details, with binding legal ramifications on the pastor, members, and officers of the church.

The source of authority should be your doctrine and constitution, rather than rules built up without conscious or made up at each meeting. The church constitution and by-laws should be written and voted on by the church membership. In my opinion the Black com-

munity as a whole will not be able to make progress until all churches come under a formula for the liberation of Black people from bondage. This formula must relate to the secular and religious sphere in the same breath whereby each Black participates fully in the local church through doctrine and a church constitution.

A constitution is needed to explain: church ownership; belief or doctrine of the church; duties of officers, length of time in office; rules and regulations of the church; spiritual activities and program of the church; and, pastoral duties and responsibilities.

For free information on a constitution for your church write MTS., Box 336051, Decatur, Georgia 30032.



Malaika and Kazisha Sika-Imhotep were married Saturday, September 1st. The couple, both natives of California who now make their home in Portland, were married by the Rev. John H. Jackson. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

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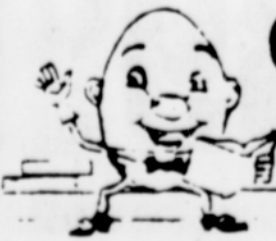
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Sunday	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Morning	Worship	11:15 a.m.
U.P.W.W.		6:30 p.m.
Evangelistic	Worship	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday	Noon Day Prayer	
Friday	"The Pastor Speaks"	7:30 p.m.
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