

Ecumenical Ministries mourns loss of Rev. John W. Garlington

Ecumenical Ministries mourns deeply the death of its new president, the Reverend John Garlington, pastor of Maranatha Church and his wife Yvonne. Our sympathy goes out to their family, the Maranatha Church, the Albina Ministerial Alliance and the wider church community.

John Garlington was a unique individual. He was a bridge-builder. He built new bridges of understanding between the Black community and the white community, between the traditional churches and the evangelical community, between the police and the citizens of Portland. John was a prophet who spoke out on issues of poverty, oppression, and racism. John was a reconciler who brought out the best in antagonists. He had the uncanny ability to cut to the heart of an issue and bring mutual understanding.

Whether it was the alienation of Christians from one another, the strife of race with race, the warfare of the classes, the contention among nations or the threat of nuclear destruction, John was a prophet, a bridge-builder, a reconciler. His commitment to justice and peace, his deep compassion and prophetic insight will be deeply missed.

But most of all, John was a good pastor who loved his people and was deeply committed to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

His talents, compassion and



REV. JOHN GARLINGTON

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

zeal will be deeply missed by all who knew, worked with and loved him. We in the ecumenical community will especially miss his view that he shared with our Lord when he expressed intention

that the church should be one and promised to gather people as a shepherd gathers his sheep—"Lo, there shall be one flock and one shepherd."

Rodney Page, executive direc-

tor of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, stated, "When I remember John Garlington, I think of the scripture verse—'And what is required of us—to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.'" John Garlington was the personification of that scripture.

"What made John so important to this community of people of color, confusion and struggle was his ability to help those around him see with his eyes—the pain, the injustices and the hope and the promises. He will not fade from us—we must continue to share his eyes," stated Barbara George.

At their 69th Annual Meeting, on Sunday, Jan. 25, the Board of Directors of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon will honor The Reverend John Garlington who was to be installed as the 1986 President. A Memorial Service will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m.

In memory of the leadership, compassion and dedication of the Reverend John Garlington and the commitment and support of Yvonne Garlington in our community, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and the YMCA has established an "Ecumenical Memorial Fund" for the children.

Please make contributions to Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, "The Garlington Fund", 0245 S.W. Bancroft St., Portland, OR 97201.

NAACP Portland Branch issues fact sheet

Recently the Portland Branch NAACP issued a new "fact sheet." It has been some years since the sheet had been updated, according to Ora Nunley, Branch President.

"We felt that there is still a lot of misunderstanding about the function of NAACP as an organization, its relationship to the National NAACP, how its money is raised and spent, etc., so we have issued a new sheet for distribution to the public, libraries, schools, etc.," Mrs. Nunley stated.

"NAACP" is almost a household word like Coca-Cola. Nunley noted but like Coca-Cola, few people really know what's in it. For instance, the new sheet points out what the NAACP is, and what it is not. Two areas where there has been constant confusion, Mrs. Nunley said, are in our

function. We are a political action organization not a social agency and we are a "legal redress" group not a "legal aid" society.

Another area of misunderstanding stems from the fact that we are just what we say: a "Branch" of a National non-profit corporation incorporated in New York State, so a good deal of our program is in support of the National effort. We maintain a Washington Bureau, whose Director is now Althea Simmons, but was presided over for many years by the late Clarence Mitchell who was sometimes called the "fifty-first Senator."

NAACP also maintains a Voter Education Project headed by Joseph Madison who is headquartered in Detroit. The Observer is printing the NAACP fact sheet as a public service to its readers.

SOME FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE PORTLAND BRANCH, NAACP

General Meeting: For almost 40 years your Portland Branch has been meeting on the third Sunday of the month at 4:00 p.m., except in July and August, when only the Executive Committee meets. NAACP meetings are open to everyone.

Where?: Churches have been very generous to your Branch, providing us with the use of one for each general meeting. Call the NAACP to find out where, or watch the community newspapers the issue before the third Sunday.

What We Are and What We Are Not:

We ARE a political action organization maintaining a lobby in Washington, DC.

We are NOT a social service organization, therefore we do not qualify for United Way funds, nor may we receive government subsidies.

We ARE a mass membership organization open to anyone subscribing to NAACP principles, printed on the back of your membership card.

We are NOT a social, fraternal, or club organization to which you have to be invited or initiated!

We ARE a Legal Redress organization. We are NOT a Legal Aid Society.

We ARE interested in protecting the civil rights of Labor. We are NOT an Employment Agency.

We ARE all Volunteers. We do not maintain any paid staff except in the very largest cities such as Detroit, Kansas City, Los Angeles. (Of course there are some paid people in the Region I office in San Francisco.)

We ARE supported by voluntary contributions, special fund-raising events, and membership. Regular memberships alone do NOT maintain a Branch.

In a city the size of Portland we ARE expected to maintain an office.

Who Decides NAACP Programs and Policies?

The Membership, Branch members instruct delegates to Area, Regional, and National meetings. The number of delegates a Branch may have is based strictly on the number of members they have. Between National Conventions a Board of Directors guides NAACP. Board members are elected at the local Branch level and at the National Convention. NAACP, you see, is a democratic, grass roots organization free from outside pressure.

What Is a Local Branch Program?

As noted from above, not a small part of the local program must be focused on supporting the National program. Programs at the local level are also guided by the policies worked out in the National Convention—such as Education, Labor, Economic Development, etc. This Branch has a long record of interest in Labor problems and Education. It was NAACP leadership that helped obtain the best civil rights laws in the Nation. However, enforcement of those laws has never been what it should be. The Portland Branch would like more members who can give time to this problem. NAACP favors a citizens' review board with teeth for the Police Department. NAACP has been drawing attention to the evils of Apartheid in South Africa since 1948 when the NATS took over.

NAACP FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: One of the great services NAACP provides the Community. See about joining if you are not now a member. Talk to or call Ida Henderson at the NAACP Federal Credit Union—281-7744.

Membership: Call 284-7722 or see a Membership Captain in your church. JOIN!

YOUTH: Portland Branch has a Youth Group. They are organized in the same way that a Branch is.

ACT-SO (Afro-American Cultural Technological and Scientific Olympics) A Special Projects program of NAACP to encourage talented young people of high school age.

Ora L. Nunley, President
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