



# RELIGION

Scripture of the Week

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## Welfare Reform To Be Scaled Back To Meet Measure 5 Cuts

Oregon's Welfare Reform program likely will be scaled down to the minimum level required by federal law because of cuts related to Ballot Measure 5.

Although the program survived nearly intact in Gov. Barbara Roberts' recommended budget for the Adult and Family Services Division, it probably will be pared back as part of an additional \$8 million in cuts requested by legislators.

Division officials presented the proposed AFS budget to the human resources sub-committee of the Ways and Means Committee in February.

The governor's proposed budget for AFS totals \$692.7 million; of that total, \$242.2 million comes from the state general fund.

After about a week of discussion of the AFS budget, the committee asked administrator Stephen Minnich to cut another \$9 million.

The governor's budget called for 1,773 employees in AFS, down from 1,954 in the proposed "continuing level" budget drawn up before Measure 5 passed; and also below the 1,817 au-

thorized by the 1989-91 budget. One of the major AFS budget issues is Welfare Reform, the federally mandated program that trains welfare recipients for jobs that pay more than minimum wage, rather than maintaining them on public assistance. Oregon calls its welfare reform program "Jobs for Oregon's Future."

The governor's budget would have cut 5,000 of the 27,000 Jobs participants, but still would have kept Oregon's program above the minimum levels required by federal law.

The reduction requested by Ways and Means would cut \$7 million from welfare reform and \$1 million from the administrative budget.

Of the \$8 million cut:

\$2.5 million would be used to restore a cost-of-living increase for welfare recipients in the first year of the biennium which had been eliminated from the budget.

\*\$3 million would cover an increase in welfare caseload expected because of cuts in welfare reform and a forecast economic downturn;

\*and \$2.5 million would go into a

pool being funded by a number of agencies to restore critical cuts in other agencies' programs—notably the Children's Services Division and Vocational Rehabilitation Division.

The additional \$8 million in cuts will not reduce personnel further than the governor's recommended budget. Under that budget, 151 positions were cut, and regional office structure was reduced.

"Our aim is to do it through turnover-resignations, transfers, retirements," said administrator Stephen Minnich.

The division set a goal to cut 76 positions by this July, and the full 151 by July 1992. As of March 22, 82 positions had been cut through turnover, six more than the target. Minnich noted.

"This is not happy news in the sense that we are cutting positions. But as least we are ahead of schedule in meeting our staff-reduction target without a layoff," Minnich added.

The budget also calls for the division to transfer its Volunteer Program to the office of the director of Human Resources.

## Families: Little-Known Facts

Perhaps you haven't gone to church for some time but think you might like to explore some church options.

The family that stays together—often achieves great things together! Just consider these examples of famous families who've left a lasting legacy:

Perhaps, however, we should admire more some lesser-known families who teach their children from an early age the value of serving others in a sacrificial lifestyle. The Hostetlers of Indiana are a Mennonite family who adopted several children from other countries who needed homes.



There are many groups of Mennonites across the country, in both rural and urban areas, but they all have several things in common. They're members of a church of warm, caring people, where others, of all races and backgrounds, are always welcome—unlike most families, you don't have to be born a Mennonite to belong! They believe in God's love, the world's need for justice and peace, the Bible, Jesus Christ and each other. The Mennonites serve God and the people in their communities. Caring members of the Mennonite church have helped out at flood sites, earthquakes, soup kitchens and youth centers. They've learned from Jesus that ordinary people can make a difference—and that a life of giving is more rewarding than a life of getting.

## Physical Disabilities Conference Scheduled

The Disabilities Advisory Coalition is pleased to announce that a seminar on Independent Living for Persons with Physical Disabilities will be held Saturday, April 20th, from noon to 2PM at the Hillyard Community Center, 2580 N. Hillyard in Eugene. The topic of this seminar will be Working Out Problems with Family and Attendants. The next five seminars will be held the third Saturday of every month from May-September 1991. All persons with physical disabilities, families, friends and any other interested persons are invited to attend these FREE seminars!

The Disabilities Advisory Coalition has also begun a series of free peer support groups for persons with disabilities and their families, friends, children, parents and other significant persons. The peer support groups are held the first and third Saturday of every month through September, 1991. The peer support groups are held from 2:30-4:00 PM at the Hillyard Community Center, 2580 N. Hillyard in Eugene. The specific focus of these support groups is determined by the members of the groups and the corresponding facilitators. Come and make a group happen for you!

An interpreter for the hearing impaired will be available for either the seminars of the peer support groups with 48 hours advanced notice. Transportation information is available for either the seminars or the peer support groups by calling the DAC office for a referral. Please call DAC at 485-7718 for more information.

## Free Health Screenings For Seniors (Offered at Neighborhood Sites Age 55+)

May 10, Eastco Loaves and Fishes, St. Aidans Episcopal Church, 17405 N.E. Glisan. Please Call 255-9775 for an appointment (9 a.m. to 12 noon).

Among services at the screenings are blood chemistry tests which include cholesterol, glucose and amnesia measurements, blood pressure, colorectal cancer take-home test kit, lung function and hearing testing, Vision and glaucoma assessments, nutritional counseling and foot care evaluation are also usually offered. Appointments are necessary and may be made by calling the screening site. There is no charge for the screenings.

## Oregon Commission On Black Affairs Acknowledges Passage Of Proposed Budget

The full Ways and Means Committee passed by an 11-5 vote, the budget presented by its' General Government Subcommittee.

While expressing relief that some of the earlier proposals, including a proposal to completely defund the Commission and other minority advocacy groups were not approved. The Oregon Commission on Black Affairs notes the HB 5053 which passed out of the Ways and Means Committee does not positively resolve the budgetary plight the Commission has attempted to bring to light throughout this legislative process.

Senators Kerans, Roberts and Trow voted negatively and indicated that they were doing so to call attention to the woeful underfunding of the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs, Chair Wade Acknowledged their expression of support and appreciated that they continued to vote their conscience.

Commission officials were dismayed by comments made during the proceedings which implied that there has been a lack of coordination and cooperation between the Commission on

Black Affairs, Commission on Hispanic Affairs and Commission for Women. The Oregon Commission on Black Affairs continues to look positively towards working in concert with the other Commissions whenever appropriate.

Commission Chair Joseph Wade promises that Commission on Black Affairs will continue to monitor proceedings and attempt to speak to some concerns which still exist relative to the budgetary problems of the Commission, i.e.,

\* unfunding of support staff in the Commission office (the bill authorizes but does not fund a 1/3 time classified position.);

\* underfunding in the supplies and services area; and

\* lack of recognition of personal financial commitments required of Commission members.

Finally, Wade is seriously concerned about the harmful impact on the morale of Commission members, the African American community, and Oregonians in general of the negative dialogue that has permeated these proceedings.

## Information /Support Groups For Adults Molested As Children

The Adults Molested As Children Program of Lutheran Family Service of Oregon and Southwest Washington is offering 13 week information and support groups for men and women who have been sexually abused as children beginning the early part of June.

The groups are designed to help women and men when they are ready to look at and deal with the ways in which past abuse affects their lives in the present and generate choices and options for the future. Participants will receive information on a variety of topics which will include: the impact of unresolved trauma; offender dynamics; survival mechanisms; relationship issues; and stages in the healing process.

In addition, group members will be able to identify with the stories and trauma of other participants and discover a source of support that fills the void and isolation that is so familiar to people who have been abused.

"When someone is abused as a child or adolescent," states Myna Sommers, supervisor of the AMAC

Program, "the pain does not disappear with the passage of time. Unless the person is able to share his or her story with others, to one degree or another they remain stuck in the past. The orientation groups provide a safe place either to begin or to continue working through these issues."

Concurrent with group, members are also required to be in individual therapy. Also, people with substance abuse problems must be in recovery for a least a year. The group fee is based on a sliding scale depending on gross income and number of people supported.

A Partners' Group is also available for people who are in a relationship with someone who has been abused and who want to learn how to be more supportive, while being clear about his or her own issues.

For more specific information on group times or to schedule a screening appointment for an orientation group, call the appointment's office at 231-7480 between 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Theme: Whatever you're going to do for the Lord, do it now.

I Peter iv.11

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He That Loveth Not, Knoweth Not God; For God Is love I John 4:8

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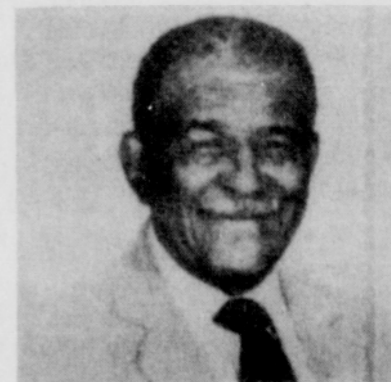
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