

# RELIGION

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## AME Host Annual Banquet

The Albina Ministerial Alliance is hosting its Fourteenth Annual Banquet on Friday, June 11, 1993 at 6:30pm at Shenanigan's on the Willamette, 4575 N. Channel, Portland, Oregon. Dr. Joseph A. Boles of Tacoma, Washington will be the keynote speaker at our exciting event and tickets are \$25.00.

We are pleased to announce this year's theme is, "And Then There Was Light". Our theme came out of the past year in AMA's History is which seemingly unsurmountable obstacle presented themselves daily. Throughout the years we have impacted our community with our firm stand on strengthening families and developing our youth and children by involving them in many positive ways (such as: Family Day & Night Care, Emergency Foods, Self Enhancement, One Church-One-Child, Homeless Shelter, Low-income Housing, summer Youth Employment Program, Emergency Services).

Rev. J.A. Boles, Sr. came to Tacoma October 1952, and organized the St. John Missionary Baptist Church, with eight (8) members. Over the years, this number has grown to over 2000. He has served as pastor of the St. John Baptist Church for the last 35 years.

Dr. Boles was instrumental in implementing the anti-poverty program and served as the chairperson of

the board for over two years. He organized the Model Cities Program of Tacoma and served on the board for over eighteen months. He also served as City Commissioner for the City of Tacoma from 1973 to 1976, and presently serves as Commissioner of the Committee of Ethics for the County of Pierce in Washington. Dr. Boles is a life time member of the NAACP and has bought life time membership for the church. He is currently a member of the Tacoma Urban League.

He serves as Executive Director of the Tacoma Ministerial Alliance; has also served as president of the Alliance. He served as Moderator for twenty years for the Progressive Baptist Association, as well as President of the Regional BTU and Sunday School Congress of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Rev. Boles has headed the support drive for the Jesse Jackson Campaign, and is in the process of raising \$100,000.00 for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund.

We realize that there is no way we can fight or stand alone in this endeavor. So we call on you, the community, churches, businesses, cultural and educational institutions, and private citizens to be a part of our agenda.

Please feel free to contact AMA at (503) 285-0493 if additional information is needed and to reserve your seat at the Albina Ministerial Alliance's Fourteenth Annual Banquet.

## Albina Ministerial Alliance

**Mission:**  
The mission of the Albina Ministerial Alliance is to develop and nurture spiritual, social, and educational ideals and principles throughout the Albina ecumenical community by fostering the concept of community development and economic enrichment. Moreover, the Alliance will serve as a foundation for those individuals and organizations seeking to maintain a high sense of moral conduct in their lives as well as in their human and social relationships.

In pursuing its mission, the Albina Ministerial Alliance will work to promote human dignity, and spiritual and social renewal in the administration of its programs. The Alliance will also seek to collaborate and coordinate with other organizations that have as their objectives the intellectual, social, economic, moral, and spiritual

development of the community.

**Primary Goal:**  
To provide exemplary leadership that stimulates, motivates, and enhances the quality (efficient and effective) of services delivered throughout the organization, and community.

**History and Background:**  
Albina Ministerial Alliance (AMA) is an ecumenical organization involving 40 or more Ministers serving congregations in North/Northeast Portland. It was organized more than 50 years ago by local African American Ministers in an attempt to strengthen and enhance their ministries as Pastors. Realizing that strength comes from many hearts striving towards the same goal, the organization (after some years) in 1964 became integrated to include clergy of all ethnic and denominational backgrounds. In 1971, having recognized the need

to work closer with the community outside the church walls, AMA became incorporated.

With incorporation came programs initiated by the local lay-people seeking to strengthen our community. During the past twenty (20) years many programs in our community have come and gone, however programs that become part of AMA have remained and are experiencing tremendous growth.

We began the 1980's with a budget of \$500,000.00 and grew to 3.5 million by 1992. Our current budget is approximately two (2) million dollars (due to the transition in the program). Presently operating under the umbrella of AMA are five (5) programs: AMA Family Day & Night Care, Self Enhancement Incorporation, Neighborhood Connections, One Church One Child, and Emergency/Community Services.

## Kafoury To Dedicate Memorial Plaque

City Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury will host a ceremony on Friday, June 11th at 3:30 p.m. to dedicate a memorial plaque to Bob Crooks, a Portland lawyer whose practice focused on low-income housing. The ceremony will take place at the South end of the McCormick Pier Apartments at 600 NW Front. A reception will follow the dedication at the McCormick Pier Recreation Room. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend both events.

Along with representing numerous non-profit housing developers, Crooks devoted substantial volunteer time to many community efforts -- serving as the Chair of Transition Projects, and a key member of the planning team that produced the City's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy. It was Crooks' legal work that paved the way for the City's successful effort to assist a community non-profit acquire the Dominion Capital inventory. Crooks died at the age of 39 of an unexpected heart attack while running along the Willamette River on December 5, 1992.

## African-American Clergies Sponsor Summer Youth Program

In the summer of 1985, a group of North Portland pastors and community leaders met with former mayor Bud Clark to express concern over the increasing gang presence in our neighborhood. His response was: "Wait 'til the rains come. They'll move back to L.A."

Well, the rains have come and gone many times. And now, eight years later, there are at least 1,800 known gang members in our city, not counting the wanna-bes. We have a serious problem, and it's time to do something about it. Together.

From the Inside Out is sponsored by African-American Clergies, a group of local ministers reaching out to inner city youth (ages 6-19), gang members and families.

The local churches are putting together a summer program to serve breakfast and lunch for 200-400 kids

a day Monday-Friday at St. Mark Baptist Church at 103 NE Morris St. (one block east of the NIKE outlet store on MLK Blvd). We plan to provide clothing for kids in crisis along with job placement assistance and counseling for teenagers ages 14-19. There will be a 24-hour hotline for emergency assistance and crisis intervention. And every Saturday throughout the summer, we will host an outreach program in one of the neighborhood parks (from 12:00 noon to 5:00pm) providing recreation, gospel music and refreshments for youth. This is real help-From the Inside Out.

If you would like to be a part of this program either with financial assistance or providing other resources, please contact African-American Clergies, P.O. Box 12294, 103 N.E. Morris Street, Portland, OR 97212 (503) 282-3975

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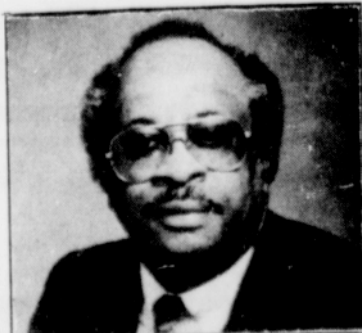
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Sunday Service  
10:45

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9:30

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6:00

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7:00pm



Pastor, Re. James C.E. Faulkner

Theme: Whatever your going to do for the Lore, **do it now.**  
I Peter IV.11

You Are Invited  
To Attend "Children's Day 1993"  
June 13, 1993 at 4:00 P.M.  
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4222 N.E. 12th  
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