

RELIGION

A Balm Or Bomb? The Church & Gilead

The Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment (NWCAMH), along with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO), the American Jewish Committee, and several other co-sponsors, will gather Christian clergy and laypersons from six states at a conference titled "A Balm Or Bomb? The Church & Gilead." The conference will be held Wednesday and Thursday, May 1 and 2, 1996. At the LOMA Center for Renewal, 3607 228th Avenue SE, Issaquah, Washington.

Keynote speaker at the conference will be Dr. C.T. Vivian, Chair of the Center for Democratic, renewal in Atlanta, GA. Dr. Vivian is an internationally known authority on problems in human relations, specializing in Black-White racial conflict resolution. Dr. Vivian is the founder and director of the Black Action Strategies and Information Center (BASIC) Workshop program,

which has helped countless organizations and individuals free themselves from the bondage of racial ignorance, hatred and prejudice. Dr. Vivian was counsel to and on the personal executive staff of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and was closely associated with Dr. King's civil rights work.

Other speakers at the conference include Father Robert Bullock, Chair of the Facing History and Ourselves National Foundation; Susan DeCamp, Project Coordinator for Christian Witness for Humanity, a special project of the Montana Association of Churches; William Nicholls, author of Christian Antisemitism: A History of Hate and Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver; Jerry Sloan, co-founder of Project Tocsin and co-author of Without Justice for All; David Ostendorf, Director of the Cen-

ter for New Community in Oak Park, Illinois.

"Balm or Bomb? the Church in Gilead" is a strategy and educational conference designed for denominational leaders, clergy, and laypersons active in anti-hate ministry.

The conference will focus on the hurts and hatreds in the Northwest and suggest various ways that laypersons and clergy can respond to hate activity.

For more information on the conference, please contact NWCAMH at (206) 233-9136.

Other co-sponsors of the event include: Coalition for Human Dignity, Idaho Network Against Bigotry, Montana Association of Churches, Montana Human Rights Network, Rural Organizing Project (OR), Washington Association of Churches, Washington Citizens for Fairness/Hands Off Washington, and the Wyoming Church Coalition.

Pope Appoints Portland Archbishop

Pope John Paul II has named Bishop Francis E. George, O.M.I., to be the ninth Archbishop of Portland in Oregon. Bishop George is currently the Bishop of Yakima.

Upon learning of the appointment, Bishop Kenneth D. Steiner, Auxiliary Bishop of Portland and the Archdiocesan Administrator during the interim between archbishops, stated "Bishop George brings a great deal of pastoral and spiritual leadership to his new role as ninth Archbishop of Portland.

As a pastor, scholar, leader and deeply spiritual person, he will serve the People of God in western Oregon well." Bishop George said of this appointing me to serve the people of western Oregon as Archbishop of Portland. Obviously, I have a lot to learn about the place and the people, and I look forward to our learning together." The vacancy came in October, 1995, when Archbishop William J. Levada was moved to the Archdiocese of San

Francisco.

Bishop George was born January 16, 1937, in Chicago, Ill., to Francis J. and Julia R. George, both now deceased. He has one sister, Mrs. Margaret Mary Cain, of Grand Rapids, MI. He attended St. Pascal elementary school in Chicago and St. Henry Preparatory Seminary in Belleville, IL. He entered the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in August, 1957. He attended Our Lady of the Snows Seminary at Pass Christian, MS., and the seminary of the University of Ottawa, Canada.

Bishop George made his Profession of Perpetual Vows as a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate on September 8, 1961. He was ordained a priest on December 21, 1963 at St. Pascal Church, Chicago, IL. He served as Provincial Superior of the Midwestern U.S. Province of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, 1973 - 1974, when he was elected Vicar General for the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Rome

from 1974 until 1986. Bishop George was appointed the fifth Bishop of Yakima on July 10, 1990, and was ordained and installed as Bishop on September 21, 1990. Bishop George will be the second archbishop of Portland to be a member of a religious order. Archbishop William H. Gross, CSSR, third Archbishop of Portland (1885-1898), was a member of the Redemptorists.

Bishop George will be the second Bishop of Yakima to become an Archbishop of Portland. Archbishop Cornelius M. Power, seventh Archbishop of Portland (1974-1986) and the second Bishop of Yakima (1969-1974), preceded him. Archbishop Power, now retired, said "the Holy Father couldn't have made a better choice. Bishop George is a man of broad experience.

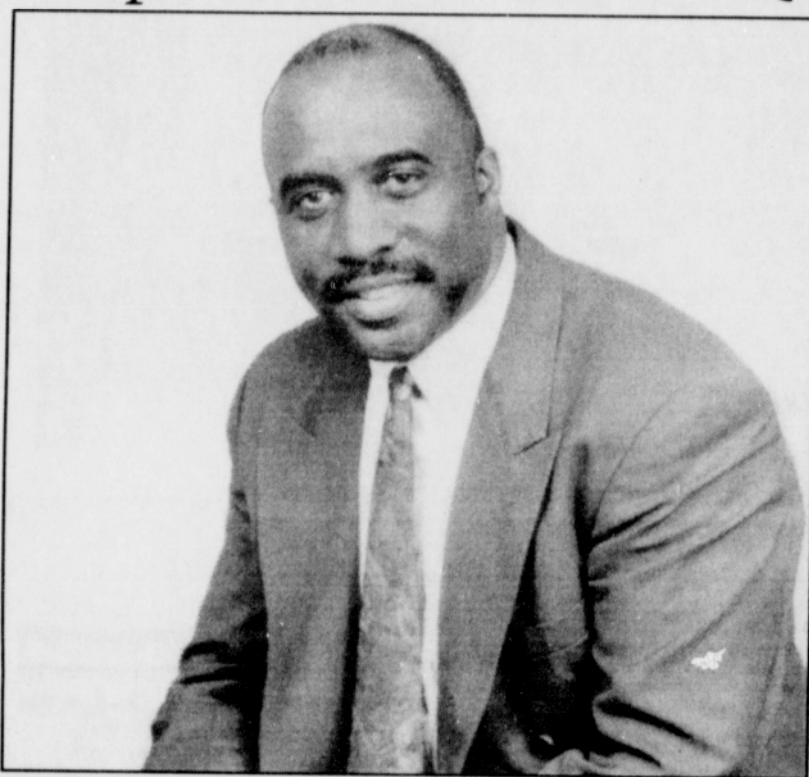
The people of the archdiocese are indeed anxious to welcome Bishop George as their ninth archbishop, and to assure him of their willing trust and ready cooperation."

Reverend Frazier Speaks At Lewis & Clark

The Rev. Donald T. Frazier, Sr., pastor of Mt. Sinai Community Baptist Church, spoke at Lewis & Clark College's baccalaureate last Saturday, May 4, in Agnes Flanagan Chapel, Lewis & Clark College. He titled his speech "Hope: alive and Kicking."

The Rev. Frazier is known for his community leadership and service. He directs the Bridge Development Corporation, a non-profit organization dedicated to building bridges into the lives of inner-city youth and their families.

He formed the Portland Gang Transitional Mentor Program and the One Church, One Child Oregon Program. He serves on the Multnomah County Youth Commission and the Metropolitan Human Rights Commission. He is a reconciliation trainer with Promise Keepers and a Western Seminary Consultant on Inner-City Ministries. In addition, Frazier serves on the board of the



The Rev. Donald Frazier Pastor, Mt. Sinai Community Baptist Church

North Portland Bible College. Frazier's daughter, Velynn, who graduates from Lewis &

Clark this spring, will be among those attending the baccalaureate.

ALTERNATIVES Defining The Age (Times)

BY M. ISAACS

There Is A Global Resistance To The Word Of God! There is also a record of the sins of men. "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil." Ecclesiastes 12:14. "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Matthew 12:36.

Thus, we who love the Lord must speak the truth; we must do that which is right in the sight of the Lord; For this is our only defense against the hate of Satan, the master of sin. Being flesh, we sin; but believing in Christ Jesus gives us an advocate to plead in our behalf before God, the Father 1 John 2:1.

Satan's enmity against Christ has been brought also against the followers of Christ. Satan hates the princi-

ples of God's law, and by his policy of deception, he makes wrong (error) appear as truth, by which human laws are substituted for the law of God, and men are led to worship the creature rather than the Creator. Satan causes men to misrepresent the character of God, thereby causing other men to cherish false conception of the Creator, thus regarding Christ with fear and hate, rather than with love. Satan, through ungodly men, lead people to think themselves Free of the requirements of the divine law.

"Because of this evil creature, the ambassadors of peace weep bitterly, the earth mourneth; the vile person is no more called liberal, and "devise wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right". Isaiah 32:5,7. There are "filthy dreamers that defile the flesh". "Going after strange flesh giving themselves over to fornication". Jude Vs. 7-8. "These speak evil of those things which they know not; But What They Know Naturally As Brute Beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves". Jude Vs 10. Woe unto them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for Reward, and perished in the gain saying of core: Jude Vs. 11.

God's Holy Word (the Bible) brings out facts and principles which have a bearing upon coming events, and through this Holy word a light is cast upon the future, lighting the pathway of those who will be called, even at the peril of all earthly goods, to witness for the Word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ; that through the influence of His Word souls may be delivered from the power of darkness, and become partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light, "To The Praise Of Him Who Loves Us.

For reservations and tickets call 1-800-771-4205.

Obituary

Vassie T. Langstaff-Buckner
February 15, 1924
to April 28, 1996

Vassie was born in Parkdale, Arkansas. She did domestic work for Metropolitan Family Services for over 20 years. She retired in 1984. She was a member of The Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church since 1956, where she served as an usher for many years. She came to Portland, Oregon in 1945 from Arkansas.

Vassie married Moses Buckner on January 18, 1981. Moses died January 20, 1992.

Survivors: Marie Garth, Daughter; Pearl Wilson, Daughter; Abby Callaway, Daughter; Christine Tillman, Daughter; Bernice Vieira, Daughter; Luizer Reese, Daughter; Nathaniel Lang-staff, Son; all of Portland OR. Roy Langstaff Son, of Vancouver, WA. Jimmie Buckner, Stepson, Corvallis, OR. Rosalie Turner, Sister; Johnnie Lee Lawrence, Brother, both of Monroe, LA. Mattie Pearl Morris, Sister, Bonita, LA. J.D. Lawrence, Brother; Bulah Jones, Sister, Oakland, CA. Willie Mae Jones, Sister, Bearstrap, LA. Away Miller, Sister, Parkdale, AR. Lillie Mae Smith, Sister Spearsville, LA. Also 26 Great Grandchildren and many Great Great Grandchildren.

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Oregon's First-Ever Summit On Ethics And Meaning

A coalition of local community organizations is sponsoring Oregon's first-ever Summit on Ethics and Meaning at the First Unitarian Church, 1011 SW 12th Street (near SW Main), in downtown Portland. The forum will begin the evening of Saturday, June 8 at 8:00 pm, and continue all day Sunday, June 9.

The forum will feature Michael Lerner, editor and publisher of Tikkun Magazine, and local leading advocates of the Politics of Meaning. Michael Lerner will also be talking to the City Club at its luncheon meet-

ing on Friday, June 7, about the Politics of Meaning.

The goal of a politics of meaning is to expand political and social priorities so that the success of laws, businesses, and social institutions is measured by the way they sustain caring relationships.

The summit will address the most unexamined issue in American politics today -- the link between the crises in families and communities, and a workplace focused on the maximization of wealth and power.

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