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Hallelujah! Gospel Concert on Pioneer Courthouse Square

In the heart of Downtown Portland Gospel Hummingbirds and Linda Hornbuckle will perform

Music of the holiday season is all about making a joyful noise, and the Gospel Concert on Pioneer Courthouse Square will bring exhilarating and soulful harmonies to the heart of the city. This year's concert, the second annual gospel on the Square event, will feature Portland's own Linda Hornbuckle, and the Gospel Hummingbirds. Downbeat Magazine describes the music of the Gospel Hummingbirds: "A spiritually charged jubilant collection of Christo-Afrocentric tunes that both unashamedly testify to the Lord and exuberantly rock the house"

Since 1988, the Birds have ventured into uncharted gospel territory, taking their mix out of the church and into blues festivals and nightclubs world wide with a propulsive, soulful sound. They have been invited to perform at the San Francisco Blues Festival, the Monterey Blues Festival, the Ravenna (Italy) Blues Festival, The Oakland Coliseum tribute to Nelson Mandela, and the Monterey Jazz Festival. They've also performed in Japan, Australia, Belgium and France, where their album Steppin' Out was named the Gospel Album of the year by the French Jazz Academy.

They have provided background vocals for both the Fabulous Thunderbirds and Huey Lewis. The group is rock solid in their faith and in their approach to gospel music. James Gibson, lead singer for the group states, "We are taking gospel and its music to people who otherwise wouldn't be exposed." Linda Hornbuckle has been called "the most beautiful and powerful blues/Gospel/Soul voice in the Pacific Northwest." Her phenomenal voice gives her a confident, world class bearing and her presence is legendary - she is able to electrify an audience. From

her roots as a church singer (beginning at age 6 in her Father's Pentecostal Church) and soloist, Linda Hornbuckle has performed at many of the nation's most prestigious Jazz and Gospel festivals, nationally and internationally, and has opened for the Temptations, BB King and many other blues/jazz and gospel performers. Nominated for over 40 Grammy awards, she has recently released a new CD Linda Hornbuckle - playing on radio stations across the country. Hornbuckle is recognized as the Soul/Blues Diva of the West Coast - "It's a real experience to hear someone sing

who can perform vocal gymnastics of the sort Hornbuckle employs. What Linda Hornbuckle does with her voice other singers can only dream about. She is destined for stardom." said Andy Grigg in Real Blues Magazine. Karen Whitman, Manager of Pioneer Courthouse Square explained the success of the Gospel Concert on Pioneer Courthouse Square: "At this time of the year, almost everyone seeks a spiritual experience at some level, and some form. The Square is our city's celebration place, and we want to provide that spiritual resonance in

an exciting way that speaks to diversity of our musical and cultural community. Gospel on the square does just that. Gospel On the Square Concert is free and open to the public because of the generous sponsorship of: KGW TV Newschannel 8, KINK Radio, Smart Park and Freepark, Pepsi Cola Company and Thriftway Stores. Event date: Sunday December 13, 1998 Pioneer Courthouse Square 1:00-3:00 PM Contacts: Karen Whitman/Michele Theis Manager PR Pioneer Courthouse Sq Pioneer Courthouse St (503)223-1613,(503)223-1613

George Fox Saturday Class to show How Examining Business World Can Benefit Churches

PORTLAND, Ore. - No organization - not even the church - can get bigger than the capacity of its managers to manage, says Raymond Gleason.

That's why churches, ministries and not-for-profit organizations stand to benefit from looking at how the business world copes with today's challenges, says Gleason, who is executive-in-residence and adjunct professor of management at George Fox University. Starting Jan. 30, Gleason will teach a new four-session course at the University's seminary that addresses this need.

"If you speak with most pastors or church leaders today, they will be quick to verify what national and regional studies have recognized - that while seminary education does a good job preparing

students to understand and work with spiritual matters, we fall miserably short of preparing our spiritual leaders in the knowledge, understanding and training in business administration," said Gleason. "Without this knowledge, understanding and training, the church and ministry have a ceiling on success."

The course, listed as Pastoral Studies (PST) 585, is titled "When the Church or Not-for-Profit Means Business: An Introduction." It meets from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on four Saturdays - Jan. 30, Feb. 27, March 13 and April 17 - at the University's Portland Center campus, 12753 S.W. 68th Ave.

Gleason is a former co-owner of a multimillion dollar market research and design company, past winner of George Fox's top teaching

award, and a consultant in business management to companies in the United States, Europe and New Zealand.

He said the course will progress through the following topics: Megatrends, "Understanding Business," "Managing Money and Information," "Managing People," "Establishing Strategies," and "Improving the Organization." Guest speaker at one session is John Christenson, a financial planning consultant from Wilsonville, Ore., who specializes in serving the Christian community.

Gleason said the course is based on the biblical admonition in I Peter 5:10 (New American Standard version) "to perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish" pastors, key church leaders and administrators. It seeks to equip them with

an understanding of business and the tools for strategic management and to prepare them for change and innovation.

"The church is transforming," said Gleason. "The church is being challenged. The church is changing in the way it worships, grows, ministers and educates. Like it or not, pastors, church leaders and administrators either are-or will be-part of that change."

He said the course will look closely at the need for pastors and church leaders to understand "That they must provide their members with programs, materials and services that they value. And in order to do this, they must develop proficiency in balancing the constraints of their denominational requisites, their individual church's mission, and its management, planning, or-

ganization and control needs."

Gleason said the course grew out of discussion he once had with the late Ed Stevens, then George Fox president, and later with seminary Dean Tom Johnson, who served a year as the university's interim president. All agreed that a course on applying business management skills to the work of the church could prove valuable for many.

"I'm not making the case that a church should be run like a business," said Gleason. "A church and a business are not synonymous. But there are many processes and many of the same concerns that business and churches have."

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Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

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