



RELIGION

Religious Leaders Promote Energy Conservation

Eighty-one religious leaders in Oregon have joined over 1,100 colleagues nationwide in a letter to every U.S. Senator calling for "energy conservation, fuel efficiency, and alternate energy development to protect God's creation and God's children."

Against the backdrop of efforts against terrorism, the call for energy conservation stresses "the intimate link between the safety of our people and the reliability of our energy system."

The Rev. Dr. Robert Edgar, general secretary of the National Council of Churches in Christ, said, "We're telling our Senators that energy conservation is necessary for homeland security as well as environmental protection and justice."

Oregon religious leaders have established the state Interfaith

Global Warming and Energy Campaign.

"Our message to Senators Smith and Wyden is that God calls us to protect all of creation and that energy conservation is an important way to honor our covenant with our God," said The Rev. John Huenik, Clerk of the Presbytery of the Cascades, a faith body that recently passed a resolution calling for effective policies to slow global warming.

As the U.S. Senate begins debate on its energy legislation, the national religious leaders and 21 state campaigns are specifically calling upon the Senate to substantially increase fuel efficiency for all vehicles and encourage the auto industry to produce vehicles using hybrid-electric, fuel cell, and other clean technologies; and provide consumer incentives for their purchase.

Other demands call for the opposition to drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; the investment of more resources in renewable energy sources such as wind, geothermal, solar, and biomass technologies; including carbon dioxide as a regulated pollutant from power plants; and increasing funds for low-income energy assistance and inner-city rail and mass transit.

According to the Oregon Department of Energy, 35 percent of Oregon's contribution of carbon dioxide comes from transportation fuels.

Jon Geffen, a general manager at Ron Tonkin Dealerships in Portland, who specializes in hybrid and alternative fuel autos notes, "Since we already have the technology necessary to reduce oil consumption, it would be a quick transition to its implementation in

new vehicles, thus reducing our dependence on foreign oil."

According to Rabbi Rose of Congregation Beth Israel in Portland, "The Jewish community, as with many communities of faith, takes seriously the protection of the poor and vulnerable. Given that climate change is certain to cause unthinkable suffering, not just for humankind but for all of creation, we have an obligation to take action and to urge our political leaders to do so as well."

The local campaign is coordinated by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, in partnership with Northwest Jewish Environmental Project.

EMO is a statewide association of 17 Christian denominations including Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox bodies working together to improve the lives of all Oregonians.

obituaries

Ira Jackson

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 9, 2002, in Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Portland for Ira Jackson, who died March 4 at age 86.

Mr. Jackson was born June 16, 1915, in Ida, La. He moved to Portland in the 1950s and was a construction laborer who worked out of Local 300.

He was also a senior deacon in the church. He returned to Portland from California in 1993. In 1942, he married Eula Mae Washington; she died in 1998.

Survivors include his sister, Elizabeth; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances to the church. Arrangements by Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes.

Barbara McKnight

Funeral services were held Monday at the Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes for Barbara Ison McKnight who died Feb. 23.

She was born April 25, 1934 in San Diego, Calif. to the late Rufus and Leola Bell.

Barbara was a member of Bishop Daniel's Church for many years. She was a devoted wife to Albert Moore Turner until his passing in 1977.

She was a certified medical assistant for the Port Haven Care facility who retired in 1996 after 20 years of service to enjoy her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

Survivors include her husband, James McKnight; daughters, Shree, Leola and Geraldine; her son, Albert Jr.; three sisters, Geraldine, Linda and Carolyn; three brothers, Richard, Charles and James; 8 grandchildren, a great-grandchild, many nieces and nephews and many, many dear friends.

Two sons preceded her in death.

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Crispell is considered one of the finest improvising jazz musicians in America today by critics and players alike.

She has been an important artistic force since the late 70s, working with Billy Bang, Mark Dresser, Gerry Hemingway, Gary Peacock, Paul Motian and many others. Notably, she was a key player in Anthony Braxton's great quartet of the early through mid-90s.

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Calls for Slavery Reparations Grow

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The National Reparations Convention Committee, was chosen to speak at the regional gathering because of her monumental efforts at making Chicago the first city to hold an official government-sponsored hearing on slavery.

She supports Conyers' bill and other programs for just compensation to black descendants of African slaves.

An outspoken panel of 15 speakers will lend their voice to next week's convention and march under the theme "Restitution, Resolution and Reparations!"

The individuals include: Charles Ogletree, professor of law at Harvard University; Ambassador Carol Moseley Braun; Dr. Michele Goodwin, law professor; Dr. Claud Anderson, author of "Black Labor - White Wealth"; James Allen, author of "Without Sanctuary"; Dr. William Hardy, professor of religion and ethics at Tennessee State University; Dr. Wade Nobles, psychologist and author; Dr. Harvette Gray, psy-

chologist; Dr. James Small, anthropologist/historian; Dr. Anderson Thompson, historian; Bob Law, former national talk show host; Charles Tisdale, publisher of the Jackson Advocate News in Jackson, Miss.; Stephanie Parker Weaver, executive secretary of SCLC; and Dr. Adam Green, professor of history.

To learn more about the 2002 National Reparations Convention in Chicago, call 773-373-1900, or go online to www.reparationsnow.org.

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Friday, March 29
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We invite the community
to come and worship
the Lord with us

Begin the Journey

Wednesday, April 3, 2002
Arlene Schnitzer
Concert Hall
SW Broadway & Main

Doors Open at 6 p.m.
Program Begins at 7 p.m.
Rally for Human Dignity at Pioneer Courthouse Square begins at 6 p.m.

Featuring
Keynote Address by Judy Shepard and Brent Scarpo

Screening of Award Winning Film
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