

# BIDS

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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the University of Oregon Housing Department **Resident Directors' Apartments Renovations and Upgrades project, Dunn Hall at Hamilton Complex and Caswell Hall at Bean Complex**, will be received by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education at U of O Facilities Services Dept., Conference Room #2, 1295 Franklin Blvd. (physical address), 1276 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1276 (mailing address), until **4:00 PM PDT, Tuesday, May 27, 2003**. Bids thus received will be publicly opened and read aloud by the Undersigned or his designated representative.

Briefly, the work involves renovation of two apartments and includes demolition, new shear walls, new interior wall and finishes, and associated mechanical and electrical modifications.

Bidding documents may be examined at the UO Facilities Services Dept., Eugene Builders Exchange, Eugene; Daily Journal of Commerce Plan Center, Construction Data Plan Center, and Reed Construction Data, Portland; Oregon Contractors Exchange, Clackamas; Central Oregon Builders Exchange, Bend; Douglas County Plan Center, Roseburg; Medford Builders Exchange, Medford, Salem Builders Exchange, Salem; and Valley Plan Center, Kent, WA.

Prime bidders and subcontractors may obtain **one set** of bidding documents at Central Print and Reprographic Services (Mark), 47 West 5<sup>th</sup> St., Eugene, OR 97401, 541-342-3624, upon receipt of a refundable deposit of \$100, with a check or money order made payable to the UO. Deposits will be refunded for documents returned in "good condition" **within ten days after the opening of bids**. After that date the deposit checks will be deposited by the UO.

A **Mandatory** Pre-Bid conference and walk-through has been scheduled for **Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at 12:30 PM PDT**, in Dunn Resident Hall Lounge at Hamilton Hall, adjacent to Dunn apartment renovation area. A tour of the site will follow the meeting.

All bidders must comply with ORS 279.348 - 279.375 relating to prevailing wage rates. All bidders must be registered with the Construction Contractors Board, as required by ORS 701.035.

Bids will be received on a lump sum basis for all of the work. No bid will be considered unless fully completed in the manner provided in the Division B "Instruction to Bidders" upon the Bid Form provided and accompanied by bid security. Any and all bids may be rejected for good cause upon finding that it is in the public interest to do so.

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By: Daniel A. Williams, Vice President for Administration  
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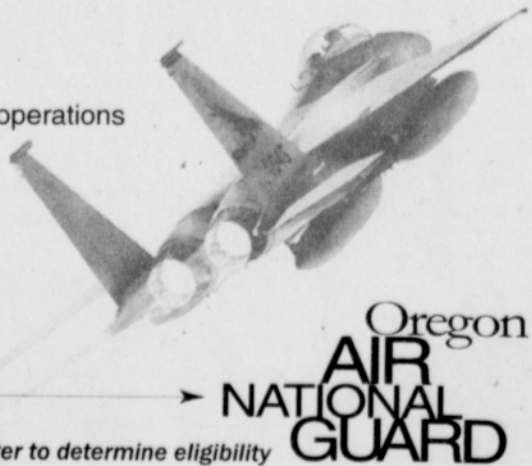
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## What Motivates You to Serve God?



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What motivates you to serve God? Do you serve God out of fear, love or gratitude? Are you a manipulative server?

I'm sure that all of us have heard stories and witnessed those who do favors, give gifts and accolades, always with the attitude of "what's in it for me."

Do you attempt to pacify God with your limp prayers, service and worship as a prelude to asking for something in return? Is your service motivated by gladness?

The inspired command of Ps. 100:2 is "serve the Lord with gladness." One thing of interest about the courts of ancient days is that you could lose your head over the infraction of what seemed to be insignificant orders. But heavy emphasis was placed on the importance of the attitude with which the people would praise God. You were not to serve God grudgingly or grimly, but gladly.

Nehemiah, in 2:2 of the book that bears his name, was grieving over

the news he'd heard that Jerusalem was still in ruins despite the return of many Jews from the Babylonian exile. As he was serving food to the King one day, the King said to him, "why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart." Because of what that could mean to him, Nehemiah writes, "I was very much afraid." You don't mop or sulk when you serve a King.

Not only does it give the appearance that you don't want to serve, but it is a statement of dissatisfaction with the way he's running things. Servants were often executed for nothing more than looking sad in the service of the King!

Some "Christians" seem to take such pride in being "dissatisfied" and walking around with a "mouth turned down, sad countenance." Don't you wonder sometimes if we're all serving the same God? When you wake up in the morning, and your tired heart is still pumping

blood through your weak veins, and your fragile mind recognizes your surroundings, and you move on your own volition, without "man made apparatus," do you not know that it is nothing that you have done that makes you worthy of God's blessings!

We're not doing God a favor by praising Him. He designed the "Praise Program" just so that we could be recipients of the blessings

that He is anxious to pour into our lives! Remember, "When Praises go up, Blessings come down."

I am so thankful that God extends new mercies to me every day! I asked the question, "what motivates you to serve God?"

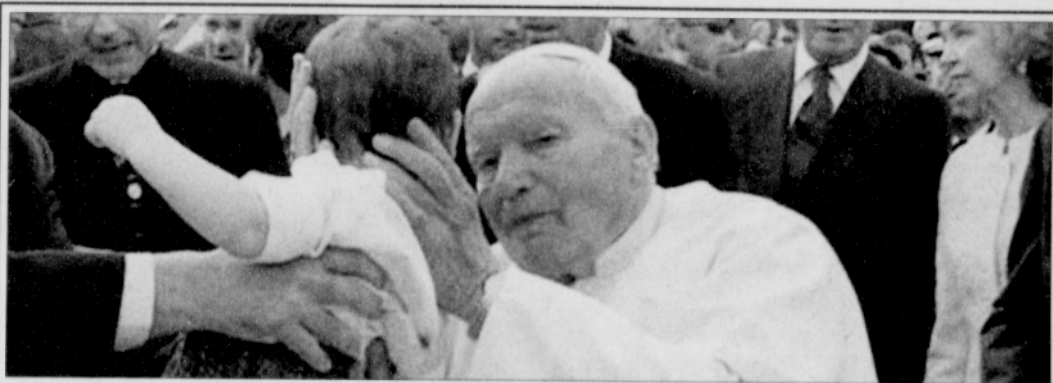
Well, let me share with you what motivates me to serve him with gladness, as well as fear. When I was told that I had cancer, and had approximately six months to live, even after the operation, I made a covenant with the Lord, that not "if" but "when" He healed me, and

raised me up, I would do whatever He asked me to do. I invited Him into my life, to use me to His glory, and that's dangerous, because you have no idea what God will ask you to do! But the important issue here is that God ingratiated Himself to me, when He healed my body, so the very least I can do is to serve Him with gladness!

A few Sermons ago, my beloved Pastor, Dr. Leroy Haynes Jr. stated, "we will never realize that God is all we need, until He becomes all we need." If we would take the time to meditate upon the goodness, mercy, and graciousness of God, it will shake us out of our "cruise-control" existence. Not only do I serve God out of love and gratefulness, but because I have no other choice, except to be lost in eternity, cast out of His presence. I am a slave in bondage, held captive, by the "reverential" fear of the fatal consequences of not serving Him!

I encourage you to serve the Lord with gladness, obedience, fear, humility and love. Do not turn aside, for then you will go after empty things.

Ethel J. Bates is a minister for the Allen Temple CME Church in Portland.



## John Paul II Plans More Travel

A child is handed to Pope John Paul II as he was wheeled to a waiting plane in a special trolley at Madrid's Barajas airport Sunday. The visit to Spain was John Paul's 99<sup>th</sup> foreign pilgrimage, the most traveled pope in history. He plans on even more travel in the coming year. (AP Photo)



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### Obituary: Sasha Samuel

Sasha Samuel, 16, was born in Portland, the adopted daughter of Queenie Samuel. She died on April 25, 2003.

Sasha was a people person. She loved traveling, spending hours at the beach and flying across the country to visit family and friends. Her years were short but full.

Survivors include her mother Queenie Samuel of Portland; brothers, Allen Wilson of Fremont, Calif. and Nathaniel Wilson of Las Vegas; her favorite cousins Herbert and Parlor Lockett, and a host of other friends and family.

Sasha was dearly loved. She gave as much as she got. She will be missed but never forgotten.

At her request, remembrances may be made to the Oregon Humane Society or Hayden Meadow Pet Clinic where she spent time.

### Building a Peace Movement

The Ainsworth United Church of Christ, 2941 N.E. Ainsworth, will host a workshop on May 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to teach attendees to practice non-violent and public-speaking skills on the subject of war and peace in the Middle East. The workshop is free and open to the public. For more information, call 503-228-3892.

### Poetics of Peace

On Friday, May 9 the Mosaic Multicultural Foundation will present author, mythologist and storyteller Michael Meade in an evening of poetry, stories, songs and ceremonies that draw on many creative traditions that respond to the crisis of war, the loss of culture and the spread of terror. Meade and special guests will speak at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 1126 S.W. Park Ave.

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