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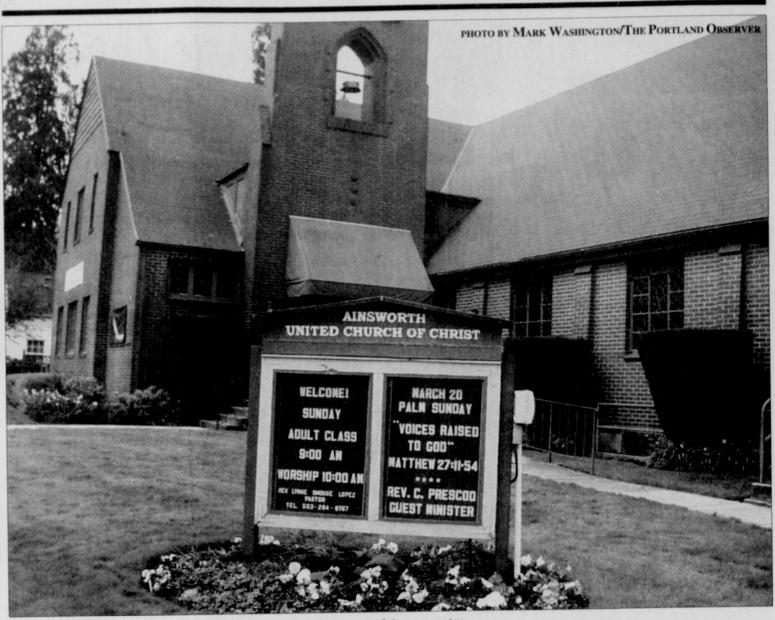
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Portland's Ainsworth United Church of Christ. LIFE is the name of the campaign.

## Church Kicks Off LIFE Campaign

Church of Christ has quietly become affirming. accustomed to making history.

Twenty years ago, two churches, one African-American and one Caucasian, came together to form Ainsworth United Church of Christ. Today, as Sunday worship in many parts of the country remains the most segregated hour of

Portland's Ainsworth United cultural, multi-racial and open and conviction and approach to its min-

Now, the church has embarked on its first comprehensive capital campaign, a three-year effort to improve and expand facilities while continuing its commitment to nurture and support the regional UCC church.

LIFE is the name of the camthe week, Ainsworth UCC is multi- an acronym to declare the church's cure the church's use of the 503-284-8767.

istry that "God's Love Is For Everyone." The goal is to raise \$400,000 by April 2008.

Specific campaign projects include: installation of an elevator to support existing congregations, access all three floors of the church start new UCC churches and supbuilding, and remodeled rest rooms port church camp activities. to assist senior citizens and physipaign; with the word LIFE used as cally challenged individuals; se- tact Pastor Lynne Smouse Lopez at

Burnham House adjacent to the church; and complete the church's \$60,000 pledge to the UCC Central Pacific Conference's Widening our Welcome ministry, which seeks to

For more information please con-

## Acclaimed Gospel Group Performs

#### 'A Royal Priesthood' comes to Maranatha

Gospel sensations "A Royal Priesthood" will present a premier Portland concert, on Saturday, April 9 at 6 p.m. at Maranatha Church of God at 4222 N.E. 12th Ave.

This concert will create a growing music partnership between Portland and Seattle gospel artists and musicians, boosting the appreciation for promoting and preserving gospel music as an original and vibrant American art form. The concert will feature a High Time in Praise on that evening, and is summoning all "Tambourine Specialist" and Vibrant Praisers who will have reserved seating.

The founder and director of "A Royal Priesthood" is Choir Master DaNell Lamont Daymon.

A native of Rochester, NY, DaNell

originated this ministry after seeking God's will for his life. He has been mentored by some of the most renowned music ministers both local and national such as Elder Jesse Williams Jr., Bro. Julius Dicks, and Bro. Malcolm Williams. His passion for directing Gospel and choral music is evident in the performance. He has become widely known and acknowledged for anthems and his impressive array "old school" arrange-

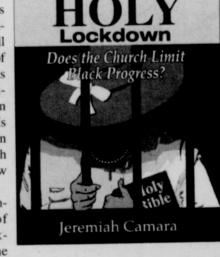
"A Royal Priesthood," is a performing arts ministry driven by the passion for excellence in the areas of ministry sanctification as well as vocal excellence. Their ministry performance includes mild choreography and an engaging presentation by a passionate group of individuals, passionate about their gift and even more passionate about the giver of the

For information, call 206-839-3277.

### **Author Signs Book** on Black Church

Despite a plethora of churches in the Black community, there still seems to be a lot of social problems facing African-Americans in modern times. Is there a correlation between high praising and low productivity? Jeremiah Cam-

ara, author of "Holy Lockdown: Does the



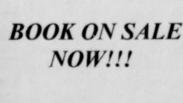
Church Limit Black Progress?" raises these issues in his work. Why, he asks, are Blacks amongst the most faithful people in the world yet are the most fragmented and economically dependent?

Camara be at a free book signing event on Tuesday, April 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Talking Drum Bookstore at 446 NE Killingsworth. For more information, call 503-288-

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