

# RELIGION

## First African American Leads Salvation Army

Gen. Shaw Clifton, world leader of the Salvation Army, has welcomed commissioners Israel L. Gaither and his wife Eva D. Gaither as national commander and national president of women's ministries, respectively.

Israel Gaither is the first African American to hold the position in ministry's 126-year history.

"America loves The Salvation Army," he said. "There is strong confidence in who we are and what we do. But there's more to be done. This position is an honor and I intend to lead with total dependence on God and in partnership with territorial leaders to effectively impact those on the margins of American society. All that we do is 'for the mission.'"

In his new position, Gaither heads a vast Army of 3,661 officers, 112,513 soldiers, 422,543 members, 60,642



Israel L. Gaither

employees and nearly 3.5 million volunteers, who serve more than 31 million people annually.

He is the Salvation Army's chief spokesperson in the U.S. and the

coordinator for matters of national concern to its mission. He will act as the chairman of the national board of trustees and be responsible for presiding over tri-annual commissioners conferences, which bring together the key executive leaders of The Salvation Army's four territories in the United States.

At the time of Commissioner Gaither's installation as National Commander, the Salvation Army USA has unique opportunities to forward its mission: site selection and building of community centers in line with the \$1.5 billion gift from the estate of Joan B. Kroc; continuing the \$363 million community recovery services for Hurricane Katrina survivors, while preparing emergency response plans for potential new disasters; continuing the iconic annual "Red Kettle" Christmas Campaign to help the

needy during the holidays; and strengthening the voice of The Salvation Army in the United States in accordance with its evangelical roots.

At the same time, the Army continues to focus on a variety of other social services, which range from operating summer camps for kids to centers for senior citizens.

In her role, Commissioner Eva Gaither will lead the national women's ministries to empower women to deeper faith and service to others. Her primary areas of focus will be those involving the systematic abuse, victimization and abandonment that leads many women to lives without a lot of hope. She will partner with leaders from the four territories of The Salvation Army to combat common issues that affect women throughout America.

## Men of Victory Annual Retreat

Highland United Church of Christ presents the Highland's Men of Victory Fifth Annual 2006 Retreat, Aug. 31 through Sept. 3 at Drift Creek Camp in Lincoln City.

The purpose of this retreat is a time of renewal, relaxation and revival. This year's theme is "It's Your Season To Arm Yourself" and focuses on "continuously, consistently and eternally" (Ephesians 6:10-11).

The church invites area residents to join Highland as God takes the community to the next level. If you can't make it to the retreat, consider sponsoring another brother.

"Men of Victory" is the men's

ministry at Highland, which meets at 6 p.m. each Tuesday to study, pray, join fellowship, sing and address the issues facing youth and young men in the community. The ministry is open to men of all ages, cultures and socio-economic backgrounds.

It is Highland's goal this year to raise \$10,000 for transportation, lodging and meal expenses. Any contribution would be appreciated and is tax-deductible.

For more information, call Deacon Ronald Williams at 503-282-5279 or Deacon Charles Jennings at 503-313-0806 or 503-287-9567.

## Women's Day Celebration

Vancouver's Community A.M.E. Zion Church, 3605 E. 13th St., has set plans for its 24th annual Women's Day Celebration.

Events begin with the "Crazy Hat Luncheon" on Saturday, May 20 at Noon (tickets are \$10) and ends with a special Worship Service on Sunday, May 21 at 3:30 p.m.

This year's theme is "A Virtuous Woman is a Wise Woman." The keynote speaker is Dr. Corine Conway of Virtuous Women International Ministries of Higginsville, Mo.

For more information or tickets to the luncheon call 360-693-4566 or 360-891-0972.

### Dear Deanna!

I become so annoyed at people that come to church late. Our worship service has been the same for years, the doors open at the same time but people come in late. I think it's rude to come in while other people are rejoicing, enjoying the service and singing. My faithful celebration is knocked off balance when a door opens or a mother drags her kids into a seat. How can I address this issue without insulting anyone at my church? --Peaceful Worship; Greensboro, N.C.

### Dear Peaceful:

You should be happy that people come late, come as they are and come at all. If your church is full of people like you, then I'm surprised you have more than 10 people each week. Church is not about you. It's about the congregation worshipping together. It's rude that people come late, but they still come and you should pray they come often and on time. Stop complaining and see your church officers to address the issue and keep it moving.

### Dear Deanna!

My wife makes more money than I do but she's not a wise spender. Our household is struggling, the bills are being paid late and our savings is very small. I try to talk to her about this but she starts an argument and reminds me of how much money she makes. It doesn't matter who makes what money because my main concern is running the household. Although I make less, my money covers everything and I'm always broke. What do I do? --James; Baltimore, Md.

### Dear James:

Your wife is on a power trip and she's using her financial status to disrespect you. She's trying to have control but obviously she's making a mess that will send you to the poor house. You need to immediately assemble a budget that includes savings, divide the bills and

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each of you becomes responsible for your share. You may still be broke, but the bills will be paid with a little money in the bank that you may need for a rainy day.

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## Obituaries

### Head Start Teacher Dies

#### Audrey Sylvia

Audrey Sylvia died May 11, 2006 at the age of 58.

She was born July 1, 1947 in Enid, Okla. She worked in the teaching profession for more than 30 years. She was employed at Albina Head Start where she worked as an Education Coordinator.

Survivors include her mother, Thelma Mayes, brother Billy Sylvia, niece Heidi Turner and loving companion Michael Turner. Arrangements by Caldwell's Funeral Home.



### In Loving Memory

#### George Willis

A memorial service will be held for Mr. George Willis (Sugar) at the True Vine Missionary Baptist Church, 4735 N. Commercial Ave., Monday, May 22 at 1 p.m. with Pastor Raymon H. Edwards, Sr. officiating.



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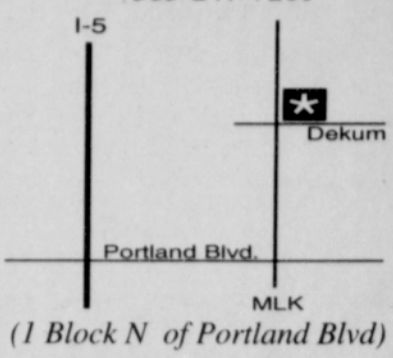
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## Community A.M.E. Zion Church

3605 East 13th Street Vancouver, WA

24th Annual Women's Day Celebration

THEME: "A Virtuous Woman Is A Wise Women"

— Proverbs 31:10-31



**Dr. Corine Conway**  
Virtuous Women International Ministries  
Higginsville, MO.

### Two-Day Celebration

**Saturday, 5-20-06 Noon**  
Crazy Hat Luncheon (\$10.00)  
Guest Speaker Dr. Corine Conway

**Sunday, 5-21-06 3:30 p.m.**  
Closing Worship Services  
Guest Speaker Dr. Corine Conway

For information call: 360-693-4566  
or 360-891-0972

## Remember Those Who Serve

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May 21, 2006

2:30pm

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