# RELIGION

## Portland Retreat Unites All Faiths

### Women **Empowering** Women Conference

Women from all communities in the Portland area are invited to join together for the "Women Empowering Women" conference from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 7900 N.E. 82nd Ave., near the Portland International Airport.

Women With a Vision, a grassroots non-profit organization through a grant from the Black United Fund, presents the conference. The group consists of women from the Portland area dedicated to helping diverse groups of people in various capacities. The organization believes in the importance of giving back to the community and pulling together people without

of the Church of God in Cleveland,

Tenn.



Carol Van Atta

"At this conference, I want women to be coming together regardless of their different backgrounds, race or denomination in unity and love," said Women With a Vision founder and director Kim

Guest speakers for the event in-Carol Van Atta, who will speak on "Embracing God's Purpose for Your

Local Faith Leader Honored

Bishop Marcus fulfilled all quali-

fications, both biblical and spiri-

community and will be honored at crated on June 15. The two have Lawrence and Adrienne, a son-in-

a reception that welcomes all served the denomination for over law Andre' Lawrence, and a grand-

friends, family, and fellow laborers 27 years, pastored for 14 years, son Andre' Terrell.



Lyn Bell

who will address "Overcoming Your Past to a Better Future." Each speaker will present 45-minute educational workshops designed to empower distressed women and lead them to a more purpose-driven, healthy lifestyle.

The conference also will feature clude local motivational speaker Portland area vendors and information from organizations that address women's health, mental Life," as well as another speaker health and domestic violence con-

served on the Regional Youth

Board for three years and are distin-

guished as the Ministries Facilita-

tors at the Albina Christian Life

as the West Coast Regional Pente-

costal Fellowship Youth Director

for over 20 years. He and Kaysandra

have been married 26 years and

have two daughters, Marckia

Bishop Marcus has also served

Center in north Portland.

The event will continue from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. with "Her Cry-Her Prayer-Her Praise," a free spiritual gathering for both women and men, designed to inspire the community. The evening will feature worship, praise, teaching and music and keynote speaker, evangelist Lyn Bell from SLS Ministries in Maryland.

"The morning conference is catered to be a retreat for women from all different communities while providing information on services in Portland," Green said. "The evening service will bring awareness to what Women With a Vision is and why we are here. see it as having a date with destiny, and understanding God's purpose for our lives."

The morning session registration is \$35 and includes a full meal luncheon, as well as the chance to win door prizes and other items. For more information on the conference or to purchase tickets, email wwav2006@yahoo.com or visit www.wwav2006.mollyguard.com.

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Marcus J. Irving elevated to Bishop

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nounces the ordination of Rev. p.m. at the Albina Christian Life

Marcus J. Irving, son of Bishop and Center, 2149 N. Willamette Blvd.

Mrs. Samuel M. Irving, to the Office The reception will follow the 2006

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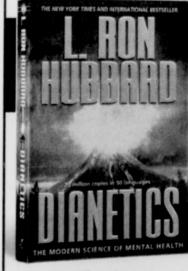
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