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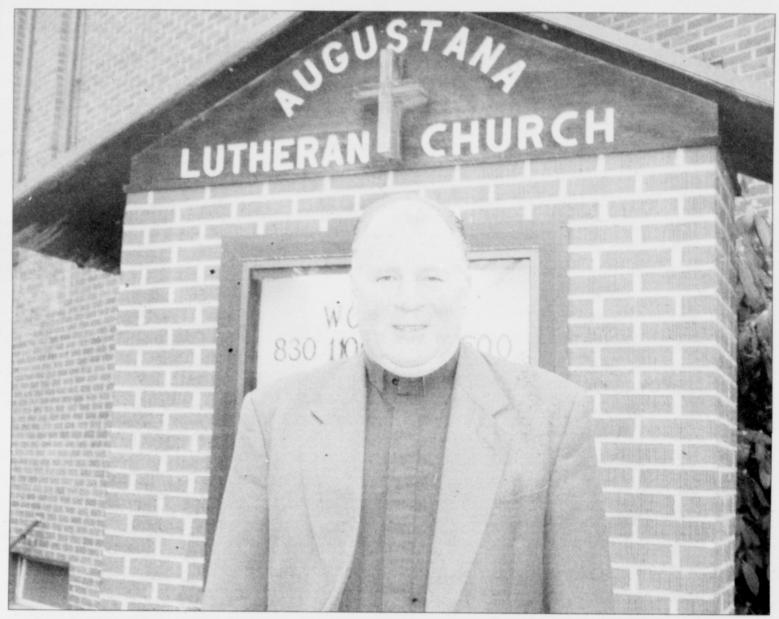


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Rev. Mark Knutson, senior pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church in northeast Portland follows in the path of Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. by promoting social justice and equity issues. Knutson leads a diverse and multicultural congregation and serves as a member of the Albina Ministerial Alliance.

Promoting Justice, Equity

Local pastor follows in MLK's path

Mark Knutson, the pastor at Augustana Lutheran Church in many lessons from Martin might not agree with him. Luther King Jr., whose books land office.

may be the notion that change Oregon to speak out for immi-

your doors.

form coalitions of people and marches against police brutality. organizations seeking social justice and equity by opening the where is, where is Mark not doors to the church and keeping involved in the community?" said northeast Portland, has learned a hand extended to people who David Leslie, the executive di-

line his shelves in northeast Port- tor, he's opened up office space gave Knutson the "Ecumenist of in the church basement to local the Year" award for his broad But one of the most important non-profits, traveled to Eastern range of activities. can happen when you fling open grant rights, gone to Salem when-

ever the Legislature is in session For the last 14 years, Knutson to lobby for more funding for has worked tirelessly at education and anti-poverty pro-Augustana Lutheran Church to grams, and has been a regular in

"The question I have to ask is, rector of the Ecumenical Minis-During his time as senior pas- tries of Oregon, which recently

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Advocates Take Police to Task

Black affairs group outraged

The Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs has formally taken Portland police to task in the veillance video. arrest of a 12-year-old girl who beanbag shotgun.

In November, the Police Bureau revealed that Officer Christopher Humphreys, the same officer involved in a 2006 death of a schizophrenic man, was the officer who shot the girl on a

struggle.

Saltzman suspended Humphreys cerns over the actions of police after watching a video of the during the girl's arrest and the incident captured by TriMet sur- union that represents Portland's

The suspension sparked outwas shot at close range with a rage by the police union, which held a march and a vote of no confidence on Saltzman and Police Chief Rosie Sizer, which was not released after Saltzman backed down on Humphrey's suspension.

OABA president Calvin O.

Max light rail station during a L. Henry, issued a public letter Friday to city, state and federal Police Commissioner Dan officials expressing grave conofficers.

> It also asserted that the girl, whose identity has not been released by the police, was black, and questioned if the incident would have been handled differently if the girl had been white.

The letter implies that the inci-

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