

RELIGION



Praise Dance Explosion in North Portland

Coming up on Saturday, May 21, the daughters of Judah are presenting the fifth Praise Dance Explosion to celebrate their spirituality. The event will be held in North Portland at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, where mimes, drill teams, flag ministries and all praise dancers are invited. The event will begin at 6 p.m. For further information call (503) 289-2364.

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Speech of Hope for the Future

This weekend on May 20-21, the president of an African American church in Northeast Portland will bring a message of hope to a community, which many feel have lost their affiliation with organized religion.

UCC churches of Oregon and western Idaho will gather to hear Reverend Geoffrey Black, president of the United Church of Christ (UCC), speak to groups of faith throughout the region. Rev. Black, the second African-American to lead this progressive denomination, was elected in 2009 after he served as college chaplain at Brown and Adelphi Universities and a pastor at Union

Theological Seminary. Dedicated in the fight for equal justice, African-American empowerment and community improvement, the reverend will deliver a keynote address, "Imagine What's Possible," which will take place at the Spring Assembly gathering of the Central Pacific Conference on May 21. The speech will held at the Highland Christian Center at 7600 Northeast Glisan Street, and the free public event will begin at 6:30 p.m.

For further information contact Hans Holznagle at 216-736-2169 or Jennifer Garrison Brownell at 503-246-5474.

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