

# RELIGION

## Churches Ball Honors Obama

Inauguration celebration marks historic event

The leaders of African American churches will, once again, convene in Washington, D.C. on Inauguration Weekend to commemorate one of the most extraordinary events in American history – the second term and inauguration of America's first president of African descent.

Attendees will gather to honor the 44th U.S. president, Barack

Obama, and the great history and strength of the African American church, and its impact on the community

The African American Church Inaugural Ball celebration will also honor the Keepers of the Flame recipients, individuals whose lifetime achievements and contributions to society and culture have contrib-

uted to the realization of this moment in time.

The event will be held on Sunday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Grand Hyatt Washington. Like its premiere event in 2009, this year's celebration will feature leaders and influencers from the religious, civic, business, arts, and entertainment communities.

## New Jim Crow Author to Visit



Michelle Alexander

An open discussion with civil rights author and legal scholar Michelle Alexander will be held Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 5 p.m. at Emmanuel Temple Church, 1033 N. Sumner St.

The community is invited to share in the evening's discussion. Alexander is the author of *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. She is also a professor of law at Ohio State University.

The meeting will include community organizing and a panel discussion facilitated by Portland civil rights activist JoAnn Hardesty.

Alexander writes about the mass levels of incarceration and societal suppression of people of color, especially for African-American men.

## Church Hosts MLK Tribute

Augustana Lutheran Church, 2710 N.E. 14th Ave., is hosting a special service to honor the birth, life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King.

The celebration will take place on Sunday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. and include prepared readings from Dr. King's speeches. There will be jazz gospel music performed by Marilyn Keller, Ron Steen, Kevin Dietz, George Mitchell and the Augustana Jazz Quartette.

The event is free and all are welcome and wanted. For more information call 503-288-6174 or visit the church website at [augustana.org](http://augustana.org).

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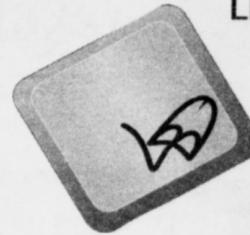


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## In Loving Memory

### Luther Alvin Lockett

Luther Alvin Lockett of Portland passed away peacefully on Dec. 27, 2012, from a lengthy illness. He was born to Dillard D. Lockett and Pearl B. Turner in Jefferson, Texas on April 9, 1933. Preceding him in death were his mother, father and two older brothers, Timothy and Thadeus Lockett.

He graduated from Lincoln High School in Portland. He went into the military in 1954 and was honorably discharged in 1957. He retired from work at the Bonneville Power Administration.

He is survived by his loving wife Marie Lockett of 53 years; 4 children, Debra (Barry), Ronald, Beverly, and Lalita (Rodney); 5 grandchildren, LaShanté, Mychal, Kris, Tamika and LaNaya; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Luther was a faithful member and deacon of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church of Portland, under the direction of Dr. Johnny Pack IV for 25 years.

He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.



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