



Volunteers from Portland's African-American community gather for training as Worship in Pink ambassadors for Komen Oregon and Southwest Washington, educating congregations about breast health and the importance of early detection and screening.

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over the years and is now a Worship in Pink Ambassador, a mission program of Komen Oregon and Southwest Washington where faith-based communities come together to educate their congregations about breast health and the importance of early detection and screening.

Volunteer ambassadors from about 30 local churches have obtained special training by Komen to help them plan activities for their congregations that center on the importance of breast health awareness. Seven of these churches, including Bethel A.M.E. where Dorothy is an ambassador, are participating as African American Initiative Pilot Churches, which means they'll receive additional training in order to help guide those women in their community who request assistance in obtaining a mammogram.

Of her involvement, Dorothy

says, "I have been involved in Worship in Pink since the beginning, and it is so inspirational. Everyone comes together in love. I enjoy it, and I can't wait for that time to come. My congregation also looks forward to it. It brings us together. Our organizer Kathy Kendrix does a great job of pulling together the overall Worship in Pink program and the group of Ambassadors are so supportive of each other."

Because Fuller will be attending her son's birthday in Texas this year, she is signed up to participate in the companion Sleep In for the Cure. She is fundraising for the actual race which returns for its 25th year this Sunday, Sept. 18. She also is helping organize Worship in Pink activities in October at Bethel A.M.E. to advance the breast cancer awareness message even further.

For more information on Portland Race for the Cure and Worship in Pink activities, visit komenoregon.org.