

# CME Churches Meet in Portland

“The Investment Factor: Expressing God’s Love through Missions and Outreach” will be the theme of a regional conference this week in Portland representing Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches from several western states.

Bishop Bobby R. Best, presiding prelate of the ninth Episcopal district of the CME Church will preside over the gathering, July 11-13 at the Shiloh Inn Airport. The event is hosted by Rev. Dr. Leroy Haynes Jr., senior pastor of the Allen Temple CME Church in northeast Portland and presiding elder for CME churches in Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

Allen Temple conference co-chairs Sister Gloria Cabine



Rev. Dr. Leroy Haynes, Jr. and Sister Regina Greene have planned a lovely welcome reception and service for which the community is invited to attend on Wednesday, July 11 at 6 p.m. at the Shiloh Inn Airport, 11707 N.E. Marine Drive.

# Low Income Fares Begin

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amount just below the \$24,960 a full-time minimum wage worker in metropolitan Portland would make annually) or \$50,198 or less for a family of four.

The program was made possible when the 2017 Oregon Legislature passed and Gov. Kate Brown signed into law a bill which established a dedicated and stable source of funding for TriMet to offer reduced fares for low-income adult riders.

Previously, TriMet had a fare assistance relief program that provided grants and discounts to nonprofit organizations that assisted those who are struggling financially.

TriMet hopes to reach enough people to register 15,000 participants in the first year and 45,000

within the first three years.

Once eligibility is certified, participants present documentation at the TriMet Ticket office at Pioneer Courthouse Square, downtown, where they will be issued a personalized Hop Fastpass fare card to which funds can be loaded immediately and used for fares on buses, Max light rail and trains. A \$3 fee associated with the issuing of the re-loadable Hop Card is waived for the first card issued to an individual enrolling.

For high school students, the free fare is offered where no yellow bus service is provided and is made possible by financial support from TriMet, the city of Portland, and the Portland, David Douglas, and Parkrose school districts.

“This agreement means that for the coming year these students will have greater access to jobs,

training opportunities, classes at Portland Community or Mt. Hood Community colleges, libraries and other destinations that support their education, Mayor Ted Wheeler said.

A working group consisting of City of Portland and TriMet will convene to determine long-term strategies for providing transit passes to other low-income students in the Portland-area and could include formulating how funds are used from a new employee payroll tax that was signed into law last summer.

Part of HB2017, or the Keep Oregon Moving Law, requires one percent of the revenue from the tax to go toward high school student transportation.

For more information on how to sign up for the new low income fares, visit [trimet.org/lowincome/](http://trimet.org/lowincome/).

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