

# Legacy Awards and Drum Major Service

## Historic church to host MLK tributes

Portland's Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church and its vibrant community will host its annual Drum Major celebrations in tribute to Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. on the weekend of the national holiday honoring the civil rights icon.

The church will host its annual MLK "Salute to Greatness" awards and scholarship luncheon on Saturday, Jan. 19 from noon to 2 p.m. at the New Song Community Church Fellowship Hall at Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Russell Street; and then on Sunday, Jan. 20 it will host its annual "Empower the Dream" MLK service from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Vancouver Avenue's historical sanctuary at 3138 N. Vancouver Ave.

The public is encouraged to attend both events. Donations of \$25 will support future



A historical photo shows Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church in 1961, meeting with the clergy from the church and its neighbors.

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scholarships. But if one cannot afford the donation, it will not be a barrier to entry, organizers said.

Mr. Lakayana Drury, social studies teacher at Rosemary Anderson High School and executive director of "Word is Bond" will deliver the keynote address at the Saturday awards and scholarship luncheon. Ambassador Attalah Shabazz, eldest daughter of Malcom X and Dr. Betty Shabazz, will be the keynote speaker for the MLK Sunday service.

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