

# Honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

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The theme of Sunday's community service is "Now is 'still' the time!" The Pa-

cific Youth Choir under the direction of Mia Hall will render music as will the Linfield College Choir under the direction of Dr. Anna Song.

The public is encouraged to attend both programs.

"In times like these, it is imperative that we gather as community to work together, celebrate together, and collaborate together to en-

sure a vibrant, inclusive and constructive future," said Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Pastor J.W. Matt Hennessee. "The spirit and legacy of Dr. King, Mrs. King, Mrs. Parks, President Mandela, Malcolm X and so many who came before us is what gives us encouragement and hope that we will overcome the difficul-

ties, stresses and strains of now and continue to build the 'Beloved Community.'"

Vancouver Avenue is one of the oldest African American congregations in Portland and the only church in Oregon where Martin Luther King Jr. addressed what he called the Beloved Community in November 1961 as part of his trip to the Pacific Northwest during the Civil Rights Movement.



Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, 3138 N. Vancouver Ave., hosts its annual Drum Major celebrations honoring Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. with two community wide events, a 'Salute to Greatness' awards and scholarship luncheon at noon on Saturday, Jan. 18 and a community wide interfaith church service with musical entertainment and speakers on Sunday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m.



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