



“Empower the Dream” Service



The annual drum major celebration at Vancouver Avenue Baptist church honors the legacy of Rev. Dr Martin Luther King Jr.

17th Annual Drum celebration approaching

On Sunday, January 15th 2023, Portland's historic Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church (the first largely Afri-

can-American Church in Oregon listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 2017) and its vibrant community will host the 17th annual Drum Major Celebration. Prior to Covid-19 this was a two-day commemoration consisting of the Salute to Greatness awards and scholarship luncheon on Saturday, from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM and on Sunday the Church hosted an inter-faith ser-

vice 2:00 PM. Due to Covid-19 protocols followed by the Church there will not be a Saturday afternoon luncheon, but there will be a Sunday service at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary. (Wearing a mask is optional.)

The Church is located at 3138 N. Vancouver Avenue in Portland and the theme is: “Now is Still the Time!” The Pacific Youth Choir, under the direction of Ms. Ruth Finn will render music.

Governor-elect Kotek , Mayor Wheeler, Metro President Lynn Peterson, Chair-elect Jessica Vega Pederson, and other public officials have been invited to give greetings as will inter-faith leaders representing several denominations of the faith community.

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