

“Empower the Dream” Service

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The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. W.J. Mark Knutson, Senior Pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church in Portland. He has served Augustana since December 1995 and has spearheaded the effort resulting in a successful ballot measure to curb gun violence. The Ballot Measure 114, though it has drawn a certain amount of opposition, was passed by Oregon voters this past November.

Augustana is a growing multicultural congregation in the heart of the city, now in its 110th year. Since then, Augustana has grown from 243 members in 1995 to an 800-member congregation that is also home to several non-profits including the Community Alliance of Tenants, Familias en Accion, the Society for Haitian Arts, Culture and Social Support, Irvington Cooperative Preschool, the Well Arts Institute, and the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice. Over the past 30 years, Dr. Knutson has served on many local and national boards and committees, and has keynoted and conducted workshops in a variety of settings.

Vancouver Avenue is one of Portland's historic venues and the only church in Oregon where the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. addressed the “Beloved Community” in November 1961 as part of his trip to the Pacific Northwest during the Civil Rights era. The public is encouraged to attend; donations are encouraged during the service. All donation proceeds go to the Drum Major Scholarship Fund to support future awards. If one can't afford to make a donation, it will not be a barrier to entry. Please join us for this great event.

When asked about the meaning of the event against the current social and political backdrop, Rev. Dr. J.W. Matt Hennessee, Senior Servant of Vancouver Avenue First Baptist said, “In times like these, it is imperative that we gather as a community to work together, celebrate together, and collaborate together to ensure a vibrant, inclusive, and constructive future. The spirit and legacy of Dr. King, Mrs. King, Mrs. Parks, Ms. Yolanda D. King, leaders like President Mandela, Malcolm X, and so many who came before us is what gives us encouragement

and hope that we will overcome the difficulties, stresses, and strains of now and continue to build bridges that help create the “Beloved Community.””

The annual Drum Major Celebration honors the life and legacy of Dr. King, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Ms. Rosa Parks, and Ms. Yolanda D. King. Each of them, in their own unique way, serve as a beacon light to anyone who is determined to help make our nation and the world better.

Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, the celebration is scheduled for the Sunday immediately prior to the federal holiday honoring the late Civil Rights leader, Martin Luther King Junior Day. The Empower the Dream inter-faith gathering and speaker series will take place on Sunday, January 15th at Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church Sanctuary, 3138 N. Vancouver Avenue in Portland from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM.

The public is encouraged to attend both programs and donations are encouraged, but should not be a barrier for attendance. All donation proceeds go to the Drum Major Scholarship Fund to support future scholarship awards.



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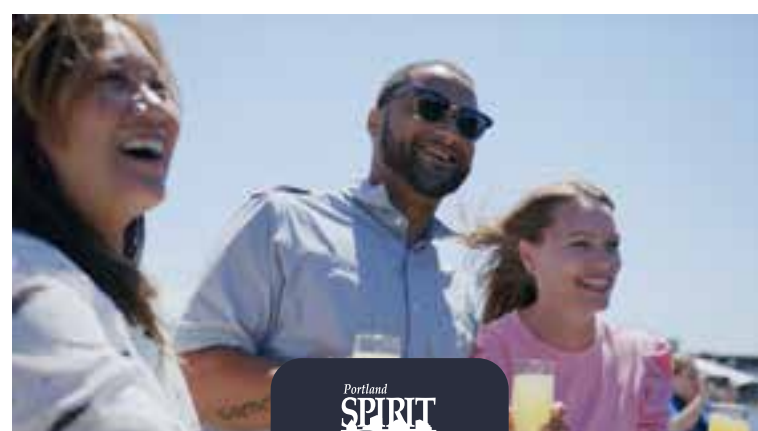
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