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# LOCAL NEWS

## Helping Women and Children Through Life Hurdles

### Union Gospel Mission Welcomes New Women and Children's Director

Youtheyary Sim joined the Union Gospel Mission of Portland in January of 2023 as the new Director for LifeChange for Women and Their Children. LifeChange is a long-term residential recovery community for single women and women with Children who are escaping homelessness, addiction and abuse. Women and children in LifeChange receive a safe home, counseling, education, and life-skills training allowing them to heal from trauma and live a healthy, independent life.

Youtheyary is a Graduate of Clark Atlanta University. She has worked with organizations such as Harkins House, Teen Challenge, Centro Cultural, Latino Network, National Urban League, and Portland Opportunities Industrializa-



*Youtheyary Sim accepts new position as women's and children's director*

tion Center. She also served as the Women's Ministry Leader at the Potter's House Ministries.

"What an exciting time this is to join the UGM family! I was

born and raised in the Northwest. My commitment to my community started with my immigrant parents who experienced firsthand the daily challenges and barriers that our city faces. I am thrilled to be back in my hometown and to serve the women and their children at LifeChange."

In June, of 2022 UGM broke ground on a brand-new home for LifeChange for Women and Their Children. This new building will double our capacity to serve more than 2,000 women and children in the next decade as they work to end cycles of addiction, poverty, and abuse. Not only will the new center have 52 rooms to accommodate women and children, but it will also be equipped with incredible spaces for healing and transformation. It will include spaces for community building, onsite counseling, parenting classes, a children's education center, a chapel, and more! The goal is to open this new building in spring of 2024. To learn more about LifeChange for Women and Their Children visit [www.ugmportland.org](http://www.ugmportland.org)



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## Leaving Behind a Legacy

### Bill Bradbury, former Oregon Secretary of State, dead at 73

(AP) — Former Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury, who established the state's first-in-the-nation system of voting by mail, died Friday. He was 73. Bradbury also advocated for environmental issues and ran for governor, all while battling multiple sclerosis for more than 40 years. He died after unexpected medical complications during a six-month, around-the-world cruise with his wife of 36 years, Katy Eymann. "Bill Bradbury may be gone, but he leaves behind a legacy in Oregon that will endure for generations to come," U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley said in a statement.

Bradbury served 15 years in the Oregon Legislature, retiring from the statehouse in 1995 to fight the shrinking of salmon populations. Known as "Mr. Fish," he served as director of For the Sake of Salmon



*Bill Bradbury*

until 1999, The Oregonian reported. Gov. John Kitzhaber appointed Bradbury that year to be Oregon's 23rd secretary of state. Bradbury served for a decade, focusing on improving Oregon's voting system and establishing more transparent campaign practices. Bradbury established Oregon's vote-by-mail system, which has significantly increased voter participation since 2000. He also helped establish Oregon's online political campaign contributions system, ORESTAR, which gives the public access to

campaign finance information.

He ran for governor in 2010, losing to Kitzhaber in the Democratic primary.

Those who knew Bradbury said he was always optimistic despite his condition, which can cause extreme bouts of fatigue. "In battling MS with his trademark relentless optimism, Bill showed all of us how to bring good cheer and inner toughness to life's many challenges," U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden wrote on Twitter. "He will be hugely missed."