

# Church

## Celebration of Life for Dr. Richard Johnson



**D**r. Richard Johnson, a popular and well-regarded Concordia faculty member, passed away late last week.

A celebration of his life is at Concordia University – Hagen Center, 2811 NE Holman Street, Sunday, April 29 from 6 – 9 p.m.

Dr. Johnson is the son of Rev. Sam and Opal Johnson. He was Pastor at Highland United Church of Christ for many years. Most recently he led the effort that developed the Johnson Scholar's program at Concordia University.

Johnson had been teaching several classes at Concordia, particularly in the College of Theology, Arts & Sciences, including the Sociology of Diversity. Concordia, Highland Christian Center and the Johnson family have formed a robust partnership to serve the NNE African American community in particular and the City of Portland in general through a variety of initiatives. Richard Johnson, a friend to many at CU and so many other organizations, was a talented teacher and a dynamic leader in the higher education community who will be greatly missed.

For information on the event call 503-493-6234

## Neighbors and Friends



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The Community A. M. E. Zion Church Evangelism Ministry in Vancouver hosted their First Annual 'Getting To Know Our Neighbors and Our Friends' Block Party on March 31. The afternoon began with food, door prizes and balloons for the children. Then the Prairie High School AFJROTC Armed and Unarmed drill team performed regulation and exhibition maneuvers. Engine #3 rolled up with lights flashing and sirens sounding and three fire fighters shared safety tips with the children. Certified group fitness and personal trainer Rachele Wish of 'ra4fitness' put those who dared through a invigorating Zumba work out. Here, Col. Reinholz, Teacher in Charge and the Armed and Unarmed Drill Teams (Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta and Foxtrot) are Jacob Lundy, Cody Hafterson, Samantha O'Doherty, Andrew Friason, Harrison Opdycke, Casely McNicholas, Jamie Catota, Tommy Kelly Spencer Watson, Alec Camp, Wade Alfson, Naomi Ramos, Tom Butler, Aubrey Soronen, Sophia MacPhearson, Alma Navarro, Nathan Grubala, Esteban Ramos, Melinda Erickson, Justin Plummer, Seth Witherup, Bryce Staples, and Brady Foley with child-ren from Community A. M. E. Zion Church.

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