

‘Empower the Dream’
Features Bernice King

Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church will host their Ninth Annual “Empower the Dream” Drum Major Ecumenical Community Scholarship Service on Sunday, February 15th 2015 at 2 p.m.
An empowering celebra-

tion of unity, love, hope and conviction that is open to all members of all of the Portland community at large. Empower the Dream honors the valiant lives, the prudent visions and the communal contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Coretta Scott King, Yolanda Denise

King and Rosa Parks. The special keynote address will be given by Dr. Bernice A. King who is the youngest daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She is the Chief Executive Officer of The King Center, which was founded by her late mother, Mrs. Coretta



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., visited the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church in 1961.

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Scott-King in 1968. She was appointed to this position in January 2012 by the Board of Trustees. Nationally and internationally known as one of the most powerful, motivating and life-changing orators and speakers on the circuit today, Elder Bernice leaves her audiences speechless and challenges people to “raise the standard”. Elder King began her oratorical journey when she spoke in her mother’s stead at the United Nations at age 17. Tickets to the empowering event are now on sale: Israel, the Honorable former Senator Margaret Carter, Gale Castillo, Michael Alexander, President of the Urban League of Portland and Pastor Amanda Zentz-Alo of Central Lutheran Church. One of the highlights of the program will be a special tribute honoring the community service dedication of the late city commissioner, Charles Jordan, the recipient of the Nelson Mandela Freedom Award. State Representative, Lew Fredericks will serve as master of cere-

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\$20 for Adults, and \$6 for children and teens, and are available online through Ticketbud.com or in person at the church office located 3138 North Vancouver Avenue. Space is limited. On program there will be a soul-stirring musical performance line up of talented musicians and singers. Artist includes The 50-Voice Community Reunion Gospel Choir under the direction of Raymond Burell III, Elizabeth Ann Warren-Bowens, Gaylord Warren, and Darlene Warren, The Pacific Youth Choir of Portland, Undaunted Ministries that includes Pastor Deborah Greenidge, Georgene Rice and Gerutha Greenidge; Jazz singer, Shirley Nanette, gospel singers Alonzo Chadwick, Pastor Marcus Shambry, Pastor Gwendolyn Price of Oakland, California, Pastor E.D. Mondaine, Ken Berry, Carmel Bryant-Graham, Roslyn Wilder, Bobby Garnett, Mario DePriest, Marilyn Keller, Pamela Mitchell, Eldon T. Jones, and Los Angeles Recording Artist Tracey Whitney who was a background singer for Ray Charles are scheduled to perform. Empowering and inspiring capsule presentations that champion the message will be offered by a host of local faith and community leaders such as Pastor and Poet, Emmitt Wheatfall, Rabbi Michael Cahana of Congregation Temple Beth monies. The Drum Major Scholarship Fund was established nine years ago by Pastor J.W. Matt Hennessee and the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church to financially support students who have made a plan to seek higher education or develop a vocational trade. It is this commitment from the academic awardees that is most important in honoring the dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and all people who seek and find enlightenment through elevated education. The event’s free will offering and donations will generate a worthy hand up for recipients of the Drum Major Scholarship Fund. To date there have been numerous scholarship recipients who have benefited by a financial gift from this educational fund. In addition to scholarship awards, the event also pays honor to community leaders and organizations that embody the spirit and legacies of Dr. King, his family and Rosa Parks. For more Information: Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church 3138 North Vancouver Avenue c/o Drum Major Scholarship Portland, Oregon 97227 503-282-9496 Office Hours: Tues. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.