



**THE
EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS
LEADERSHIP
FORUM**

IS DEDICATED TO CREATING THE OPPORTUNITY
AND ENVIRONMENT FOR BUSINESS, PUBLIC
OFFICIALS AND NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
TO CORPORATELY PLAN, PREPARE, RESPOND &
REBUILD, WHEN DISASTER STRIKES.

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As our nation faces many uncertainties around terrorism, natural disasters, and other regional concerns; we all will eventually be faced with the reality of an unexpected emergency. Our Pacific Northwest is faced with its own unique set of issues and challenges. **Preparation and Education is key to the safety and security of our cities & communities region wide.**

At the Emergency Preparedness Leadership Forum, Tuesday & Wednesday, Nov 1 & 2, you will have an opportunity to explore new and proven methods that facilitate, educate and motivate citizens to be prepared for themselves, their families, their neighbors, their community and their state. **As Faith Leaders in our communities we can and must play a significant role in preparing for and responding to these challenges as they arise.**

On Wednesday, Nov 2nd "only" we are featuring a unique Faith Leadership Conference. With nationally recognized speakers, **Dr Jodie Chiricosta** and **Dr H Norman Wright**, our session topics will be focused on the necessity of being a part of the larger "Net that Works" with other faith leaders and faith networks in our city. You'll discover the importance of why it is imperative as leaders to be prepared and how: physically, emotionally and spiritually before during and after an emergency event.

As Faith Leaders, we are called to be prepared and engaged in serving our neighbors and in being the tangible expression of compassion and love in our communities.

- **[Download the Faith Leadership Conference Flyer](#)**
- **[Watch the video - Pastor Larry Whittlesey, Ex Dir of the School Partnership Network with the Luis Palau Association & National Director of the US Mission for the YMCA](#)**
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You are invited to be a part of the solution! More info is available at www.EPLF.us or www.ServingOurNeighbors.org!

The **Faith Leadership Conference** at the Emergency Preparedness Leadership Forum will be the most significant event of its kind in the Pacific Northwest. **This conference will play a significant role in offering a platform for education, collaboration and future relationships to ensure we are prepared for the future!**

Your registration also includes the Emergency Preparedness Leadership Forum Keynotes & Breakout Sessions on Tuesday, Nov 1st and you will have the opportunity to see and hear from government, businesses and citizens as we tackle key issues with Oregon's acute need for preparedness.

The time is "Now" to engage in this significant event as an opportunity to share your ideas, solutions and best practices while learning from your peers.

We look forward to YOUR essential collaboration. Register Today at www.ServingOurNeighbors.org!

2016 Faith Leadership Conference – Keynote Speakers & Panelists

8AM Breakfast & Welcome Session Pastor Matt Hennessee will welcome everyone to our conference, highlight some strategic partnerships & special guests that are supporting the conference & introduce our special guest speakers.



Matt Hennessee is a native of Columbus, OH and has served in a variety of leadership capacities locally, nationally, and globally in public administration; private business; non-profit boards and commissions focused on diversity, economic development, pre-school, primary, secondary education and alternative high schools, Trusteeship at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA for nine years and recently elected Trustee at the American Baptist Seminary of the West in Berkeley, CA; and other local and faith-based organizations for several years. He has been the Senior Pastor of Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church in Portland since January 15, 2005. He has been blessed to have a working relationship with each of the Governors of Oregon, Mayors of Portland, Presidents of Metro, Multnomah County Chairs, and Legislative Leaders in Washington DC and Salem since his arrival in Oregon in 1988.

Pastor Hennessee is a former Chair of the Portland Development Commission, has been a consultant on diversity and inclusion for several years and is passionate about helping people work together with “intentional understanding” and encourages active engagement in reconciliation. He is active in the faith-based community at-large engaging leaders of all faiths and being “present” as it relates to increasing the opportunities for people to live life, raise their families, and see their dreams come true. He is also passionate about finding opportunities for young people to lead productive lives and devotes personal time to reducing gang violence in Portland and providing scholarships as young people make decisions about their after-high school careers. Pastor Hennessee is also a god-child to the late Mrs. Coretta Scott King and is still very close to the children of Dr. & Mrs. King: Bernice, Martin III, and Dexter and in 2015, Vancouver Avenue featured Dr Bernice King at its Ninth Annual “Empower the Dream” service, which helped support the Drum Major Scholarship Fund giving scholarship assistance to over 250 youth and young adults. Pastor Hennessee has traveled extensively throughout the United States & around the world to Israel, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, The United Kingdom, Germany, Sweden, Austria, Czech Republic, Belgium, Australia, Denmark, Finland, Egypt, Brazil, Switzerland, Japan, The Netherlands, The Philippines, Thailand, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Hong Kong. He earned a B.A. in Sociology/Anthropology & Religion at Oberlin College in Ohio; Masters of Divinity at Golden Gate Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, California; and is currently in a Doctoral candidate at George Fox Evangelical Seminary in Portland. He has a son & daughter-in-law and three grandchildren who live in the Cleveland, Ohio area and several godchildren.

9AM Session “Are You Prepared for the Next Disaster? Faith Based Disaster Preparedness & Response”

Dr Jodi Chiricosta will focus on the critical role that the faith communities can play in responding to disasters locally and nationally. In addition to giving an overview of the disaster response cycle and the mission of various response agencies, she will outline practical ways that the faith community can both prepare for and respond to natural or man-made disasters from initial relief through recovery.



Dr. Jodi Chiricosta serves as the Vice President of Somebody Cares America/ International. Through her 20+ years of experience in disaster response, humanitarian relief and development with Operation Blessing and Somebody Cares America, as well as her continual involvement in a variety of community service and international outreach activities, she has long been an agent of positive change. She has also invested significant time in equipping and empowering local churches across the US to be tangible expressions of the love of God in their communities. Dr. Chiricosta is an active member of her local church; is involved in coordinating the Compassion Affinity group for Mission America’s Love 2020 movement; consults on a variety of US and international outreach initiatives; and serves on the Board of Somebody Cares America. She has been published in several printed as well as on-line publications including Ministries Today, Spirit-Led

Woman, Woman to Woman, Somebody Cares, Charisma and Crosswalk.com. Jodie is also an occasional conference speaker in the USA and overseas covering a wide variety of topics facing churches and lay leaders.

10:45AM Panel Discussion “Community Response – What Does It Look Like?”

Panelist: **Dr Victor Alvarizares, Senior Pastor of Father’s House Int’l & President of the NW Hispanic Pastors Association**



Apostle Victor Alvarizares is currently the senior pastor of The Fathers House International ministries also known as Casa del Padre Internacional which is a multicultural bilingual church in Portland. He is married to Veronica Alvarizares better known as Nocky, for 27 years and have to wonderful children. Originally from Guatemala, was raised in southern California which is where he surrendered his life to the Lord at the age of 16 years. Apostle Victor together with his wife were called to the ministry at a young age and have been serving the Lord full time in Portland Oregon for over 17 years. They have planted churches in the Northwest region of USA and in other countries including Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras, Chile, Cuba and Argentina. He received his honorary doctorate in theology in 2004 from College for Global deployment. He has

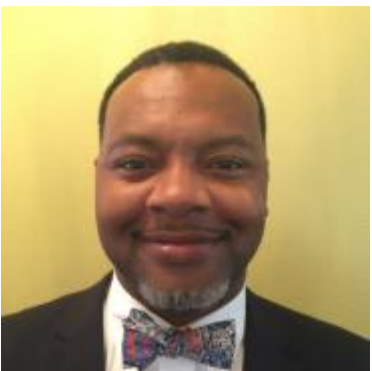
traveled different parts of the world preaching and teaching the living word of God. He is the founder of vision5000, currently the president of the N.W Hispanic pastor’s association, writer of a monthly article in Winds of Praise newspaper in Lincoln City and part of the board of NWFS and IPFest. His passion is to win souls for Christ and seeing them transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit and becoming disciples of Christ.

Panelist: **Alice Busch, EMT, CEM, Operations Divisions Chief for Multnomah County Emergency Management**



Alice Busch started her career in the fire service in 1991. She has served as an Emergency Manager, Emergency Medical Technician, Public Information & Education Officer, Social Services Liaison, Critical Incident Stress Manager, Fire Inspector and Fire Investigator. Her current position includes managing the office’s training, exercise, duty officer and community preparedness programs. She is also responsible for ensuring overall operational readiness, and the staffing and management of the Multnomah County Emergency Operations Center. Prior to her roles with Multnomah County Emergency Management, Alice worked as an Emergency Manager for the Department of County Human Services. Her work involved Mass Care and Sheltering, Continuity of Operations, Disaster Behavioral Health, and Donations and Volunteer Management planning.

Panelist: **Bishop Steven Holt, Professor at Warner Pacific College; Pastor of Kingdom Nation Church & Chair of the Oversight Committee for the N/NE Portland Housing Strategy**



Apostle Steven Holt holds a Bachelor’s degree in Pastoral Ministry and Political Science from Warner Pacific College in Portland. In the 1970’s he was involved in a program which bused African-American kids from their inner city neighborhoods to predominately white suburban schools. This experience proved instrumental to Steven Holt’s ability to communicate effectively across racial, ethnic, and gender lines. His professional experience includes a stellar career in retail sales and honed leadership and business skills in managerial positions, one of which was serving as President of an urban clothing company. He travels extensively as a motivational speaker and worked as an adjunct professor at North Portland Bible College, a teacher at Portland Christian High School and Warner Pacific College. His current assignment at Warner Pacific College is teaching students to see through a lens of equity, diversity and community.

Bishop Holt also held credentials as a financial adviser and has served as a Field Representative for Promise Keepers, an international men’s ministry that specialized in racial reconciliation. In his role with Promise Keepers, he facilitated one on one and group sessions that resulted in the removal of historic barriers to healthy racial relations. He has continued to lead by finding alternative and creative ways to serve the community by partnering with other organizations and is a founding member of the Freshwind/11:45 movement which presently addresses the need for mentorship and gang intervention in the Portland metro area. He meets monthly with DA’s, Multnomah County Judges, Defense Attorney’s, Portland Police and other local Pastors to strategize best practice for gang impacted youth.

Bishop Holt is also the Chair of the Oversight Committee for the N/NE Portland housing strategy to assist with the Mayor's affordable housing agenda. He has developed a well-rounded board of community representatives who each are committed to addressing gentrification and displacement. He has coached and counseled leaders in the private sector, the public arena and even professional sports. He is gifted with leadership, team development and communication. He understands that everything rises and falls on leadership and team work and he knows what it takes to develop both. He speaks a language that causes others to excel. The result of this vast experience has created a well-rounded, insightful and creative perspective on people and community. Bishop Holt has spent the past three decades honing his skill, establishing his voice and demonstrating his expertise. He represents excellence!

Panelist: **Oscar Surjadi, Pastor of Portland City Blessing Church**



Pastor Oscar Surjadi was born in Jakarta, Indonesia. Growing up in ministers' family prepared him to fulfill the calling of God in his life. He left his business career in 1995 and attended Philadelphia Bible College. He then transferred and graduated from Valley Forge Assembly of God Bible Seminary. Pastor Surjadi has been serving as the Lead Pastor of Portland City Blessing Church since 1998. He has a passion in preaching and teaching the Word of God to many generations through dynamic sermon both in Asia and in the United States. He also has the heart for church planting, has extensive experience in disaster preparedness and after-event recovery. Together with his beloved wife, Ellen Surjadi, God has anointed them to raise up and train leaders. Both of them are committed to bring transformation to the believers. They have two sons: Darryl Joel Surjadi and Dannon Jeremiah Surjadi.

Panelist: **Dr Jodi Chiricosta, Vice President of Somebody Cares America/International** (See photo & bio above)

Panelist: **Dr Norman Wright, Associate Professor of Christian Education & Director of the Graduate Department of Christian Education at the Talbot School of Theology** (See photo & bio below)

1:45PM Session "Grief & Trauma Care, Before, During & After An Emergency Event"

Dr H Norman Wright will focus on the impact of loss, crisis and trauma on each family member. This presentation will take the participants into the heart of grief and trauma counseling in a practical way. Attendees will leave with both an understanding of the issues as well as the ability to know how to help especially in the initial stages of an incident. Trauma events including sudden incidents, long term terminal situations, etc. will be discussed. A major emphasis is upon practical identifiable steps of healing including those directly traumatized as well as secondary. "What to do and say" and "What not to do and say" will be identified. The most current and helpful resources will also be identified.



Dr H Norman Wright is the author of over ninety books—including *Experiencing Grief*, *The New Guide to Crisis and Trauma Counseling*, *Recovering From the Losses of Life and Reflections of a Grieving Spouse*. He conducts seminars on Parenting, Recovering from the Losses of Life, Trauma and Crisis Counseling, and Marriage Enrichment throughout the country. Dr. Wright is a graduate of Westmont College, Fuller Theological Seminary (M.R.E.), Pepperdine University (M.A.). He has received two honorary doctorates, D.D. and D.LIT, from the Western Conservative Baptist Seminary and Biola University respectively. He also received a D.Min. from Phoenix University of Theology Board Certified in Bereavement Trauma by the National Center for Crisis Management. Certified Trauma Specialist and a Certified Traumatologist.