

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Mt. 25:40b (NRSV)

Once again members and friends of our Oregon-Idaho MFSA chapter will gather for our annual SPRING EVENT at First United Methodist Church in Portland. The date is March 21, 2009. The gathering will begin at 9:00 AM and continue until 3:00 PM, with plenty of opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones!

This year we are excited and blessed to have Bishop Minerva Carcano as our keynote speaker. Formerly the District Superintendent of the Metro District in our Conference, Bishop Carcano now serves as Bishop of the Desert Southwest Annual Conference and is in high demand as a speaker throughout the nation.

We will also welcome other Conference leaders as part of a panel discussion addressing the various issues around immigration. There will be opportunity for participants to share their hopes and fears as well as to address many myths surrounding immigration and our nation's policies relating to immigration. Resources and possible actions we can take back to our local churches will be available, all toward helping create a more just and compassionate nation in the spirit of Christ.

MFSA
PO BOX 134
Salem, OR 97308

Annual Spring Event of
The Oregon-Idaho Chapter
of The Methodist Federation
for Social Action



Saturday, March 21, 2009 9AM

First United Methodist Church
SW 18th and Jefferson
Portland, Oregon

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ABOUT OUR SPEAKER: *Bishop Minerva G. Carcano*

In 2004 Bishop Minerva Carcano became the first Hispanic woman to be elected to the episcopacy of The United Methodist Church. She currently serves as Bishop of the Phoenix Episcopal Area, Desert Southwest Conference of the United Methodist Church, and is the official spokesperson for the Council of Bishops on the issue of immigration. Bishop Carcano is a 1975 graduate of the University of Texas Pan American in Edinburg, TX, and received a Masters of Theology from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in 1979.

Previous appointments have included Emmanuel UMC in Lubbock, Tx; La Trinidad UMC in San Jose, CA; Crystal City, Carrizo Springs UMCs, and Hebronville, McAllen in the early '80s. In 1986 she became the first Hispanic woman to be appointed a United Methodist district superintendent, serving in that capacity until 1992 in West Texas and New Mexico and later in Portland, OR.

From 1992-96 Bishop Carcano was the organizing pastor, South Albuquerque Cooperative Ministry. She moved next to a position as director of the Mexican American Program of Hispanic Studies Programs at Perkins School of Theology until her call to serve in the OR-ID Conference as district superintendent.

The Bishop's life-long ministry has focused on working with the "least of these" among us. Of her work, she has said, "The road of ministry has not always been easy, but it has always been an incredible blessing, and it has always been home."

We Also Welcome These Other Special Guests:

Ron Whitlatch, Dir. Hispanic Ministries Training Inst.
Michael Dale, Northwest Worker Justice Project

SCHEDULE

- 8:30 am Registration & Coffee
- 9:00 am Welcome & Opening
- 9:15 am Bishop's Keynote Address
- 10:00am Q & A with Bishop
- 10:30am Break
- 10:45am Panel Discussion "Border Experience" w/Q & A
- 12 Noon Lunch/Conversation
- 12:45pm Discussion: "Identifying & Confronting our Fears" Michael Dale, Facilitator
- 1:45pm Actions & Resources Guide
- 2:30 pm Closing worship/Communion

DIRECTIONS

From I-405 Northbound

Take the SW 12th Ave exit. Follow 12th Ave north to Jefferson. Turn left on Jefferson and go west to SW 18th Ave. Go around the traffic circle and continue north on SW 18th for one block to the parking lot entrance.

From I-405 Southbound

Take the Burnside/Couch St exit and go across Burnside St (left lane) onto SW 15th Ave. Turn right on Salmon St. Turn left on SW 18th Ave and go around the traffic circle. Continue north on SW 18th for one block to the parking lot entrance.

Max Line

The Max Train stops at Goose Hollow Max Stop on SW 18th and Jefferson.

REGISTRATION

Name

Address

City

State Zip

Phone

E-mail

Local Church

- \$25.00 (Members)
- \$30.00 (By March 16th)
- \$35.00 (After March 16th)
- \$10.00 (Student / Low Income)

I have included a donation of:
\$
for event scholarships.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

\$

- I need in-home housing
- I have special needs:

LUNCH

Buffet lunch will be provided by Delizioso Catering, a non-profit food service that donates proceeds to local EMO programs. The menu accommodates vegetarian needs. Please make checks payable to MFSA and send with registration to:

MFSA / Jan Nelson
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