Valley Harvest Ministries Pastor to Speak at NWACC

Bishop Benford to be College’s Martin Luther King Jr. Program Speaker

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (January 16, 2013) – Bishop John L. Benford, founder and pastor of Valley Harvest Ministries, will be the guest speaker for NorthWest Arkansas Community College’s 11th annual Martin Luther King Jr. presentation on Jan. 24.

Benford will address the question “What would Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. think about America and the world today, and what would he have to say?” The program will begin at noon Jan. 24 in Student Center 108 on the NWACC campus in Bentonville.

The college’s Chamber Singers will sing two selections, “There is a Balm in Gilead” and “Take My Hand, Precious Lord” as part of the program. The audience will be invited to sing “We Shall Overcome.”

Benford is a state bishop with the Convention of Covenanting Churches of Los Angeles, Calif. He relocated to Northwest Arkansas in early 1994 from Upland, Calif., where he owned and operated a successful mortgage company. He and his wife, Pleshette, accepted a fulltime pastoral position at First Christian Church in Gravette in 1995. He then founded Valley Harvest Ministries in 1998. The organization’s headquarters is in Rogers, and its primary focus is “to touch people and change their lives,” according to the church’s website, www.valleyharvest.org.

Faculty, staff, students and the general public are invited to the Jan. 24 program.

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