

PRESS RELEASE

Dennis A. Davis, President of Northwest College, comes to _____
_____ at the invitation of _____
(place) (date, time)
_____, pastor of _____
(church)

Dennis Davis assumed the office of President at Northwest College in 1990. Northwest College is the regional institution of higher education for the Assemblies of God. It is sponsored by the Alaska, Montana, Washington, Wyoming, Idaho and Oregon Districts of the Assemblies of God. Located in Kirkland, Washington, and accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, the College offers programs in Arts and Sciences, Education, and Religious and Ministerial Studies.

Under the leadership of President Davis, Northwest College has experienced record enrollment in the number of students, has seen the development of several new majors including Business Management and Administration, Secondary Education, Eointensive Biology, and Organizational Management, and the purchase of new administrative facilities that were contiguous to the present 65 acre campus. Plans have been formulated for a major Capital Campaign for continued campus development including classrooms, additional student housing, and a major sports complex.

President Davis has traveled extensively throughout the United States in crusades, seminars and conventions. He has preached in over 200 crusades, with ministries outside the United States in Central and South America, Portugal, Spain, Austria, Germany, Malaysia, Singapore, Canada, Nigeria, West Africa, Hong Kong and Japan. For three (3) years he served as District Superintendent of the Oregon District Assemblies of God leading the denomination's 202 churches and 700 pastors.

For twenty (20) years, from 1967 to 1987, he served as senior pastor of The People's Church in Salem, Oregon; a church which, during his ministry, was honored in a consecutive three-year period as the fastest growing congregation of the denomination in the State of Oregon, and also honored twice by the International Sunday School Convention as the fastest growing church among all denominations in the State. Reverend Davis saw the church in Salem increase more than 700 percent in attendance and the budget grow from under \$50,000 to over \$1.5 million under his leadership. The People's Church was honored as number five in the nation among the 10,800 churches in the fellowship in World Ministries giving. During these years, the church made a total relocation to a multi-million dollar facility on a thirteen acre parcel of land. The church sponsored *Jesus Northwest*, which attracted thousands every summer to an outdoor setting.

Before coming to Salem, Reverend Davis pastored for six years in Pacific Grove, California. While there he led the congregation in the building of new facilities, which were soon crowded to capacity and necessitated multiple worships services to accommodate the growing attendance. During that time, he

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saw the church attendance and budget tripled, and the world missionary outreach budget increased by over 400 percent.

President Davis has been active in civic and denominational affairs. He served on the Salem Hospital Institutional Review committee, served as past president of the local Rotary Club, served on the Mid-Willamette Valley Red Cross Board, and on a number of civic committees. Prior to his becoming Superintendent of the Oregon District of the Assemblies of God, he served as a member of the Department of Finance for the Oregon District, on the State Presbytery Board, and General Presbyter on the national board. While in Salem, he served as an executive officer of the Salem Ministerial Association for four years and was president of the organization for two years.

He attended Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, and is a graduate of Northwest College in Kirkland, Washington. He was honored as Alumni of the Year in 1975 and elected to the Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society in 1976. Prior to his presidency, he served on the Board of Directors for Southern California College, Bethany College, and Northwest College. He served as President of the Northwest College Alumni Association for five years. He also was selected to appear in the *Who's Who in Religion*, the first time to appear in the 1977 edition, *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who Among Outstanding Americans*, *Who's Who in the West*, and *Who's Who in American Education*.

President Davis has a firm personal conviction that the Bible deals with an uncanny relevancy on the issues and crises of our present day.