

Revival History and Serving Our Neighbors from 1800-2020

In the early 1800's, **God used a marketplace minister, Jedediah Smith** (hunter, trapper, explorer and author) **to explore the Oregon Country with a Bible in one hand and a rifle in the other.** As he worked through the Northwest, his singing and preaching stirred up Native Americans to send four Flathead chiefs to walk nearly 3,000 miles to St. Louis, Missouri in 1832, to meet with William Clark (of the Lewis and Clark expedition) in order to find the "Book of Heaven" in their own language. Two died during the journey and the other two returned home empty-handed. But their request stirred up the Eastern seaboard of the United States to begin sending out missionaries. Among them was Jason Lee, who established the Oregon Methodist Mission (that ultimately become Willamette University). He was commissioned by the newly-established provisional government to represent Oregon as it joined the United States of America in 1859. **Hundreds of Native Americans were touched by God's Holy Spirit** in spite of the challenges & problems that were also created with thousands of new immigrants moving to the Pacific Northwest.

In 1898, **God led a group of 30 church leaders to meet up at the highest point of elevation in Portland—Council Crest. They looked out over the city, held a council meeting and prayed for revival. Seven years later, in 1905, Portland experienced a major revival.** The Oregon Journal's frontpage headline on March 31 was ***Army of Christians Marches About City.*** The story continued: "At midnight, nearly ten thousand people, singing hymns, proclaim the power of revival." It was a unique night of Portland's history—a shaking up such as the town had never known before. The Journal's editor, Edgar Hill, stated that the demonstration by the city's believers was "the most impressive evidence of the strength, unity and aggressiveness of Christianity in Portland that could possibly have been given . . . The city is in the throes of a religious upheaval such as it has never known in all its history." Five days later, on April 5, the Journal's frontpage headline was **"City Asks for Grace."** The news story told how daytime business came to a literal standstill in the city while masses of people elbowed into four of the city's largest auditoriums, and thousands gathered outside. "To the Christian, the services were, as (visiting evangelist) Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman put it, 'a foretaste of heaven,' and to the outsider they formed a marvelous exhibition of what an old-fashioned revival can accomplish once it is in motion. **Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Christian, believers and unbelievers, met together and sang together.**" Revival historian J. Edwin Orr reported that 240 major stores in Portland closed from 11am-2pm to enable folks to attend prayer meetings.

In 1912, **God led prominent Portland citizens to establish the Royal Rosarians** as the official Ambassadors of the City of Portland. They based their new service organization upon strong Christian values. **To this day, its members are knighted under the Biblical Rose of Sharon and their official meetings open with prayer.** They are known throughout the world for their character, hospitality, and foundational role in Portland's Annual Rose Festival, the Grand Floral Parade and Portland's Sister Cities Program. However, in spite of the initial revival and citizens' ongoing goodwill, Portland struggled like many American cities, and its downtown began to decline.

In the 1980's, **God led Renee Boucher to begin prayerwalking the streets in order to change the spiritual atmosphere over Portland, so that the youth and homeless would be more open to respond to the Holy Spirit.** In 1992, God directed Billy Graham to conduct a Portland Crusade. Mission Portland was created to mobilize city-wide prayer and to organize volunteers into different networks that would continue to serve the community. These networks were under the direction of Dennis Blevins with the Navigators, Terry Dirks with International Renewal Ministries (that now facilitates Pastors' Prayer Summits around the world) and Joe Aldrich with Multnomah University. In 1994, Promise Keepers, the largest gathering of Christian men began meeting in the Northwest at Civic Stadium and then again in 2000 & 2004 at the Rose Garden Arena. In 1996, **God led James Autry to move to Portland** with his new wife, Susan, to begin working with local churches and ministries. He activated the on-air resources at KKPZ 1330 AM Radio **and build the most exhaustive database of Churches, Ministries and Christian Businesses in the greater Portland / Vancouver metro area. The database was made available for local and national ministry use in exchange for updates** (including Promise Keepers, Focus on the Family, and the Luis Palau Association).

In 1999, Renee Boucher organized a "Prayer in the Square" gathering at Pioneer Courthouse Square, where more than a thousand youth cried out to God for revival. The Luis Palau Association (LPA) held its first Portland Festival in which more than 185,000 Believers gathered at Waterfront Park. **God led a group of lead pastors and marketplace leaders** (Tom Baker, Dennis Blevins, Frank Damazio, Don Frazier, Charles Goessler, Ed Grant, George La Du, Dwight Steele, John Van Diest, Kent Walton, Vic Anfuso and James Autry) **to form the Serving Our Neighbors Strategic Planning Committee (SON)**

to encourage more prayer and service in preparation for any Y2K issues. SON's mobilizing of believers for prayer and service was featured in two articles in The Oregonian newspaper and the Focus on the Family's national magazine.

In 2000, the Oregonian's front page featured James Autry's hometown: "Camilla, GA Hit by Tornados." After hearing stories of how FEMA and the Georgia Emergency Management Association came into town to help the victims, **SON realized that if Believers do not have ongoing relationships with local government leaders, they will be eliminated from being considered part of the solution when the next major national crisis, terrorist attack or natural disaster hits the nation or the Pacific Northwest.** That was confirmed September 11, 2001. The communities that surround downtown Portland had evangelical representation and leadership in their prayer events that took place in Hillsboro, Beaverton, Lake Oswego, Gresham, and Vancouver, Washington, but there was no Christian participation in the Portland "weird" gathering that took place outside the Rose Garden Arena with Mayor Vera Katz. Later in 2000, the LPA hosted another Portland Festival and **SON began promoting the National Day of Prayer** (with Shirley Dobson and James Autry as their new Oregon State Coordinator), **as well as supporting other strategic city-wide prayer and service initiatives** in partnership with the Portland's Police Department & local neighborhood churches hosting "Community Care Days" at Portland Public Schools.

In 2002, **SON partnered with KKPZ 1330 AM Radio to promote the National Day of Prayer and to encourage Believers to connect with various outreaches and models of prayer and service at the neighborhood level, as well as through their schools and/or workplaces.** In 2004 (after James Autry produced seven years of weekly radio shows, "The Israel Connection" with Bea Watson for Bridges for Peace, a Jerusalem-based, Christian organization supporting Israel and building relationships between Christians and Jews), **SON launched a weekly prayer gathering with Bea in the Johnson Chapel at Western Seminary** (Wednesdays from 9 am-11 am) **to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and to begin strategic prayer over the 7 Majors Spheres of Influence that shape and control our society and culture. They also interceded for the Greater Portland/Vancouver metro area and the entire USA.**

In 2005, the Christian News Northwest newspaper reported about the 1905 Portland Revival, which led a group of Marketplace Leaders to organize Portland Again. Within six weeks, SON helped to encourage more than 2,500 people (evenly composed of pastors, students and business leaders) to gather at the Oregon Convention Center. They worshiped and prayed over the seven major spheres of influence in the city, and asked God, "Do it again!" In 2006, SON was informed about the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake that is going to impact the entire Pacific Northwest from Alaska to California. **The Portland Office of Emergency Management asked SON to participate in their quarterly Portland Citizen Corps Council's meetings to help mobilize faith-based organizations to prepare for any emergency situation, until 2011.**

In 2007, the Luis Palau Association asked SON & other church leaders to meet at City Hall with Commissioner Erik Sten to discuss their 10-year campaign to end homelessness. **The commissioner revealed that "spiritual communities" are critical to help the homeless re-engage with society and to avoid making choices that lead them to be back on the streets.** The **City of Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement asked SON to help mobilize faith-based organizations to participate in their local Neighborhood Associations.** SON also helped in organizing and promoting a "Marketplace Prayer Gathering" at Rolling Hills Community Church, as well as three Greater Portland Prayer Coalition Gatherings (at the Marriott Hotel, the Hilton Hotel and Portland City Hall). These gatherings were instrumental in bringing prayer warriors and intercessors together for encouragement, inspiration and motivation in order to mobilize even more prayer and service throughout the entire region.

In 2008, SON helped to promote and mobilize more than 1,000 prayer warriors for LPA's "Portland CityFest" and "Season of Service" projects and facilitated 40 Days of Prayerwalking Waterfront Park prior to the summer festival. **SON was also officially organized as a non-profit public charity and established James Autry as its Executive Director. The organization utilized his strategic partnerships, websites, media outlets and extensive email database of 7,000 church leaders, ministry directors and marketplace leaders to encourage Believers to do the following:**

- **Connect with:**
 - **Believers** (who they may or may not yet know) in their
 - **Neighborhoods** (where they live and raise their families)
 - **Schools** (where their families learn and grow together with other families)
 - **Workplaces** (where they earn a living and impact their community)
 - **Community Leaders in the 7 Major Spheres of Influence and with Those Who Have No Voice**
 - **Family** and **Unborn**
 - **Faith** and **Widows/Orphans**
 - **Business** and **Jobless/Homeless**
 - **Government** and **Elderly/Disabled**
 - **Education** and **Imprisoned**
 - **Media** and **New Immigrants**
 - **Entertainment** and **Addicted/Trafficked**
 - **Faith Leaders**
 - **Apostolic** (Pioneering and building infrastructure and mobilizing resources)
 - **Prophetic** (Establishing communications and releasing transformation strategies)
 - **Evangelistic** (Establishing new outreaches and special community events)
 - **Pastors** (Comforting, nurturing and discipling Believers)
 - **Teachers** (Researching, writing and training Believers)
 - **Prayers** (Hearing the Father's heart and releasing the mind of Christ)

- **Educate themselves via**
 - **Strategic Gatherings and Special Teaching Sessions**
 - **Kingdom Business Forum Radio Program**
 - **Annual Marketplace Summit**
 - **Marketplace Ministries' Weekly and Monthly Meetings**
 - **Christian Chamber Northwest**
 - **Fellowship of Companies for Christ International**
 - **Nehemiah Project International Ministries (NPIM)**
 - **Transformational Leadership**
 - **C12 Groups**
 - **Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in America**
 - **Emergency Preparedness for Their Family and Organization (church, ministry or business)**
 - **More Online Resources**
 - **Books and Materials**
 - **Audio and Videos**
 - **Websites and Speakers**

- **Engage in ongoing community-wide**
 - **Prayer Initiatives and Service Initiatives**
 - **Prayer Campaigns and Service Campaigns**
 - **Prayer Opportunities and Service Opportunities**

In 2010, SON was directed to utilize its initial \$55,000 Grant for:

- **Funding the work of the Christian Chamber of Commerce of the Northwest** (by utilizing its database and supporting James Autry to be the Chamber's Executive Director, Membership Director and Office Manager) so that hundreds of Christian business owners and managers could connect, learn, grow, save and engage as Kingdom businesses demonstrating the abundance of God in a thriving marketplace.
- **Funding the launch & production of the Nehemiah Project International Ministries' (NPIM) "Kingdom Business Forum" radio program** with Patrice Tsague & Vicki Norris on KKPZ 1330 AM Radio, YouTube & Facebook

- **Funding the coordination of the annual Marketplace Summit**
 - 2009 with Lance Wallnau at the Ambridge Event Center
 - 2010 with Michael Pink, Patrice Tsague and Os Hillman at Sheraton Hotel
 - 2011 with Patrice Tsague, Vicki Norris, Kevin Palau, Daniel Harkavy and Ford Taylor at DoubleTree
 - 2012 with Patrice Tsague, Vicki Norris, Os Hillman, and Al Caperna at Oregon Convention Center
 - 2013 with Brett Johnson at Abernethy Event Center in Oregon City

This strategic organization, radio broadcast and annual event helped to foster and bring credibility to the local movement of Kingdom businesses transforming the “Business sphere of influence,” which mobilized other influential leaders to establish NPIM’s Biblical Entrepreneurship (with Patrice Tsague), FSH Consulting’s Transformational Leadership (with Ford Taylor) and The Institute’s Repurposing Business (with Brett Johnson) in the Northwest.

In 2011, **SON was directed to partner with:**

- **Mike and Cindy Jacobs of Generals International and their Reformation Prayer Network**
- **Bill Suddoth of Righteous Acts Ministries to facilitate Strategic Prayer over the Spiritual Foundations of our communities**
- **Tim Taylor and the Kingdom League International, to begin the process of establishing Strategic Councils that would pray and serve leaders in the “7 Majors Sphere of Influence” and the organizations that are impacting “Those Who Have No Voice;”**
- **Paul Watson with Contagious Disciple Making (formerly with City Team International) to begin the process of helping Believers start “Discovery Bible Studies” with unbelievers in their communities that have resulted in tens of thousands of new Believers around the world**
- **Doug Shеды of Kingdom Advancement Ministries and Steve Trujillo of the Transformation Network (Father’s House City Ministries, Downtown House of Prayer, Tomorrow’s Hope and Can We Help?) to begin calling Church and Marketplace Leaders to prepare for “What’s Next and the Coming Harvest.”**

In 2014, SON was directed to pause the Marketplace Summit for a season and focus on **building a sustainable model for the collaboration of Marketplace Ministries to be replicated in other communities, by partnering at more intentional levels with our Educational Partners: Biblical Entrepreneurship (BE); Transformational Leadership (TL); The Identity Project (with George La Du); and community-wide strategic events: Mission ConneXion, the Portland Good Friday Breakfast (presented by Open Arms International), the International Praise Festival (presented by lead ethic churches) and the annual Clark County Prayer Breakfast (presented by Full Gospel Business Men’s Fellowship in America, the Christian Chamber Northwest and the Clark County YMCA).** This model also included SON partnering with Patrice Tsague of NPIM & Kevin Palau of LPA to **host a quarterly “Marketplace Coalition of the Northwest” meeting of all the organizations and key business leaders that are impacting businesses for the Kingdom,** which led to the Murdock Charitable Trust funding a Strategic Planning Retreat (with Chuck Proudfit’s At Work on Purpose and Dr Bob Mumford with Regent University) at Corban University and a Leadership Summit with Hugh Whelchel with the Institute for Faith, Work and Economics at the Vancouver Hilton.

SON was also directed to **partner with Ed Silvoso’s Transform Our World in mobilizing Believers to “Adopt Your Street”** and to be trained in how God is transforming cities around the world via intentional and strategic prayer and service. SON also **began serving Portland’s Mayor, as James Autry became the President of the Portland Ashkelon (Israel) Sister City Association and coordinated the Mayor’s Annual Rose Festival Reception for Sister City Associations and their entry in the Grand Floral Parade (which SON also made into a prayer walk) and received another major donation (\$100K) that allowed it to purchase a ministry vehicle, setup offices in Lake Oswego and hire more staff to support its growing work, influence and impact in the greater Portland / Vancouver metro area.**

In 2015, **SON was directed to help fund and launch “Second Half Now,” a Radio Show and Collaborative Community for Boomers and Beyonders (which airs on KKPZ 1330 AM and the TuneIn App, Mondays at 5:30 pm, Saturdays at 8 am and Sundays at 3 pm and is available 24/7 OnDemand at www.SecondHalfNow.com).** SON was directed to collaborate with the Christian Chamber Northwest, wherein Second Half Now Partners (sponsors) were annual members of the Chamber, featured on the radio/pod broadcasts, attend monthly Business Development Group Luncheons, and participate in local Chamber meetings and regional marketplace networking events (like the Business West Expo, presented by BESThq, Spring Zing and Fish Fridays with 104.1 FM at Oaks Park and the Emergency Preparedness Leadership Forums).

Because of the work that SON has done to serve the City of Portland and the Mayor's office, **James Autry was invited to join the Royal Rosarians** in August 2015 and officially knighted under the "Shalom Rose." **His primary focus in this service organization is to facilitate the Sister City Association's monthly President's meeting at Portland City Hall, their annual Portland Rose Festival Reception, their annual reports to the Portland City Council and their entry in the Annual Portland Grand Floral Parade.**

SON was directed to **established a new website, www.Praying4PDX.com, to feature various "City-Focused Gospel-Centered" prayer ministries collaborating together**, local prayer groups, strategic prayer targets, answered prayer stories, strategic prayer events and various resources for mobilizing more prayer. **A weekly SWAT Prayerwalk was activated in downtown Portland** (Saturdays from 7-9 am) to prepare the community for more than 600 Athletes from 165 nations who competed in the 2016 IAAF World Indoor Track & Field Championships & other Strategic Leadership events in 2016:

- The Elijah List Conference with Dutch Sheets, Chuck Pierce, Jane Hamon & Alveda King (Jan 7-9)
- Mission ConneXion at Sunset Pres (Jan 15-16)
- ONE Citywide Prayer and Worship (SEVEN, Jan 15)
- Clark County Weekend of Prayer (Feb 19-21)
- Collegiate Day of Prayer (Feb 25)
- NW 24/7 Prayer Conf at Imago Dei (Feb 25-27)
- Good Friday Breakfast w/ El Broussard (Mar 25)
- As One—Forty Days of Prayer (Mar 27 to May 5)
- Azusa Now at Memorial Coliseum, LA (Apr 9)
- United Cry at Lincoln Memorial in DC (Apr 9)
- ONE Citywide Prayer and Worship (SEVEN, Apr 14)
- Passover (Apr 22-29)
- Kingdom Business Summit - Wez Hone (Apr 22-23)
- National Day of Prayer (May 5)
- Prayer ConneXion at Central Bible (May 13-14)
- Global Day of Prayer (May 15)
- Global Outreach Day (May 28)
- City of Portland – Rose Festival Reception (Jun 9)
- Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade (Jun 11)
- Shavuot – Pentecost (Jun 12)
- Transformational Leadership (Jun 13-14)
- Franklin Graham Rally at OR Capitol (Jun 28)
- Call 2 Fall in Churches across America (Jul 3)
- National Prayer Summit in DC (Jul 14-17)
- Together 2016 at National Mall in DC (Jul 16)
- Int'l Praise Festival at Pioneer Square (Aug 6)
- KCIA Annual Meeting in Chicago (Sep 7-10)
- Cry Out America (Sep 11)
- Hispanic "Awakening" Conference (Sep 15-17)
- Nehemiah Week in Orlando (Sep 26-30)
- See You at the Pole (Sep 28)
- As One – Forty Days of Prayer (Sept 30 to Nov 8)
- 10 Days of Prayer and Fasting (Oct 2-12)
- Day of Prayer for Peace of Jerusalem (Oct 2)
- Rosh Hashanah – New Year (Oct 3-4)
- Transform Our World in San Jose (Oct 3-7)
- Yom Kippur – Day of Atonement (Oct 12)
- Sukkot – Tabernacles (Oct 17-24)
- Hearts of Fire Conference w/ Cindy Jacobs, Lou Engle and James Goll (Oct 26-29)
- Emergency Preparedness Leadership Forum NW at Oregon Convention Center (Nov 1-2)
- National Elections (Nov 8)
- Clark County Prayer Breakfast (Nov 11)
- Int'l Day of Prayer for Persecuted Church (Nov 13)
- Pacific Northwest City Advance (Dec 5-6)
- Hanukkah (Dec 25-Jan 1)

SON was also directed to partner with the International Christian Chamber of Commerce (ICCC), in 60 nations, and the Kingdom Congressional International Alliance (KCIA) of Apostolic and Prophetic Leaders around the world to begin the process of establishing Serving Our Neighbor coalitions across the nation.

In 2016, SON was directed to engage **James Autry as the new event manager for the 10th Annual Portland Good Friday Breakfast at the Oregon Convention Center**, wherein special guest speaker, Elridge Broussard, shared his amazing testimony with more than 1,000 business, community and faith leaders. **SON was able to expand the impact of this strategic regional event via local Media Partners** (Broussard did interviews on the Georgene Rice Show on KPDQ 93.9 FM, Difference Makers with Mike Lee on 800 AM, the Rose City Forum with Timothy Moore on KKPZ 1330 AM and SON had spots airing for the first time on WAY-FM 104.5, in addition to The Fish 104.1 FM and KPAM 860 AM). **James also managed the 11th Annual Portland Good Friday Breakfast with special guest speaker, Ken Calwell** (former CEO of Papa Murphy's Pizza) **and then encouraged the GFB Steering Committee to ask the YMCA to facilitate the breakfast**, as Open Arms International wanted to pass this annual outreach event to a well-established local non-profit for future generations.

SON also helped **coordinate and promote the first annual Prayer ConneXion** (with Dick Eastman of Every Home for Christ and Dee Duke of Jefferson Baptist Church), a new Mission ConneXion annual training event to foster more prayer for missions at home and abroad. SON also helped to launch the **first annual Northwest Prayer Summit with Aaron Winter of Hearts of Fire Ministries International** and the **first Emergency Preparedness Leadership Forums at the Oregon**

Convention Center in order to foster more collaboration between businesses, government agencies, faith organizations and the general public. This forum equipped leaders to prepare for any emergency situation or disaster that will impact every family, business and community. SON also partnered with the **new Transformational Finance (TF) trainings** with Stuart Funke and other CashFlow Creation experts in order to equip and create financial strategies for leaders.

In 2017, SON was directed to launch the new **Portland Sister Cities Coalition website and Facebook page** in order to continue supporting all of Portland's 10 Sister City Associations (**Ashkelon**, Israel, **Bologna**, Italy, **Guadalajara**, Mexico, **Kaohsiung**, Taiwan, and **Khabarovsk**, Russia, **Mutare**, Zimbabwe, **Sapporo**, Japan, **Suzhou**, China, **Ulsan**, South Korea, **Utrecht**, the Netherlands), their annual Rose Festival Reception for the Portland Mayor and their entry in the Grand Floral Parade, as well begin the planning & grant funding of their **International Music & Food Fair** (featuring all 10 sister cities) at Pioneer Courthouse Square.

After the Christian Chamber of Commerce of the Northwest was dissolved in the October of 2016, SON was directed to begin the development of the new **Marketplace Coalition** that would consist of bi-weekly **Marketplace Huddles** (wherein leaders in various spheres of influence would meet for prayer, fellowship, networking, teaching and accountability), then these leaders (and invited special guests) would meet in monthly **Marketplace Luncheons** (featuring special guest speakers regarding specific subject matter that would be worked on in the that month's Marketplace Huddles), then these leaders (and more invited special guests) would meet in quarterly **Marketplace Forums** (half or one day events featuring exhibitors, workshop & seminar presentations and keynote speakers), then these leaders (and even more invited special guests) would meet in yearly **Marketplace Summits** (one or two day events featuring even more exhibitors, presentations and keynote speakers). Marketplace Coalition Leaders would be asked to invest a monthly **Access Fee** (to allow them to participate in the huddles, luncheons, forums and summits) and to sponsor the luncheons, forums and summits (in order to secure promotion of their organization before, during and after these highly successful events).

In 2018, SON really began to see Revival, Reformation & Transformation **as they continued to mobilize ongoing revival prayer, reformational collaborations, transformational influence & strategic generosity** throughout the region with their weekly Saturday morning **SWAT (See What Agreement Transforms) Prayerwalks** in downtown Portland (started in Sept 2015). In February, SON began working more strategically with [Chris Overstreet](#) and his [Compassion to Action - Portland 2018](#) event (Sept 19-22 at the Oregon Convention Center) in order to pray, plan and prepare the region for what God had put in his heart towards **launching a national discipleship movement**. More than 7,500 people registered for Portland 2018, wherein 78% came from Oregon & Washington, 52% came from the greater Portland/Vancouver metro area & the remaining Disciple Makers came from at least **40 states** across America and at least **25 nations** from around the world. They also had 70 local churches & 35 local ministries (along with another 30 churches throughout our region) partner with CTA, wherein at least 450 Disciple Makers committed to walk with new (& renewing) believers for at least a year and **they had at least 225 recorded decisions with hundreds more saved, healed and delivered on the streets of Portland**, as hundreds participated in outreaches during Flood Portland (Mon-Tue, Sept 17-18 at Pioneer Courthouse Square) **AND thousands participated in outreaches** on Fri & Sat, after being trained by Chris, [Bill Johnson](#), [Lisa Bevere](#), [Marilyn Hickey](#), [Todd White](#), [Ben Fitzgerald](#), [Daniel Kolenda](#) & [Robby Dawkins](#). In April, SON began working strategically with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's [Decision American Pacific Northwest Tour with Franklin Graham](#) (Sun, Aug 5th at the Clackamas County Fair Grounds in Canby, Oregon), wherein more than 12,200 people attended **with at least 466 recorded decisions for Christ** & 450 local churches partnered with this regional outreach. The BGEA leadership was very grateful for the partnership & overwhelmed with the response, which was the largest event that they had seen in all the Texas, Tennessee, California, Oregon & Washington tours (until Spokane peak out at 15,000 a few weeks later).

Since 2010, **SON has been believing and agreeing with God for a prophesied "Marketplace Revival"** and since 1999, SON has been agreeing for our region & city to be healed, revived, reformed and transformed into a "Model for the Nations", a "City of Refuge" a "Beacon of Righteousness & Justice", and that "Portland would be a Portal for the Holy Spirit"! Even though SON began working on [The Marketplace Coalition](#) (a new model for the former Christian Chamber of Commerce) in 2018 and facilitated 4 Marketplace Luncheons in January (with [Patrice Tsague](#)), in March (with [James & Anna Kramer](#)), in April (with [Carl Casanova](#)) & in July (with [Ford Taylor](#)), **we believed this new model will soon to take flight and transform cities throughout our nation**, as SON collaborated with other local business communities ([Ron White with BESThq](#)) and national/global collaboration initiatives (i.e. [Worship 24/7 Radio Station](#) with David Harms, [Commissioned](#) with James & Anna Kramer, [RISE](#) with Johnny & Elizabeth Enlow, [Kingdom Investors](#) with David Hodgson & the [Kingdom Business Association](#) with David Yarnes (& Lance Wallnau).

In summary, SON is engaged in funding and/or supporting these annual community-wide Strategic Initiatives and Events:

- Mission ConneXion – Bill MacLeod, Executive Director
- Portland Good Friday Breakfast – Mike Burkesmith, Chair
- BESThq – Business Expo West – Ron White, Executive Director
- Prayer ConneXion – Dennis Fuqua, Chair
- Portland Sister Cities Coalition – Rose Festival Reception for Portland Mayor & Grand Floral Parade
- International Praise Festival – Mark Jackson, Chair
- Northwest Prayer Summit – Aaron Winter, President
- Clark County Prayer Breakfast – Greg Romine, Chair
- BESThq – Business Expo East – Ron White, Executive Director

As more funding and staffing are secured, SON plans to engage in:

- Expanding the ongoing SWAT (See What Agreement Transforms) Prayerwalks to Critical Regions in PDX
- Expanding the Marketplace Coalition in this region and to cities throughout the nation
- Expanding the Emergency Preparedness Leadership Forums to other cities
- Expanding IP, BE, TL and TF Trainings to more than 10,000 Christian Business Leaders in our region
- Creating the SON Institute (SONi) to connect, equip and engage Leaders in a virtual online platform
- Creating the Multnomah County, Clackamas County and Washington County Prayer Connect coalitions
- Creating the Serving Our Leaders “For the Peace of Our City” Prayer Guide
- Creating Apostolic/Prophetic Training Centers and 24/7 Prayer and Worship Centers throughout PDX
- Creating Strategic Councils for the 7 Mountains and 7 Valleys
- Creating the Kingdom Broadcasting Company with Kingdom Impact University radio programs.

More info is available at www.ServingOurNeighbors.org