

BISHOP STEVEN HOLT

Steven Holt is Senior Pastor of The International Fellowship Family Church located in Portland, Oregon. The vision of The International Fellowship Family is “Touching the Nations by Reaching the City.” Their mission is to “build Godly families,” build healthy families,” and “bring others to the family,” which emphasizes Bishop Holt’s commitment to the health and success of families.

Bishop Holt holds a Bachelor’s degree in Pastoral Ministry and Political Science from Warner Pacific College in Portland, Oregon. In the 1970’s he was involved in a program which bussed African-American children from their inner city neighborhoods to predominately white suburban schools. This experience proved instrumental to Bishop Steven’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 traveled extensively as a motivational speaker and worked as an adjunct professor at North Portland Bible College and as a teacher at Portland Christian High School. Bishop Holt also holds credentials as a financial adviser and has served as a Field Representative for Promise Keepers, an international men’s ministry.

Not one to rest on his successes, Bishop Holt is the founder and Board Chairman of The Safe Place, a faith-based, non-profit public benefit corporation (and an extension of The International Fellowship Family) that is committed to the holistic development of people – mind, body, and spirit. Through The Safe Place, Bishop Holt has accomplished what was considered impossible – bridging gaps, fostering relationships, and developing partnerships between the faith community and government entities. A notable achievement is in January 2007, The Safe Place, in partnership with The International Fellowship Family, and Parkrose School District opened up a daycare center, The Safe Place for Children and Families. The daycare, located at The International Fellowship Family, provides quality childcare for the children of the teen parents of Parkrose High School while they complete their education. Through this partnership the goal is to have a positive impact on the lives of both the student and the child, while also reducing the overall drop out rate and the cycle of teen pregnancy.

Bishop Holt is a native of Portland, Oregon. He has been married for 25 years to Aundria and together they are the proud parents of three adult children and a granddaughter.