



**REP. BRUCE HANNA**  
**CO-SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**  
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To the Church in Oregon:

Many years ago, the Salish and Nez Perce requested that missionaries be sent to our region to teach their people. They requested that the "Book of Heaven" be brought and shared with the tribes.

Jason Lee answered that call; bringing a Bible, the "Book of Heaven." As a circuit rider, he shared it with the tribes and other people in our state. His work was instrumental in bringing additional settlers to the Willamette Valley, which led to the establishment of Oregon as a US territory.

Without that original request from the tribes for this book of great spiritual power and wisdom, our state might not exist. All who live within our beautiful and bountiful State owe a debt of gratitude to those tribal leaders who sought the very best for their people.

I am pleased to invite you, your congregations, staff, families and friends to a special event at the Oregon State Capitol on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, from 11 am to 2 pm. At this event, we will celebrate and remember with gratitude the important place in our State's history held by the native people of this land.

**ROAR: Reviving Oregon's Amazing Roots – 180 Rendezvous at the Capitol**  
Saturday, April 16, 2011  
11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Capitol Steps and East Capitol grounds; 900 Court St. NE, Salem  
Information: Aaron Auer (503) 705-7627 or Lockley Bremner (406) 250-8968

Psalm 76:1-2 says, "God is renowned in Judah; in Israel his name is great. His tent is in Salem, his dwelling place in Zion." I hope to meet you in Salem on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Co-Speaker Bruce Hanna  
State Representative, 7<sup>th</sup> District