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for taking this bold step in attempting to use the church, synagogue and Masjid (Mosque) as a facility to educate parents and youth about HIV/AIDS, but more importantly about abstinence, human sexuality and its purpose and avoidance of sexual promiscuity and how these and other issues further the spread of the AIDS virus.

Rev. Bennett opened the conference with the benediction asking God to open the hearts of all pastors and fellow Christians to open their doors and their hearts to those who have been affected by this dreadful disease and to stand by them leaving judgement to God.

Rev. Lionel Starkes, HIV/AIDS counselor, served as moderator for the conference

and stressed the need for the church to take a more active role in educating their members and showing a greater sensitivity. He cited statistics that suggest and increase in the spread of HIV/AIDS among pregnant Black women and Black children, as well as Black males.

Glennie Pope, Program Manager, AFAN West, gave a hearty welcome to the sparse crowd who took time to attend. She was pleased with those who turned out but speculated that until African Americans and others are directly affected by the virus, it will be an uphill battle

for support for conferences such as this one.

Rev. Starkes made it clear that HIV/AIDS is not an individual disease but a family disease. "When a member of your family is touched by the disease the whole family will feel the affects," he said.

Gregory Durett, Executive Director, thanked the audience for their support and encouraged the participants to become more aware of HIV/AIDS and to recognize that misperceptions exist.

A Caregivers Panel included Dr. Maurice Gregory, M.D.;

Susan Little, MSW, Clark County Social Worker; Penny A. Jackson, Psychologist; Sandra Lampiarti, R.N., and T.C. Foster, a survivor of AIDS - whose husband, Jackie Foster, died of AIDS contracted through a surgical procedure.

Each of the caregivers were informative and due to their day to day involvement with those persons affected by the virus, they felt an impression that leaves little doubt that the Las Vegas community should get educated on the issue. The churches have a responsibility to inform, to educate, to inspire

and to make information available on issues that affect it's members and society in general.

Unity Baptist Church Choir offered several selections during the course of the seminar.

Rev. Davy People served as moderator of the Minister's Panel after introducing the keynote speaker, Dr. Calvin Butts, III, Pastor of the Historical Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York, (Harlem) New York.

Dr. Butts said that the church should do essentially three things: The church should edu-

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UNION OUTLOOK



Culinary Union Secretary/Treasurer Jim Arnold addresses Union members and supporters at rally during the 2nd anniversary of the Frontier strike

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are strong and workers are still driven towards a positive outcome. Canty walked the picket line with fellow members who displayed feelings of endearment towards her. While a ma-

majority of workers have taken on other jobs, she said the commitment to saving the union at the Frontier is still apparent. "The persistence is here," said Canty, "This is their baby and they're here to the finish."

MILLER SELECTS

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and represent the commitment to excellence Nevadans deserve from their public servants," Miller added.

Miller also said department chiefs have been directed to immediately identify ways to make government work better for state employees and the people they serve. The governor expects their goals to be submitted to him in the coming months.

Under the reorganized state government, departments are grouped in six functional areas: finance and administration, commerce and industry, human services, public safety, infrastructure, and special purpose agencies.

Department directors appointed by the governor to newly created departments include Business and Industry Director Rose McKinney-James, and Employment, Training and Rehabilitation Director Carol Jackson.

McKinney-James, 41, was first appointed to be Public Service Commission in 1989 by Governor Miller, a post she has held until now. In November 1992, she was elected 2nd vice president of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners, a national organization comprised of regulators from the fifty states. Earlier this year, the Small Business Administration named her Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year for the State of Nevada. In addition, McKinney-James previously worked as project manager for the Nevada Economic Development Company from 1982-83. She is also credited with packaging over \$3.5 million in small business loans and helping to establish the 504 Small Business Loan Program in Southern Nevada. Before her appointment to the PSC, she was chief of staff to the City of Las Vegas' city manager. Her salary will be \$80,950.

Carol Jackson, 40, was formerly the director of the Department of Industrial Relations, a position she had held since May 1992. As director of Industrial Relations, Jackson was in charge of the regulatory agency that deals with most industrial insurance issues in the state. Jackson was instrumental in drafting and testifying on new legislation regarding workers' compensation, occupational safety and health and workplace safety in the 1993 legislative session. Prior to her appointment by Miller, Jackson already had more than 20 years of experience at various levels in the industrial insurance system. She will also earn 80,950.

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