



news release

Contact: Diane Steinert, Communications Coordinator
330-677-4549 or dsteinert@WesternReservePublicMedia.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Retiring Pastor, Community Leader Featured on Western Reserve PBS' NewsMaker Akron

KENT — Nov. 24, 2008 — As traditional as Thanksgiving turkey, Western Reserve PBS (a service of Western Reserve Public Media) will feature a special **NewsMaker Akron** production in place of **NewsNight Akron** on Friday, Nov. 28 at 9 p.m. The program will turn the spotlight on the life and career of a respected greater Akron community leader, Rev. Dr. Ronald Fowler, senior pastor at the Arlington Church of God. The program will repeat on Saturday, Nov. 29 at 5 a.m.

Earlier this year, Rev. Fowler announced his plans to step down in January 2009 after serving nearly 40 years at Arlington Church of God. Beyond his service to the church, Rev. Fowler has brought his energy, faith and wisdom to many aspects of life in the area. A noted preacher and facilitator and a 12-year member of the Akron Public Schools Board of Education, he has frequently been called upon with respect to matters of racial harmony, both locally and nationally.

NewsNight Akron panelist Jody Miller explores the reverend's life and career of service during the special Western Reserve PBS production.

About NewsNight Akron

NewsNight Akron airs every Friday night at 9 p.m. on Western Reserve PBS and offers spontaneous, lively, in-depth discussions about issues that affect the lives of people in greater Akron. Hosted by Eric Mansfield, Akron-Canton news anchor for WKYC-TV3, **NewsNight Akron** features a roundtable discussion with a panel of local journalists that covers both breaking news stories on topics such as education, the community and local business, as well as ongoing subjects including elections and major news stories. Serving as regular panelists on the show are Steve Hoffman, political writer at the Akron Beacon Journal; Jody Miller, freelance reporter; and Ed Esposito, Joe Jaszremski and Larry States, all of whom are members of the Rubber City Radio Group news staff.

-more-



About Western Reserve Public Media

Western Reserve Public Media (formerly PBS 45 & 49) is owned and operated by Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation and consortium of Kent State University, The University of Akron and Youngstown State University. A trusted community resource, Western Reserve Public Media uses the power of commercial-free television and related services to enrich the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire. Western Reserve PBS, a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of northeast Ohio. It is available to 1.8 million households and 4.4 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average week, over 500,000 households tune in. Through funding from eTech Ohio, Western Reserve Public Media provides K-12 educational technology training and instructional television programming to 21,500 educators and 256,700 students in eight Ohio counties. For more information about the organization, visit www.WesternReservePublicMedia.org or call 1-800-554-4549.

##