



Religious non-profit looking to get in to the hotel business in Juneau

A pastor from Portland, Oregon, and the president of an organization called Kingdom Point International which merges churches with businesses is looking to start a hotel in Juneau.

Eric Bahme has done that in Portland and Kalispell, Montana.

He's working to combine God and business. Bahme says every place that he goes he's looking for a place where they can do what he calls community transformation.

He says many non-profits are suffering from a lack of sustainability. Part of what they're trying to do, he says, is to locate areas that might be open to sustainable models of ministering and hospitality works well in that.

He became interested in Juneau during an earlier visit. He says Juneau's a beautiful area with lots of tourists and there's always room for good old fashioned hospitality and good restaurants. "Juneau seems like a great place for something like that," he says.

Bahme is still investigating options for a hotel in Juneau. That might include an existing facility. Building a new facility is another option, but Bahme acknowledged the difficulty in obtaining property in land scare Juneau.

Pastor Bahme, who was a guest on Juneau Radio Center's Action Line Thursday, promised to keep us posted on his progress.