

Consociate Shawn Smith visits Community Center



Shawn Smith with Robert Petrovich at the Monastery Gardens, Red Rock Sanctuary PHOTO CREDIT: Barbara Whitney

The staff of the International Community of Christ was graced with the visit of a Consociate from Cameroon, Africa, the Reverend Doctor Shawn Smith, November 7th-8th.

Although Shawn spent only a day and a half in Reno, during his short visit he was able to tour both the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary, and there meet Sanctuary caretakers and residents,

and the Steamboat Healing Center, as well as meet several staff members over dinner at the Rectory-Abbey.

Shawn made his visit while Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. was traveling in Peru, and so he was unable to meet him. However, Shawn did bring a gift from Africa honoring Bishop Gene as the spiritual leader of the Community. (See photo.)



Rev. Dr. Shawn Smith with gift to Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. PHOTO
CREDIT: Rebecca Willis

Rev. Dr. Smith explained the significance of his gift in a recent email to the Center:

It was my utmost joy to present to the Ordained of the International Community of Christ in Reno, Nevada, a gift representative of Cameroon at large and of the Bamileke in particular, to hand to the Bishop Right Rev. Gene Savoy Jr. on my behalf.

The Bamileke are native to Cameroon, settled predominantly in the West region, divided into eight major clans. Their traditions, which have been reverently preserved, can be historically traced for hundreds of years, but claim their origin from a time when there was a common exchange between the Dogon, Yoruba, and other prominent groups on the continent.

With the arrival of colonialism, most of the Bamileke outwardly converted to Christianity or Islam, but secretly held to their spiritual practices. Their Chief is the spiritual, political and military leader known as the "Fon." His delegates and advisors are men of noble descent, initiated into the "mysteries" known as the "Kamveu."

The traditional garb which I had the privilege to present is what the Kamveu wear when going behind a sacred curtain known as the "Ndop" to perform their practice veiled from "outsiders."

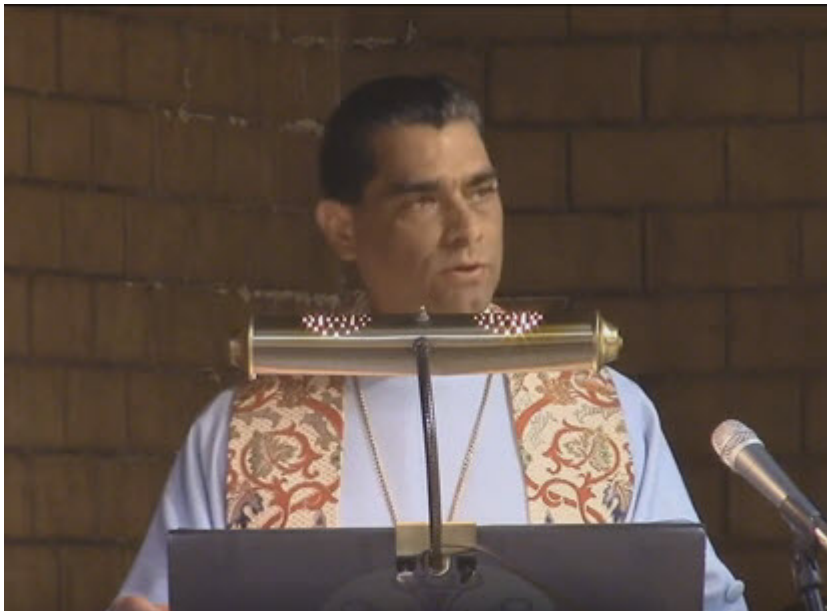
My mother, being Bamileke, was able to obtain this on my behalf on the occasion of my visit, since it is to be presented to a great teacher of spiritual power. Each garb is hand made with particular symbols known particularly to those initiated within the "mysteries."

It is with gratitude that offer this gift, to represent my hope that the people groups of Africa will also come appreciate what I am learning in the System of Cosolargy.



Table set at Rectory-Abbey in honor of Shawn Smith's visit

November 24, 2018: Chapel Readings



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SECOND ADVENT PROPHECY AND REVELATION

A Reading from the Second Prophecy to the Americas: Chapter 31, "On Men of Two Worlds" (pp. 215-218)

ANCIENT SCRIPTURE AND WISDOM SAYINGS

A Reading from the First Letter of John:

This is what we proclaim to you: what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and our hands have touched (concerning the word of life—and the life was revealed, and we have seen and testify and announce to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us). What we have seen and heard we announce to you, too, so that you may have fellowship with us (and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Christ). Now this is the good-news message we have heard from him and announce to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him and yet keep on walking in the darkness, we are lying and not practicing the truth. But if

we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

Now by this we know that we have come to know God: if we keep his commandments. Whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has been perfected. I am writing a new commandment to you which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. The one who says he is in the light but yet hates his fellow in the community is still in the darkness. The one who loves his fellow resides in the light. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, because all that is in the world (the desire of the flesh and the desire of the eyes and the arrogance produced by material possessions) is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world is passing away with all its desires, but the person who does the will of God remains forever.



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Alice-May Ryan

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Megan Whipley

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Those who died, were injured,
or were affected by the tragedy last week
at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh

† indicates Memorial Prayer

Services for the Week of November 24, 2018



Saturday, November 24, 2018

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RC Ted Staver

Cantor: Rev. Karen Elliott

Reader: Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

Sunday, November 25, 2018

6:48 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:00

Gate: 6:30

Sunrise: 7:03

RR Gene Savoy Jr

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistant: Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

<i>Church of the Races of Man</i>	RC Ted Staver
<i>Church of the New Covenant</i>	Rev. Barbara Whitney

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

12:00 NOON COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

RC Peter Foust

Friday, November 30, 2018

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RM Elizabeth Reece

**“Plate tectonics may have
been active on Earth since
the very beginning”**



Earth (stock image) Photo
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“A new study suggests that plate tectonics – a scientific theory that divides Earth into large chunks of crust that move slowly over hot viscous mantle rock – could have been active from the planet’s very beginning. The new findings defy previous beliefs that tectonic plates were developed over the course of billions of years.

“The paper, published in *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*, has important implications in the fields of geochemistry and geophysics. For example, a better understanding of plate tectonics could help predict whether planets beyond our solar system could be hospitable to life.

“‘Plate tectonics set up the conditions for life,’ said Nick Dygert, assistant professor of petrology and geochemistry in UT’s Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences and coauthor of the study. ‘The more we know about ancient plate tectonics, the better we can understand how Earth got to be the way it is now.’”

[Read the entire article posted online September 26, 2018 by University of Tennessee at Knoxville at sciencedaily.com](#)

link submitted by Frieda Nelson

“Authentic Man and His Many Disguises”



“We know that man is not a thing of only one element; he has a soul and he has, whether instrument or adjunct in some other mode, a body; this is the first distinction; it remains to investigate the nature and essential being of these two constituents.

“Reason tells us that the body as, itself too, a composite,

cannot forever hold together; and our senses show us it breaking up, wearing out. ... If this body then, is really a part of us, then we are not wholly immortal; if it is an instrument of ours, then, as a thing put at our service for a certain time, it must be in its nature passing. The sovereign principle, the authentic man, will be as Form to this Matter or as agent of the instrument, and thus, whatever that relationship be, the soul is the man." ~Plotinus

A Composite Being

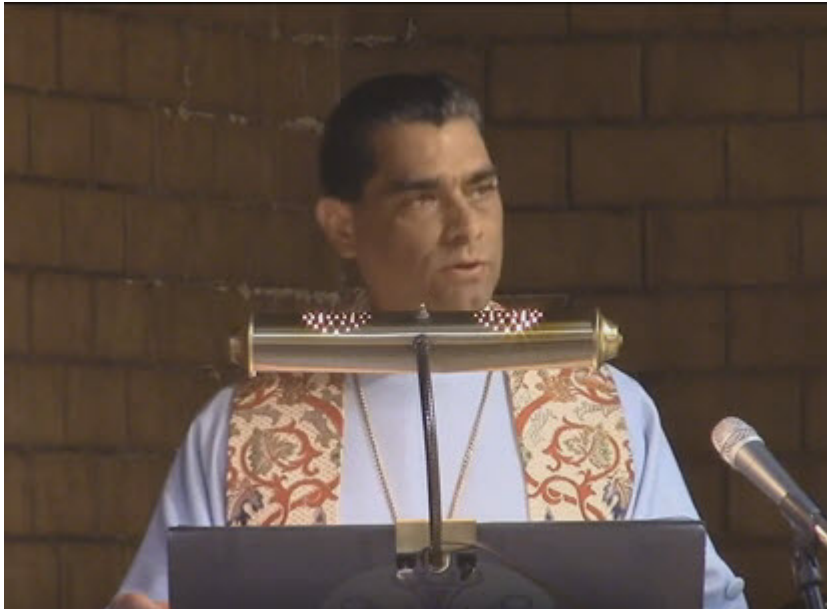
"Man is a composite being on the physical level. He has many organ, many parts. And it is even more complicated than Plotinus probably knew or suspected. Not only are we a composite of many parts, but we have other beings living within us. Bacteria that are essential for us to digest our food. Since they are necessary for us to live, one might argue that they too are part of our physical self.

"And at the next level beyond the physical body of matter is energy. While it is often ignored by most people, we are energy beings as much as we are physical beings. We give off electricity and light that can be measured. We take in and send out radiation of many types. His level of our being might be considered the mental or psychic level."

[Read the entire article online at spiritsun.net.](http://spiritsun.net)

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November 17, 2018: Chapel Readings



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SECOND ADVENT PROPHECY AND REVELATION

A Reading from the Second Prophecy to the Americas: Chapter 32, "On the Error of the Old Churches" (pp. 219-222)

ANCIENT SCRIPTURE AND WISDOM SAYINGS

A Reading from the Poimandres of Hermes Trismegistus:

Holy art Thou, O God, the universals' Father.

Holy art Thou, O God, whose Will perfects itself by means of its own Powers.

Holy art Thou, O God, who willeth to be known and art known by Thine own.

Holy art Thou, who didst by Thy Logos make to consist the things that are.

Holy art Thou, of whom All-nature hath been made an image.

Holy art Thou, whose Form Nature hath never made.

Holy art Thou, more powerful than all power.

Holy art Thou, transcending all pre-eminence.

Holy Thou art, Thou better than all praise.

Accept my reason's offerings pure, from soul and heart forever stretched up to Thee, O Thou unutterable, unspeakable, Whose Name naught but the Silence can express.

Give ear to me who pray that I may never of Gnosis fail, [Gnosis] which is our common being's nature; and fill me with Thy Power, and with this Grace [of Thine], that I may give the Light to those in ignorance of the Race, my Brethren, and Thy Sons.

For this cause I believe, and I bear witness; I go to Life and Light. Blessed art Thou, O Father. Thy Man would holy be as Thou art holy, even as Thou gave him Thy full authority [to be].



Radheka Patel Savoy

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“Rays of Love, Pearl of

Wisdom”



“The soul saith further to the Noble Sophia, ‘O thou fair and sweet consort, what shall I say before thee? Let me be wholly committed unto thee. I cannot preserve myself, if Thou wilt not give me Thy Pearl. I submit to thy will, but give me thy Rays of Love, and carry me safely through my Pilgrimage. Do thou awaken and bring forth what thou wilt in me; I will from henceforth be thy own. ...’

“The noble Sophia answered the soul; ... ‘My noble bridegroom, be of good comfort. ... I will be with thee and in thee always to the end of the world. ... Thou shalt drink of my fountain. ... I will put my Rays of love into thy working.’” Jacob Boehme

Pearl of Wisdom

“I find it curious that Boehme, who was known as a Christian mystic, but not Gnostic, often speaks of Sophia, the Gnostic ‘goddess’ of wisdom. You would expect him to be appealing to Jesus or Christ, but no, he appeals to Sophia.”

[Read the entire article online at spiritsun.net.](http://spiritsun.net)

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SEPTEMBER 2018: Intercession & Memorial Services



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Services for the Week of November 17, 2018



Saturday, November 17, 2018
10:00 AM COMMUNION
Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.
Lector: RC Peter Foust
Cantor: Rev. Larry Coesens
Reader: Dea. Radheka Patel Savoy
Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

Sunday, November 18, 2018
6:40 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:00

Gate: 6:30

Sunrise: 6:55

RC Ted Staver

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistant: Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of New Philadelphia Dea. Stephan Fuelling

Church of New Qumran Rev. Shinobu Sonoda Fuelling

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

12:00 NOON COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. Barbara Whitney

Friday, November 23, 2018
9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP
Chapel of the Roses
RC Robert Petrovich