

Religion and the Paranormal



In a special two-hour class held at Truckee Meadows Community College, the Reverend Gary Robert Buchanan of the International Community of Christ represented Christianity in a many-sided discussion of the topic "Religion and the Paranormal." Other religions represented were Hinduism, Judaism, and Spiritualism. Before a general panel discussion, each representative was given ten minutes to speak on the topic from his or her perspective. Much of the discussion centered around reincarnation, daemons, channeling, and spiritual healing.

Faith Leaders Meeting



A meeting of Northern Nevada faith leaders was held August 28, 2009, at Joe Crowley Student Union on the University of Nevada-Reno campus, hosted by U.S. Senate majority leader Harry Reid (D-NV). The purpose of this roundtable discussion among Northern Nevada interfaith leaders was to discuss the importance of faith in Nevada, as well as the role of clergy and religious organizations in working to address issues of mutual concern. The meeting was a prelude to a larger faith summit that the senator hopes to hold in November. Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy assisted Reid's staff in organizing the meeting, through the budding Nevada Clergy Association, and at the meeting served to introduce Reid to the assembly of religious leaders, almost seventy in all, and to moderate and close the meeting. In the future, Savoy will be working with Reid's staff to put together the larger and more comprehensive faith summit in November.

Food Bank Breakfast



The breakfast meeting on October 19, 2009, sponsored by Food Bank of Northern Nevada in conjunction with Feeding America brought together local faith leaders to commemorate International World Food Day. Representing the International Community of Christ was the Reverend Canon Robert Petrovich. Local Food Bank officials spoke at the meeting and introduced speakers from the local community to discuss their experiences in this area. Among these were Lori Anderson, an elementary school principal from Sun Valley, who gave examples of how the

Food Bank program works at her school, where 94-99% of the students are enrolled in both the Food Bank program and a federal program to provide them with all their primary meals. Local elected officials described the situation of need throughout Washoe County, where about 100,000 people per year now receive assistance from Food Bank. Food Bank officials noted that about 60% of the aid provided by Food Bank is provided by faith-based groups.

Friendship Dinner



"Harmony within Diversity"

The 6th Annual Dialogue and Friendship Dinner, held at the downtown Reno Ballroom, was attended by the Right Reverend Gene Savoy Jr. Hosted by the Sierra Foundation, founded in 2004 by the Turkish-American Community of Northern Nevada, the annual dinner reinforces friendship and dialogue between diverse communities and emphasizes the values of mutual respect, understanding, love, and peace. The Sierra Foundation promotes harmony within diversity among the world's cultures. Bishop Savoy was invited to speak at the 2007 dinner and visited Turkey in 2006 at the invitation of the Sierra Foundation.

Swami Vedananda Lectures on Vedic Scriptures

On the evening of Friday April 20, Swami Vedananda from California presented a talk about the wisdom of the ancient Sanskrit scriptures the Upanishads and the Bhagavad-Gita at the Vajra Temple in Reno.

Head Bishop Attends Lecture on Jihad

The Right Reverend Gene Savoy Jr. attended a lecture at the University of Nevada on Saturday April 20, titled "Jihad: Between Myth and Truth."

Hindu Bacculaureate Service at UNR

A Hindu bacculaureate service was held at the University of Nevada–Reno in the Joe Crowley Student Union on Saturday April 11. Attending on behalf of The Second Advent Church were the Right Reverends Gene Savoy Jr. and Robert Petrovich and the Reverend Deacon Francine Petrovich. Bishop Savoy also

participated in the planning of the event.

Head Bishop Gives Invocation at Awards Gala

Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. attended the Cultural Image Awards gala at the Peppermill Resort and Casino in Reno.

Head Bishop Visits Ashram

Head bishop Gene Savoy Jr. visited the Sivananda Ashram Yoga Farm in Grass Valley, California, with Nevada Clergy Association members.

Evolution Lecture Presented

The Right Reverend Robert Petrovich attended a lecture titled "Darwin, Dover, and Intelligent Design" at the Temple Sinai social hall in Reno.