

Interfaith Nevada Prayer Breakfast Brings Community Together



The Nevada Clergy Association (NCA), the non-profit network of religious and spiritual leaders in Nevada, is hosting the annual interfaith Nevada Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, MAY 12, from 7 to 8:50 AM at the Atlantis Hotel in Reno. Seating in the Grand Ballroom on the 2nd floor begins just before 7 AM.

The Nevada Prayer Breakfast (NPB) is for all Nevada's citizens – including religious, civic, business, cultural and community leaders – to come together to pray on behalf of our state, and to bring the spiritual resources of the community to bear on Nevada's leaders as they carry on their work, making decisions that affect the lives of all Nevadans. The NCA recognizes that segments of the community approach spiritual practice and devotion differently, so at the Nevada Prayer Breakfast, we gather as equals – without prejudice or discrimination – to devote our energies to the good of the State of Nevada, to our nation and to the world.

Reno's vice-mayor, Oscar Delgado, will deliver a short welcome to open the program. The keynote speaker is Dr. Tony Slonim, president and CEO of Renown Health. The breakfast program will include a selection of prayers by representatives of the Nevada's multi-faith community as well as musical selections performed by the Nevada Gay Men's Chorus, the Damonte Ranch High School Choir, and the Tintabulations Handbell Ensemble. Among the participating speakers are representatives of the Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim, LDS, Second Advent, Jewish, Native

American, Taoist, and various Christian communities. The Rev. Sean Savoy of the International Community of Christ, who chairs the NPB, will serve as master of ceremonies.

The NCA's annual Vision Award will go to Cherie Jamason, president and CEO of the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, and posthumously to Col. Charles "Chuck" Fulkerson (1935-2014), co-founder of the Veterans House. The first Vision Award to an organization will be presented to Northern Nevada HOPES. The NCA Vision Award is given to citizens or organizations of Nevada who have demonstrated unique and exemplary leadership and foresight in envisioning and creating a brighter and more unified community.

The program will feature the announcement of a new collaboration between the NCA and Renown Regional Medical Center for the development of an Interfaith Spiritual Care Center at the hospital. A special tribute and community service award will be presented to the late Toni de Salvo (1946-2015) for her dedicated support of Nevada's interfaith programs.

Cost to attend is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Patron Tables of 8 are available at \$240. Patrons will be recognized in the program. A discount for non-profit Patron Tables is available at \$160. Reservations should be made online at www.NevadaClergy.net or by calling (775) 786-1800. Checks may be sent to NCA at 643 Ralston St., Reno, NV 89503.

The Nevada Clergy Association, headquartered in Reno, is a network of religious and spiritual leaders in Nevada whose purpose is to foster and promote interfaith relations, to encourage the sharing of information among its members and their respective institutions, and to promote a climate favorable to and tolerant of religious and spiritual expression and freedom. The Nevada Prayer Breakfast is a Nevada tradition. It was originally known as the Governor's Prayer Breakfast and was held for nearly two decades in

Northern Nevada until 2001. The event was re-established as the "Nevada Prayer Breakfast" in 2010.

< [Download the Prayer Breakfast invitation in PDF format.](#) >

< [Read about the Nevada Prayer Breakfast online in the Reno Gazette-Journal.](#) >

Services for the Week of May 9, 2015



**Saturday, May 9, 2015
10:00 AM COMMUNION**

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RR Sean Savoy

Cantor: Rev. Karen Elliott

Reader: Rev. Robert Roy

Sunday, May 10, 2015

5:41 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Pentecost

Leave: 4:45

Gate: 5:25

Sunrise: 5:56

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants: RC Roger Weld

RC Ted Staver

RM Carol Ann Crabb

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of New Smyrna

Rev. Greg Klinedinst

Church of New Philadelphia

Rev. Michael Tamburello

Church of New Qumran

Dea. Gary Huss Jr.

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. Harold Boulette

Friday, May 8, 2015

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

(Service Suspended due to Remodeling)

March 2015 Intercessions & Memorial Prayers



MARCH 2015

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Ann Cunius
Sabrina LaCasas

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Ann Cunius
Cheryl Shafer
Sabrina LaCasas

11

Ann Cunius
Sabrina LaCasas
Cheryl Shafer
Joseph Roy
Tracy Reinert

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Ann Cunius

Cheryl Shafer

Erica Wilsey and children, Mikayla, Jamie and Carys.

Tracy Reinert

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Tracy Reinert

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Tracy Reinert

Frieda Nelson

25

Frieda Nelson

Kevi Wood

28

Frieda Nelson

Kevi Wood

† indicates Memorial Prayer

Services for the Week of May 2, 2015



Saturday, May 2, 2015

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RM Rebecca Willis

Cantor: Rev. Larry Coesens

Reader: Rev. Michael Spohn

Sunday, May 3, 2015

5:51 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Pentecost

Leave: 5:00

Gate: 5:35

Sunrise: 6:04

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants: RC Roger Weld

RC Robert Petrovich

Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of New Philadelphia

RC Ted Staver

Church of New Qumran

Rev. Michael McIntyre

Wednesday, May 6, 2015
12:00 N COMMUNION
Chapel of the Holy Child
Rev. Karen Elliott

Friday, May 8, 2015
9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP
Chapel of the Roses
(Service Suspended due to Remodeling)

Services for the Week of April 25, 2015



Saturday, April 25, 2015
10:00 AM COMMUNION
Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.
Lector: RC Roger Weld
Cantor: Rev. Vickie Hewlett
Reader: Noriko Roy

Sunday, April 26, 2015
5:58 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE
Church of New Pentecost

Leave: 5:00

Gate: 5:40

Sunrise: 6:13

RR Gene Savoy Jr.
Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy
Assistants: RC Roger Weld
RC Ted Staver
Rev. Barbara Whitney
Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

<i>Church of New Philadelphia</i>	Rev. Robert Roy
<i>Church of New Qumran</i>	Rev. Larry Coesens
<i>Church of New Bethany</i>	Noriko Roy

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. James Elliott

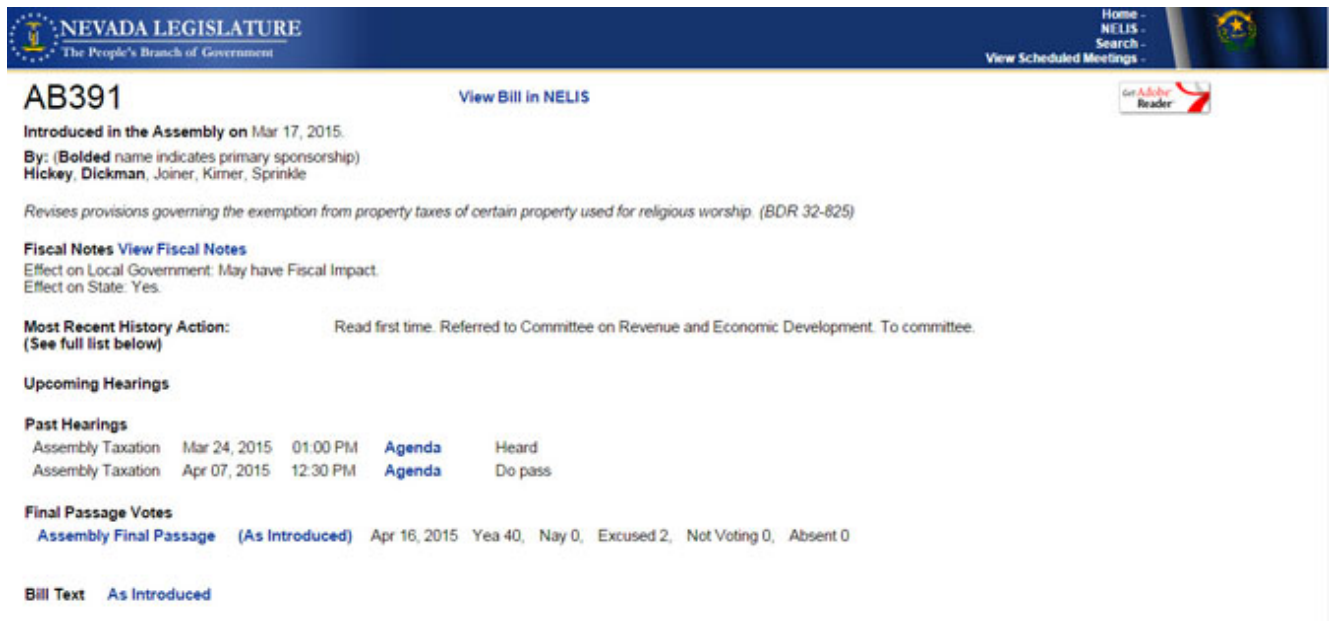
Friday, May 1, 2015

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

Rev. Ben Hubbard

Sanctuary Tax Exemption Bill Makes Its Way to Nevada Senate



The screenshot shows the Nevada Legislature's website for Assembly Bill 391. The header includes the Nevada Legislature logo and navigation links. The main content area displays the bill number AB391, its introduction date (Mar 17, 2015), and the sponsor (Hickey, Dickman, Joiner, Kimer, Sprinkle). It also provides a brief description of the bill's purpose, fiscal notes, and a history of actions taken by the Assembly, including readings and committee referrals. The final passage votes are also listed.

NEVADA LEGISLATURE
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AB391 [View Bill in NELIS](#)

Introduced in the Assembly on Mar 17, 2015.
By: (Bolded name indicates primary sponsorship)
Hickey, Dickman, Joiner, Kimer, Sprinkle

Revises provisions governing the exemption from property taxes of certain property used for religious worship. (BDR 32-825)

Fiscal Notes [View Fiscal Notes](#)
Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on State: Yes.

Most Recent History Action: (See full list below) Read first time. Referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. To committee.

Upcoming Hearings

Past Hearings

Hearing	Date	Time	Agenda	Status
Assembly Taxation	Mar 24, 2015	01:00 PM	Agenda	Heard
Assembly Taxation	Apr 07, 2015	12:30 PM	Agenda	Do pass

Final Passage Votes
[Assembly Final Passage](#) (As Introduced) Apr 16, 2015 Yea 40, Nay 0, Excused 2, Not Voting 0, Absent 0

Bill Text [As Introduced](#)

Record of the introduction of Assembly Bill 391 through the Nevada Assembly from the Nevada Legislature's web site PHOTO: www.leg.state.nv.us

Bill History

Mar 17, 2015

- Read first time. Referred to Committee on Taxation. To printer.

Mar 20, 2015

- From printer. To committee.

Apr 08, 2015

- From committee. Do pass.

Apr 10, 2015

- Read second time.

Apr 14, 2015

- Taken from General File. Placed on General File for next legislative day.

Apr 15, 2015

- Taken from General File. Placed on General File for next legislative day.

Apr 16, 2015

- Read third time. Passed. Title approved. (Yeas: 40, Nays: None, Excused: 2.) To Senate.

Apr 17, 2015

- In Senate.
- Read first time. Referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. To committee.

Tracking of Assembly Bill 391 through the Nevada Assembly from the Nevada Legislature's web site PHOTO: www.leg.state.nv.us

Nevada Assembly Bill AB391, which revises provisions governing the exemption from property taxes of certain property used for religious worship, has now made it through the Nevada Assembly and is on its way to the Senate to be reviewed and voted on.

Currently, if any religious organization in Nevada purchases a piece of property to build on, it would be taxed until fully developed. Under the proposed amendment to NRS 361.125, property purchased for religious purposes would be exempt from the time it was acquired.

AB391, an important piece of legislation that expands the scope of religious property tax exemption in Nevada and will benefit all religions in the state of Nevada, was introduced in the Assembly on March 17, 2015 by Michael Hillerby of the firm Kaempfer Crowell. On April 8th, the bill was printed and referred to the Assembly Committee on Taxation, where it was discussed and finally voted upon. The bill passed unanimously in committee 12-0.

On April 16th, the bill was read and passed unanimously by Assembly vote: 40-0, with two assembly members absent.

Following that vote, the bill was read for the first time in the Senate on April 17th and referred to the Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development, where it will be discussed and voted on in coming days.

Once the bill was passed, several other important people and organizations came on board to give their full support: The Washoe County Assessor; The Carson City Assessor; the Religious Alliance in Nevada (RAIN); the Lutheran and Episcopalian Alliance in Nevada (LEAN); and the Nevada Catholic Conference.

Bishop Gene Savoy Jr., Head Bishop of the International Community of Christ and President of the Nevada Clergy Association, has been working diligently for the past several months to prepare this piece of legislation, which would not

only provide full tax exemption for Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary, an event that Church members have been awaiting for over three decades, but also provide protection to all properties devoted to religious purposes.

Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. and Michael Hillerby's father, Fred Hillerby, now retired, have been working on presenting the bill for nearly two-and-one-half years. The 2013 Nevada legislature was already in session when the two began their collaboration. And since the Nevada legislature meets for 120 days every two years, 2015 was the earliest the bill could be introduced.

< [To read the text of Assembly Bill 391 as it was introduced, CLICK HERE.](#) >

Noah Christopher Huss Born



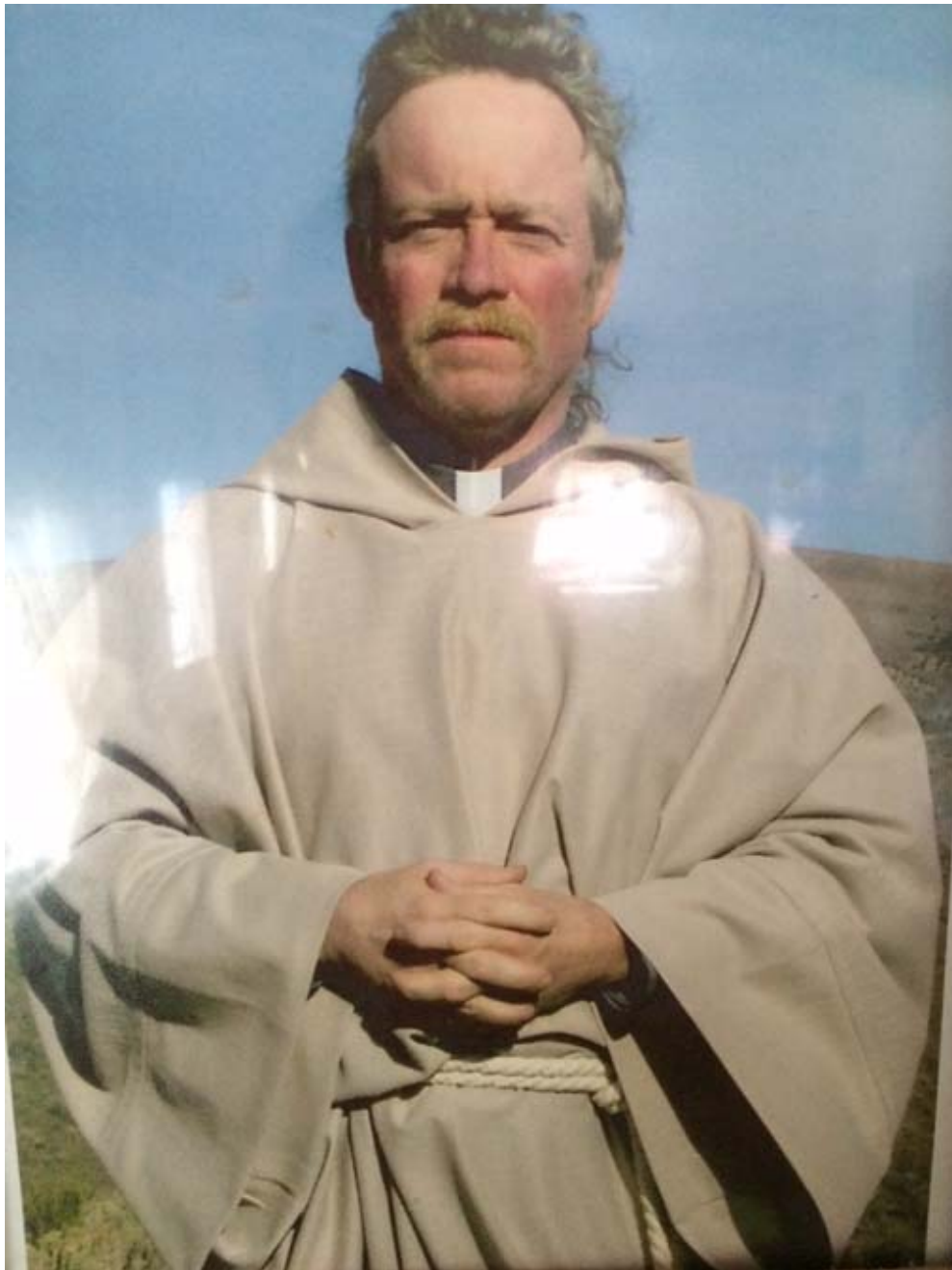
PHOTO: Gary Huss Jr.

Noah Christopher Huss was born to Gary Huss Jr. and Olimpia Huss at Renown Hospital in Reno, Nevada. Noah was born on April 10, 2015 at 7:17 a.m. He was 8lbs 14oz at birth.



PHOTO: Gary Huss Jr

PATH OF LIGHT: GARY HUSS



Gary Huss Sr at the Sanctuary in the 1980s
PHOTO: Ted Staver

A Eulogy of Victory delivered by Rev. Canon Ted Staver

A Memorial Service was held for the Reverend Gary Huss Sr. (June 28, 1954 – March 31, 2015) on April 11, 2015, at the Chapel of the Holy Child. In attendance were Community members, among them his son, Gary Jr., and his wife, Diane. During the Memorial Service, the following Eulogy of Victory was delivered by Rev. Canon Ted Staver:

GARY HUSS Sr. was born on June 28, 1954, in DeRuyter, New York, a tiny town in the center of the state. He was a twin, but his twin sister, Carrie, died at birth. Gary grew up on a dairy farm but sought wider vistas so he enlisted in the army at age eighteen.

I met Gary in the army in 1975, when we were both stationed in South Korea. He was originally at Camp Casey, about forty miles north of Seoul, but later transferred to the 702nd Maintenance Detachment where I was. We both worked in the same shop. We hit it off immediately. Later on, we took up studying martial arts together. Bruce Lee was our hero of choice, and we spent a lot of time discussing Lee's philosophy and concepts. From there we branched off into a study of Buddhism and some other Eastern teachings. Gary was always searching for the greater meaning of it all.

He told me that before coming to Korea he was stationed in Okinawa and that one day, for no special reason, he went out to view the sunset over the South China Sea. He told me: "The sun looked huge. Then something happened. In a flash I saw this symbol. I didn't know what it was or what it meant, but it changed me somehow." That became his inner driving force. He really began diving deeply into the Eastern mystics, men like Sri Yukteswar Giri, Swami Yogananda, Lahiri Mahasaya, and others. He loved reading about their mystical experiences and talking to me about those things.

One day, Gary found a discarded copy of Fate magazine in the barracks, thumbed through it, and saw the ad for the book *Jamil: The Child Christ* and recognized the Second Advent cross as being similar to what he had seen in the sun during the Okinawan sunset. He ordered the book immediately. I remember the day he got the package. He grabbed it and was gone. Several hours later he was standing out on the third-floor balcony yelling across the field to me, "Hey, Ted, it's the

sun; that's the key." It was about one o'clock in the afternoon, and I looked into the sun and just *knew*. Shortly after that we joined The Community, and thus our long journey began.

Gary moved to Reno in 1978. I followed a year later. There was a lot going on here in the Eighties; it was the "building phase" of The Church. Gary and I often found ourselves working together on the building projects, whether it was the chapel, the Episcopal See Building, or out at The Sanctuary. His favorite, though, was working with Stan Fortmeyer in the Production Department. He really liked Stan, as they shared so many similar viewpoints and taste in music.

Besides working on Church projects, he and I liked to go out to the Fremont drag races. It was a nice place to let off a little steam. (Nothing like standing next to a 4,000-horsepower dragster belching out clouds of nitro into the air to help you relax!) We'd go down into the pit areas and watch the crews tear apart motors, replace blowers, all kinds of close-up stuff. We even got a chance to shake hands with Don Garlits and Shirley Muldowney, two of the greats in drag racing history. After a day at the drag races we'd come back all charged up and do a little drag racing with our own cars. But probably the best were those Saturday afternoon Community softball games. We all loved those. It was a great way to just let go and have some friendly competition. Afterwards Gary and I would find a cool place and a cold beer, and he would talk about baseball. He was a walking encyclopedia when it came to baseball. His hero was Hall-of-Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan. He had all the books and all the stats on the guy memorized. You always walked away knowing a little bit more about baseball.

That was in the early years—the good years. We were both married at the time. Gary was married to Sun Cha, and in 1982 she became pregnant. When she was in the hospital, going into labor, Gary wanted the nursing staff to play George Harrison's "Cracker Box Palace" over the loudspeakers; one of the lyrics

went: "I welcome you to cracker box palace! We've been expecting you." Of course they wouldn't do it, but that was Gary. I recall the first day they brought Gary Jr. home. Rev Gene Sr. along with some staff showed up to anoint him and welcome him into the world. I think it was about two years later that Sun Cha left, and Gary became a single dad. So over the next ten years or so, we didn't see a whole lot of each other; we were both just too busy.

There was this window in Gary's life where things just weren't working out for him, and he was really struggling. I like to refer to it as "the George Carlin period" because he loved George Carlin. Gary had all Carlin's skits, all the hand gestures and facial expressions down pat. Carlin became his voice to help him express what he was going through. During this time he could be just a little hard to be around at times, but, hey, we all have our demons.

Then he met Diane, and she became the lifeline that rescued him from a stormy sea. To quote Willie Nelson: "Love's the greatest healer to be found." Diane was the love of Gary's life; the kind of gal that would head off to the drag races with him or pack up and venture off to visit historic places. She said, "He was always happy; sometimes he would be walking down the hallway throwing kicks and punches—I guess he thought he was Bruce Lee! I told him, 'You're too old for that stuff; you're gonna hurt yourself.'" One of Gary's childhood friends commented: "One of the things I will remember most about Gary is that he would do whatever it took to make us happy. Gary never lost his ability to be child-like. I will miss his sweet hugs." And don't forget Gary's favorite quote: "Beam me up, Scotty!"

I remember planting trees with Gary down by the pond at the Sanctuary; he was so gentle and careful with the trees, and all the time we worked he talked to me about a Civil War book he was reading. I really learned a lot from that.

Diane was telling me that she and Gary had been together for about ten years when one morning at the breakfast table, Gary got up to pour a cup of coffee, turned around, and said, "You know what? We should get married." And they did, on May 23, 2010.

One thing I didn't know about Gary was that he could cook. Apparently, when he was working for McPherson Art Supplies, they would hold these company picnics, and they would have these judging contests of the food people brought in. Gary won a plaque for the best chicken wings.

Gary had a love of American history—especially the Civil War—and like baseball or auto racing, he pursued it with a passion fueled by a child-like curiosity. When he would talk about these subjects he could appeal to your sense of curiosity; he could draw you in to share his passion for the subject. He was really good at that. He was a teacher in his own way. He had that quality in Korea and never lost it. Over the past few years he turned his attention to astronomy. Sometimes he would show up at chapel and in the parking lot would show me all these photos he had downloaded from the Hubble Telescope and others; images of quasars, black holes, distant nebulae, photos of suns a hundred light years away that were so big they'd make our sun look like a golf ball, galaxies colliding and merging with each other. He would begin explaining phenomena like an astrophysicist. That was Gary: all the way or not at all.

I did not know until recently that he was in the beginning stages of writing a book. He has hundreds of notes compiled, and it has something to do with generative existence, but I am not very clear on where he was going with it.

But his greatest love was always the Christian mystics—or any mystic—and their transcendental experiences with the divine. If there was a book written on a mystic, he had it. That's where his heart was; that's the Gary I knew. He had a deep

love and respect for Rev. Gene Sr., for this Church, the Teachings, and the people in this Community.

Gary left us with an heir, Gary Jr., and now Gary Jr. has a son of his own, so the Huss legacy continues on.

Gary Sr. had been an active member of The Community since April 1976, and part of the Reno community since March 1978. He performed numerous liturgical services at the Chapel of the Holy Child and at the Red Rock Sanctuary. He received third-level ordination in October 2007 and was a member of the crew of the Feathered Serpent II and an active member of the Andean Explorers since 1977. Gary and I grew up together in The Church and in this Teaching. Forty years is a long time: good times, bad times, and everything in between; things that can test a friendship, but in the end it was still there.

I would like to conclude with this prayer taken from the liturgy at Zion that was a favorite of his. I think it reflects his present state of being:

*So in that world to which there is no end, ye shall receive
great light,
but those who have been saved by their works,
and to whom the law has been now a hope,
and understanding an expectation,
and wisdom a confidence,
shall wonders appear in their time,
for they shall behold the world which is now invisible to
them,
and they shall behold the time which is now hidden from them,
and time shall no longer age them,
for in the heights of that world shall they dwell,
and they shall be made like unto the angels,
and be made equal to the stars,
and they shall be changed into every form they desire,
from beauty into loveliness,
and from light into the splendor of glory.*

Services for the Week of April 18, 2015



Saturday, April 18, 2015

SECOND ADVENT EASTER

6:08 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Cathedral Church of the Americas

Leave: 5:15

Gate: 5:50

Sunrise: 6:23

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants: RC Roger Weld

RC Ted Staver

RM Carol Ann Crabb

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

SATURDAY CHAPEL SERVICE SUSPENDED

Saturday, April 18, 2015

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

6:00 PM 93rd Pannuches Meal Rite

Chapel of The Holy Child

Concelebrants:

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

RR Sean Savoy

RM Rebecca Willis

Sunday, April 19, 2015

JUBILEE SUNRISE

6:08 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Pentecost

Leave: 5:15

Gate: 5:50

Sunrise: 6:23

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants: RC Roger Weld

RC Robert Petrovich

Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of the Races of Man

Rev. Ben Hubbard

Church of the Golden Age of Light

Rev. Jim Elliott

Church of the Universal Theocracy

Rev. Harold Boulette

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

TBA

Friday, April 24, 2015
9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP
Chapel of the Roses
RC Roger Weld

You Are Invited to the 2015 Nevada Prayer Breakfast



The Nevada Clergy Association requests your presence at the 2015 Nevada Prayer Breakfast, "A Future Together," to be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Ballroom on the second floor of the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa Reno, Nevada.

There will be a welcome by Reno Mayor Hillary Shieve.

The Keynote Address will be delivered by Dr. Tony Slonim, President & CEO of Renown Health.

The Nevada Clergy Association will present the Vision Award to Cherie Jameson, President & CEO of Food Bank of Northern Nevada and posthumously to Col. Chuck Fulkerson, Co-founder of Veteran's Guest House.

The Community Service Award will be given to the late Toni de Salvo for her service to the interfaith community.

The Nevada Prayer Breakfast is a gathering of citizens – as well as civic, business, and community leaders – who wish to offer prayers on behalf of our State and to bring the spiritual resources of the community together to bear on Nevada's leaders and on issues that face Nevadans.

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< [Download a copy of the invitation here.](#) >