

Help Start A Group Home for Our Community Elders



Reverend Mother Rebecca Willis PHOTO:
Stephan Fuelling

Dear Community Members,

I am writing to let you know more about the home we are starting for care of our senior members that was mentioned by Bishop Gene in his May 11th letter and during his Counsels presentation on October 10th. As you know, most of us will reach a point in life when we are no longer able to care for ourselves. Until you experience caring for someone in the final stage of their life it is difficult to imagine all that is entailed. Since first coming to Reno in the late 1980's I have assisted with care for the elderly in our Reno Community and have become quite familiar with the associated challenges and needs.

In general the facilities for care that are available today

are of mixed quality. A few are good, some are adequate and many are mind-numbingly depressing. Certainly the skilled nursing facilities I am familiar with are hampered by the demands of having 30 patients for every caregiver. From a Church Community viewpoint it is a major problem that these facilities treat only the physical body needs while cutting the patient off from support for their spiritual life. We are planning a home where we can care for both the physical and spiritual needs of the residents.

Our Church Community is a reflection of a demographic shift taking place in this country. In the United States the Baby Boomer generation now constitutes 26{1fa2ef75e2e78439128d99df03acfefd8ee3047374abe3d4676fe3470ff8b909} of the total population. And just today 10,000 Baby Boomers reached the age of 65. Each and every day for the next 19 years 10,000 people will reach the age of 65. As we celebrate birthdays with our Reno members we see more and more of our people reaching the age of 60 and above.

This demographic shift presents us with an opportunity. We clearly need facilities to care for our own members, but by also accepting people from outside the Community this is an opportunity that can provide a future income stream for the Church. With each passing day the demand for such a facility increases. In Nevada the cost to an individual for long term care in a nursing home is about \$7,000 per month. The current price in a group home is about \$3,500 per month. By having our own facility we will be able to provide quality care at a much more reasonable price than nursing homes.

Picture a one story suburban house accessible to wheel chair or walker; around the clock staff helping with the needs of daily life; medications dispensed as ordered; good meals accommodating the diet of The Community; a garden with a view for sunrise and regular contact with members of the Church. This Church-owned house will be licensed by the state and all caregivers will meet state requirements. The plan is to start

with an eight bed facility.

We have been most fortunate to receive a bequest in memory of Marie Newman to start this project. The sum is sufficient for the down payment on the house and the installation of a fire sprinkler system required for licensure. We have raised over \$110,000 and our current fund raising goal is an additional \$40,000 to cover licensure needs and the start-up period. Prior to the license inspection the house must be completely outfitted ready to receive clients: furniture, appliances, the kitchen stocked with dishes and pans, linens ready and even food in the cupboard. Our supervisory staff will attend some required training courses offered in Las Vegas. We will need to cover mortgage payments for 3 to 6 months during the start-up period.

We have secured consulting services locally from someone who has been successful in the Assisted Living business for a number of years. She is advising us on the process of setting up the home and will assist with preparation of all paperwork for the license. Her services will help us avoid costly mistakes and delays in start-up.

After watching the real estate market in Reno for the past six months it appears now is a reasonable time to buy. The housing market is rebounding and newly constructed homes are just now entering the market. The new homes produced a small reduction in prices which now seem to be stabilizing. Our needs are very specific in terms of accessibility and size, but there is a modest supply of houses that suit our project.

It is my hope that you will be able to see the vital role that this project will play in the life of our Community. Care at the end of life that includes spiritual care is of utmost importance for our Community members. Please carefully consider generously supporting this project. Donations in any amount are welcome. For those who are able to make a significant donation we can offer several plans including

pre-payment toward future use of the home or time payments over the next 6 months. Please call me at the Chancellery to discuss the details.

In Light

Rev. Mother Rebecca E. Willis

The Yungay Pilgrimage Experience 2014



During Convocation week, on Saturday, October 11, 2014, Bishop Sean Savoy delivered a brief review of the experiences the pilgrimage group had during their time in Yungay on the 2014 Peru Tour, which Rev. Sean headed.

The city of Yungay will be familiar in name to all readers of *Jamil: Child of Light* as the one-time home in Peru of the Child Jamil and his father, the Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy.

The pilgrimage portion of the tour was undertaken by more than a dozen Community members and friends of the Community.

< [Click here to listen to Sean's report on the Yungay pilgrimage experience \(14 minutes\)](#) >

Services for the Week of November 29, 2014



Saturday, November 29, 2014

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RC Elizabeth Reece

Cantor: Rev. Michael Tamburello

Reader: Rev. Greg Klinedinst

Sunday, November 30, 2014
6:53 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE
Cathedral Church of the Americas

Leave: 6:00

Gate: 6:35

Sunrise: 7:08

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 Philadelphia Rev. Robert Roy

Church of New Qumran Rev. Larry Coesens

Church of New Bethany Noriko Roy

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. Robert Roy

Friday, December 5, 2014

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RR Sean Savoy

Convocation Communion



Officiating ministers and guests Rev. Mother Carol Ann Crabb, Right Rev. Yukinori Matsushita, Noriko Roy, Joseph Roy, Hiroko Soejima, Yukako Kawai, and Junko Yamamuri.

On October 4, 2014, two open-air second services were held at two churches at the Northland Red Rock Sanctuary.

Beginning at 9:00 am, at the picturesque Qumran Church, Deacon Stephan Fuelling read the Northland prayer in English and was followed by Rev. Shinobu Uwataki, reading the same prayer in Japanese.



At the Church of New Qumran,

Deacon Stephan Fuelling read the Northland prayer in English and was followed by Rev. Shinobu Uwataki, reading the same prayer in Japanese. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

The next service was held at the New Bethany Church. The Northland prayers were read first in Japanese by Rev. Miyuki Okayama and then in English by Rev. Robert Anderson.



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Rev. Barbara Whitney escorted the group to and from the Northland Sanctuary and assisted the ministers and guests during the services. Guests for the second services were Rev. Mother Carol Ann Crabb, Right Rev. Yukinori Matsushita, Noriko Roy, Joseph Roy, Hiroko Soejima, Yukako Kawai, and Junko Yamamuri.

The feelings during the services were very positive, and the weather out at the sanctuary was beautiful and balmy. It was a great experience for all.

Rev. Barbara Whitney

Services for the Week of November 22, 2014



Saturday, November 22, 2014

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RC Roger Weld

Cantor: Rev. Michael Spohn

Reader: Rev. Francine Petrovich

6:00 PM 90th Pannuches Meal Rite

Chapel of The Holy Child

Concelebrants:

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

RR Sean Savoy

RM Rebecca Willis

Sunday, November 23, 2014

6:46 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Cathedral Church of the Americas

Leave: 6:00

Gate: 6:30

Sunrise: 7:01

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants: RC Roger Weld

RC Robert Petrovich

Rev. Barbara Snyder

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of New Philadelphia RC Ted Staver

Church of New Qumran Rev. Michael McIntyre

Church of New Bethany Rev. Gary Huss Sr.

Wednesday, November 26, 2014

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. Dorothy Kubiak

Friday, November 28, 2014

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

Rev. Vickie Hewlett

Thanksgiving Eve Service Announced



PHOTO Roger Weld

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service, "Thanks in the Midst of Adversity," will be held on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

It is a worship service of prayers, readings and music from a variety of Faith traditions sponsored by the Nevada Clergy Association.

This year's event is graciously hosted by: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Clay Street (Between Ridge and S. Arlington), Reno, Nevada. Monetary and food donations will go to Volunteers of America Shelter Programs.

This event is a much-revered tradition in our local community and one that is largely unique nationwide in its scope of faith diversity—something to be very proud of.

The last five previous hosts were: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (2013), St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Cathedral (2012), St. John's Presbyterian Church (2011), Trinity Episcopal Church (2010), and Sparks United Methodist Church (2009).

For information call 775-786-1800 or email
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“On Being in the Sun”: Confessions of a Japanthropologist



Kazu Tanaka and Echan Deravy, colleagues of Yukinori Mutsuhito, our Cosolargy representative to Japan, visited the Community during the 2014 Annual Convocation of Cosolargy International. Mr. Tanaka is Chairman of the Kakuichi Corporation, and Mr. Deravy a Consultant to the President of that company. Both were here to participate in Convocation events, experience Sonatherapy at Steamboat Healing Center, and gather information and general understandings about vibrational healing technology.

Echan Deravy will be participating in Cosolargy International's Conference on the Spiritual State of the World to be held in Japan during May 2015.

His impressions in regard to the October 12, 2014 Divine Service held at Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary are described in a recent article posted at Japanthropologist.com by Echan Deravy. Here is how it opens:

“This was an auspicious day beyond question. It was Sunday October 12th 2014 and somehow I was waking up at 04:50 in the most unlikely of places – a casino-cum-hotel in Reno, Nevada. It was clearly full of some of the strangest beings I have ever encountered. Now I say this without any tongue in cheek. I say this with fierce Celtic exactitude. The hotel was full of beings who appeared to be human but whose bodies and actions unfortunately suggested something else entirely. I had arrived perhaps in that Buddhist underworld called the ‘realm of hungry ghosts’..

“Their gargantuan forms lumbered from one noisy, toy-like structure to another where they seemed (to themselves) to be ‘having fun’. But in reality all I felt was the deep, abiding misery of a dispirited , materialistic civilization. It was one not at the proverbial edge any more, but one now clearly in free fall to God knows where. Here was the American dream in all its glittering obscenity, here was the end of the road weighing 300 pounds on motorized chairs – cruising along the side of the food bar, all before hitting the slot machines. Though a well seasoned world traveler this was about as bizarre as it gets.

“I share this with the reader not to simply criticize what is obviously only a small part of modern American society. I do so to highlight this bizarre cult of overeating and then dreaming of something better (a fast buck) as an unlikely backdrop to the entirely unexpected, wonderful morning I was about to have. It was an auspicious day because I would be transported from this Hieronymous Bosch nightmare to a place of transcendent beauty. Yes, it was to be a most auspicious day, the day I would meet my maker.”

< [Click Here to read the entire article by Echan Deravy online at Japanthropologist.com.](#) >

Services for the Week of November 15, 2014



Saturday, November 15, 2014

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RR Sean Savoy

Cantor: Rev. Barbara Whitney

Reader: Rev. Robert Roy

Sunday, November 16, 2014
6:38 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE
Cathedral Church of the Americas

Leave: 5:45

Gate: 6:20

Sunrise: 6:53

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 Qumran Rev. Dorothy Kubiak

Church of the New Covenant Claudia Grady

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. Robert Roy

Friday, November 21, 2014

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RC Gary Buchanan

Rowena Kryder Passes into the

Light



PHOTO: Katya Walter

Rowena Kryder passed away on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at her apartment in Reno, NV. Rowena was a benefactress of the Church, donating her vast library of 2000 books to the Church before she moved here to Reno from Albuquerque, New Mexico be closer to the Community. She was a friend of the Church while she lived in Reno and in recent years was a speaker at the annual "Spiritual State of the World" conferences held in Reno.



Rowena Kryder speaking on the imagery of her new book, *Soul Fire*, at the 2012 Spiritual State of the World Conference in Reno, Nevada. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

She was a visual artist and writer, the author of hundreds of paintings and drawings and more than a dozen books. Her work and testimonials of those who knew her are available online at www.creative.harmonics.org.

One of her friends and students says of this time of her passing: "Even as we grieve Rowena's absence, let's also celebrate the extraordinary gifts she has shared with us through her boundless genius and creativity. May her legacy live on."

A message from her family follows:

"This past weekend, Rowena passed on after a long & valiant struggle with illness. She was in Reno, Nevada, her recent home.

"It is unnecessary to recount the details of her astoundingly creative life, save to say she worked tirelessly as an

artist, teacher, thinker, visionary, feminist, mother, sister, and daughter. Her work and her spirit will continue to provoke creativity in all those who come into contact with it. There was a recent retrospective exhibit of her art in Pennsylvania, organized by her close student and friend Gayle Dulcey and other friends. Rowena was extremely pleased to see pieces from her earliest years to her most recent creations on display in one place.

“Rowena remained determined until the end to ensure that her vision and work—expressed through countless works of art, books, articles, and cards—will continue to inspire.

“She is survived by her sons Miles and Charlie, and their spouses Deepti and Vaughan, as well as her brothers Dick and Mark, their spouses Karen and Sandy, and granddaughter Vishaala.”

< [Visit Rowena's web site at creative-harmonics.org](http://creative-harmonics.org) >

**Services for the Week of
November 8, 2014**



Saturday, November 8, 2014

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RM Rebecca Willis

Cantor: Rev. Gary Huss, Sr.

Reader: Rev. Greg Klinedinst

Sunday, November 9, 2014

6:30 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Cathedral Church of the Americas

Leave: 5:45

Gate: 6:15

Sunrise: 6:45

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

RR Sean Savoy

Church of the End Times
Church of the New Covenant

Rev. Jim Elliott
Dea. Shane Grady

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. Michael Spohn

Friday, November 14, 2014

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RM Rebecca Willis