

Services for the Week of December 27, 2014



Saturday, December 27, 2014

7:11 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:30

Gate: 6:55

Sunrise: 7:26

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants: RC Roger Weld

RC Ted Staver

RM Carol Ann Crabb

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RC Ted Staver

Cantor: Rev. Amanda Buchanan

Reader: Rev. Larry Coesens

Sunday, December 28, 2014
7:12 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:30

Gate: 6:55

Sunrise: 7:27

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

RC Roger Weld

Church of the Golden Age of Light

Rev. Vickie Hewlett

Church of the Universal Theocracy

Rev. Karen Elliott

Monday, December 29, 2014
7:13 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:30

Gate: 6:55

Sunrise: 7:28

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants: RC Roger Weld

RC Ted Staver

RM Carol Ann Crabb

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

Tuesday, December 30, 2014
7:13 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:30

Gate: 6:55

Sunrise: 7:28

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants: RC Roger Weld

RC Robert Petrovich

Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

Wednesday, December 31, 2014

7:12 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:30

Gate: 6:55

Sunrise: 7:27

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants: RC Roger Weld

RC Ted Staver

RM Carol Ann Crabb

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Friday, January 2, 2015

7:10 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:30

Gate: 6:55

Sunrise: 7:25

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants: RC Roger Weld

RC Robert Petrovich

Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

Rev. Amanda Buchanan

2014 Thanksgiving Eve Service Well Attended



Reno Buddhist Center members perform before a congregation of 300. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

Nearly 300 people of various faiths and backgrounds attended the 29th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service held at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Reno on Wednesday,

November 26, 2014.

The event, themed "Thanks in the Midst of Adversity," is sponsored by the Nevada Clergy Association (NCA). This service, a much-revered tradition in the Reno-Sparks community and largely unique nationwide in its scope and diversity, includes prayers, readings, and music from a variety of faith traditions. Food and monetary donations were made to the Volunteers of America Shelter Programs.

In attendance from the International Community of Christ were Gene Savoy Jr. and Radheka Patel Savoy, Sean Savoy, Sylvia Ontenada-Bernales, Stephan Fuelling, Gary Buchanan, Robert Petrovich, Elizabeth Reece, and Barbara Whitney. Radheka presented a Hindu prayer with Rajan Zed. Sean, as head of the Governor's Prayer Breakfast Committee, announced that the Nevada "Coming Together" quilt produced by the Committee under the auspices of the NCA was accepted as one of the Nevada 150 Commission Legacy Projects. Gene, NCA President, provided the closing Benediction Prayer, a reading from the Thanksgiving Hymn of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Previous hosts of the past five years 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).



Radheka presented a Hindu prayer with Rajan Zed. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling



Sean, as head of the Governor's Prayer Breakfast Committee, announced that the Nevada "Coming Together" quilt produced by the Committee under the auspices of the NCA was accepted as one of the Nevada 150 Commission Legacy Projects. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling



Gene, NCA President, provided the closing Benediction Prayer, a reading from the

Thanksgiving Hymn of the Dead Sea Scrolls.
PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

October 2014 Intercessions & Memorial Prayers



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Yukiko Fujii
Shima Hanaoka
Saori Nishimura
Toshimi Sakamoto
Kaku Ueno
Yoko Nishimura
Tsuyoshi Soejima

Reginald Morton
Linda Miyoshi
Jonna Gill
John Bowd
Mihaela Maftei
The People of The Sudan and South Sudan

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Shima Hanaoka
Saori Nishimura
Toshimi Sakamoto
Kaku Ueno
Yoko Nishimura
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The People of The Sudan and South Sudan
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The People of The Sudan and South Sudan
Carmen Westbrook

Deborah Thebodeau †
Kim Kinsey
Joanna Thorne

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Kim Kinsey
Rowena Kryder †
Reginald Morton
Jonna Gill
Linda Miyoshi

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Kim Kinsey †
Rowena Kryder †
Reginald Morton †
Jonna Gill
Linda Miyoshi
Masauo Emoto †
Tomizou Sonoda

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Kim Kinsey † Memorial Service

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Rayford Blue
Rachel Bailey
James & Evelyn Kanzelmeyer
Jeanne Huston

† indicates Memorial Prayer

Services for the Week of December 20, 2014



Saturday, December 20, 2014

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RM Carol Ann Crabb

Cantor: Rev. James Elliott

Reader: Rev. Harold Boulette

Sunday, December 21, 2014

7:10 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Cathedral Church of the Americas

Leave: 6:30

Gate: 6:55

Sunrise: 7:25

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

<i>Church of New Philadelphia</i>	Rev. Robert Anderson
<i>Church of New Qumran</i>	Dr. Tom Lee
<i>Church of New Bethany</i>	Dea. Stephan Fuelling

Wednesday, December 24, 2014

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. Harold Boulette

Thursday, December 25, 2014

CHRISTMAS DAY

7:10 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Cathedral Church of the Americas

Leave: 6:30

Gate: 6:55

Sunrise: 7:25

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants: RC Roger Weld

RC Ted Staver

RM Carol Ann Crabb

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

11:00 AM COMMUNION & CANDLELIGHTING

Chapel of the Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RC Rebecca Willis

Cantor: Rev. Michael McIntyre

Reader: Rev. Larry Coesens

Scriptural Reader: RR Sean Savoy

Friday, December 26, 2014

7:11 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE
Cathedral Church of the Americas

Leave: 6:30

Gate: 6:55

Sunrise: 7:26

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants: RC Roger Weld

RC Robert Petrovich

Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RC Elizabeth Reece

October 2014 First-level Ordinations



Four Community members were ordained during 2014 Convocation, (from left to right) Paul Schmitendorf, Junko Yamamori, Hiroko Soejima, and Syotaro Hagihara. PHOTO: Shinobu Uwataki

During the 2014 Convocation, four Community members received First-Degree Ordination on Saturday, October 11th in the Bishop's Chambers and were presented to the Congregation following the ceremony:



Syotaro Hagihara PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

Syotaro Hagihara has been a Community member since February 2011, when he enrolled in the fifth class of students at the Cosolargy Institute in Japan. His father, Sadaharu “Kojak” Hagihara, had enrolled in the first class held in Japan. Syotaro says of his experience: “I had been sick and suffered before I signed up, but my poor health improved with the practices of Cosolargy.”



Paul Schmitendorf shown here with a Canadian Community member PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

Paul Schmitendorf resides in the United States and spends most of his time there on the island of Kauai, Hawaii, although he does spend many months of each year traveling the world. Paul enrolled in the Academy Program in January 2013 after years of following the HRM sungazing protocol without experiencing the results he had expected. < Read more about how Paul found the Community in his PATH TO LIGHT story. >



Hiroko Soejima between sessions during
Residence Training II at Red Rock
Sanctuary PHOTO: Shinobu Uwataki

Hiroko Soejima began her studies in Cosolargy in the seventh class, when she became a Community member in October 2011. Her sister Noriko had part of the first class of students in Japan. When Hiroko heard that the seventh class group would be a review of the program with all seven classes and that she would receive a new final series of lectures by Bishop Yukinori Matsushima, she simply wanted to attend. Hiroko was in charge of planning the May 2013 Japan tour. She lives in Saga City, where there is a study meeting once each month with all Community members in Saga Prefecture. At each meeting, members review text material, practice techniques, and share experiences.



Hiroko Soejima received First-Level Ordination at the hand of Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. PHOTO: Robert Roy



Junko Yamamori receives First-Level Ordination by Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. PHOTO: Robert Roy

Junko Yamamori is also a member of the seventh class of Cosolargy students. She attends Sunrises Services nearly every week with her friend and colleague Yukako Kawai. Of here experience in the Community she says: "I am truly grateful I could learn about Cosolargy and participate in this Community. It is the best place I could be."

2014 Annual Convocation Report and Photo Gallery

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Visitors from Japan for 2014 Convocation PHOTO:
Stephan Fuelling

The 2014 Convocation of members of the International Community of Cosolargy/Christ took place from October 8 to October 12, with a residence training program for members who needed to complete that requirement (or who wanted to review it) beginning on October 8.



Sean Savoy presenting during Residence Training session at Red Rock Sanctuary PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling



Sean Savoy presenting during Residence Training session at Camp Galilee lodge PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

This was the first presentation of the revised and updated residence training program originally presented in 1978; the updated version was well received. The plenary sessions began on Friday October 10 with registration and orientation at the Chancellery, followed by a trip up the mountain to the Episcopal Church's Camp Galilee conference hall on the shores of Lake Tahoe.



Shinobu Uwataki on the grounds at Camp Galilee
PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

There, the Clergy Counsels were presented by Head Bishop Gene Savoy, including Community reports on efforts to secure tax-exempt status for Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary; plans to establish Cosolargy Communities in Mexico, Peru, New Zealand, and Europe; and an audiovisual presentation on his and Rev. Canon Ted Staver's trip to Seoul, Korea, in September for the World Alliance of Religions Peace Conference.



Gene Savoy Jr. presents commentary on Peace Summit held in Korea. PHOTO: Robert Roy

The Bishop reported making several important contacts with representatives of other denominations and religions from around the world, most of whom appeared to be sincerely interested in Cosolargy. Bishop Savoy was also invited to apply to make a presentation at the prestigious Parliament of the World's Religions to be held in October 2015 in Salt Lake City, Utah, a golden opportunity to make The Community's presence and work better known around the world. In light of these developments, the Bishop also announced the reactivation of the Advocates for Religious Rights and Freedoms, a branch of Cosolargy International that has been on hiatus for a few years. After an organic vegetarian luncheon provided by the camp's staff in the refectory, the day's events continued outdoors with a reading by Bishop Savoy of excerpts of the *Prophecy to the Races of Man*. This prophecy has great relevance to The Church's present situation and point of evolution and the direction it is taking. Bishop Savoy's subsequent commentary elaborated on this theme.



Gene Savoy Jr. presenting Counsels commentary on Prophecy to the Races of Man on Lake Tahoe shore PHOTO: Stephan Fulling



First circle of audience members in attendance at Counsels commentary PHOTO: Robert Roy



Elizabeth Reece at Counsels on Tahoe shore
PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

Afterward, participants caravanned down the mountain and up another to historic Gold Hill, Nevada, site of the famous Comstock Mine, just outside Virginia City. There, participants

gathered at the historic Gold Hill Hotel for the 24th Annual Spirit of Exploration Reception and Awards ceremony of the Andean Explorers Foundation. Foundation president Sean Savoy presented a travelogue of the recent Sacred Sites of Peru tour and pilgrimage while participants sipped wine and savored hors d'oeuvres du chef.



Sean Savoy presenting 2014 Peru Tour travelogue
PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

As is traditional at the awards ceremony, the passing of supporters of the Foundation during the past year was commemorated and awards to supporters and participants of the tour were handed out.



Sonya Savoy distributes award certificates at Andean Explorers Awards Reception. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

After the program concluded, an optional dinner at the hotel's restaurant was enjoyed by almost everyone attending. On Saturday morning, participants gathered at the Chapel of the Holy Child in Reno for a Community Communion Service, followed by the first-level ordinations in the Bishop's Chambers of Consociates Paul Schmitendorf, Syotaro Hagihara, Junko Yamamori, Yukako Kawai, and Hiroko Soejima.



Ordinands pose with Japanese guests PHOTO:
Stephan Fuelling

An informal reception was held in the Chancellery vestibule for the new ordinands. Saturday afternoon saw the final session of the Residency Training program in the Chapel of the Holy Child.



Shinobu Uwataki greets Matthew Fisher in greeting line after Sunrise Divine Service
PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling



Children gathered at Cathedral Church after service
PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

On Sunday morning, as per usual, a concelebrated Sunrise

Divine Service was held at the Cathedral Church of the Americas at Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary, followed by a sumptuous outdoor breakfast hosted by Revs. Mary and Peter Foust at the Refectory.



Open-air breakfast table prepared by Mary and Peter Foust PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling



Miyuki, Noriko and Junko in good spirits at breakfast PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling



Jim Elliott's birthday celebrated at breakfast PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

The Convocation was concluded with the Human Spiritual Rights Reception at the Rectory Abbey on Carmel (the Bishop's residence) on Sunday afternoon.



Human Spiritual Rights banquet table prepared by Jamila Savoy PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling



Helena Savoy visiting guests in the courtyard at Bishopstead PHOTO: Shinobu Uwataki



Joseph Roy visited with guests indoors at Bishopstead. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

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**Our Staff is Looking for a
Few Good Photos**



2012 Community Calendar photo for May
PHOTOS: Gene Savoy Jr., Roger Weld

It is time to begin assembling the 2015 Community Calendar. And our publishing staff is looking for your best photos related to Community life. Submissions need to be at least 300dpi at 7.5"x10" size.

Send in submissions before December 19, 2014 to:
editor@communitycommunique.net.

Thank You for Attending 2014 Convocation



PHOTO: Shinobu Uwataki

Dear Community Members:

On behalf of the Head Bishop and the entire Community, we wish to express our sincere thanks, once again, for your presence during the 2014 Convocation. Its success was enhanced by your energetic participation. Here is a brief recap of the high points:

To open the Convocation week, the Residence Training II program was revised with a new multimedia presentation that improved the presentation of Techniques originally presented in 1978. The seminar connected those in attendance in a special way to profound concepts that can only be ascertained within the Oral Tradition of our School.

The 2014 cultural tour and pilgrimage to the sacred sites of Peru was reported on during the annual Andean Explorers awards reception at the Gold Hill Hotel outside of historic Virginia

City, Nevada, and was an experience that each participant said was one of their most memorable. For more details on the journey – which included visiting Yungay, Peru, the place in the Andes where The Child, Jamil, resided – please visit www.seansavoy.com/xpeditions. That site will also give details of the upcoming 2015 Andean Explorers itinerary for both Spring and late Summer.

At the Clergy Counsels, this year held on the shores of the “Gem of the Sierra” – Lake Tahoe – Bishop Gene presented a mind-opening perspective on The Community’s place in the Reno/Tahoe area and, more important, on The Community’s role globally. He reported on his September attendance at the World Alliance of Religions Peace Summit in Seoul, Korea, and his subsequent invitation to attend and perhaps present at the Parliament of World Religions in Salt Lake City, Utah, in October of next year. More important, the Bishop announced and elaborated on a multi-year vision-plan for the perpetuity of Cosolargy; the expansion of The Church; the technological modernization of the Jamilian University; the continued development of the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary; the implementation of a Healing Ministry at Steamboat Hot Springs; the growth of the Japan Cosolargy Community; the establishment of additional Community Centers in Mexico, Peru, New Zealand/Australia, and Europe; and more, specifically an emphasis on the use of social media and technology by which to spread our message. This Master Plan will be published and made available to all after the annual Advent Vigil, which takes place from February 2 to 6, 2015.

We have included a copy of the Bishop’s 2014 Counsels and encourage you to view it. The message is powerful and expresses the reality of the position of our Community in the world. It also includes a special reading of the Prophecy to the Races of Man, which he presented as specific to our times. Once you have received and listened to the Counsels, we encourage you to send your suggestions for projects and/or

ideas that you would like to see completed/implemented that will enhance the position of The Community and its institutions. The Bishop also stressed the importance of each individual's sharing of their experiences of spiritual growth over the years in order to promote the values of the System of Cosolargy. Please read the enclosed letter, which details how you may share the personal experiences of your growth over the years as a Child of Light. And please respond with an open heart, knowing that your input means a great deal.

At the Counsels, Bishop Gene also announced the reactivation of the Advocates for Religious Rights and Freedoms as a vibrant branch of The Community to enhance and promote interfaith and religious dialogue on an international level. An important part of The Community's mission is to bring together the world's religions, all of which were originally Solar Teachings, in order that they may be reintroduced to their sacred pasts. This reinvigoration will be centered around the Universal Proclamation of Human Spiritual Rights, a copy of which is enclosed for you.

The 5th Conference on the Spiritual State of the World will be held in and around Kyoto, Japan, May 20–27, 2015. It will be hosted by our Community in Japan, and we will be sending you more information on the conference very soon. Finally, plans are in the making for the 2015 Annual Convocation. The dates are set for the week of September 8–13, 2015. We will be sending you a detailed agenda in future correspondence. Venues will include the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary, the Healing Center at Steamboat Hot Springs, the Chapel of the Holy Child, the Bishop's residence on Carmel, and Lake Tahoe.

Please begin to make preparations to attend the 2015 Convocation, and do not hesitate (nor overly delay) to transmit your thoughts to Bishop Savoy. He may be reached by calling the Chancellery at 775-786-7827 or at his email address: gsavoyjr@communityofchrist.org. Again, thank you for being part of this new era of the living Community of Christ.

Sincerely Yours in Light,

Rev. Francine Petrovich
Convocation Coordinator

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Saturday, December 13, 2014

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RC Gary Buchanan

Cantor: Rev. Larry Coesens

Reader: Rev. Barbara Snyder

Sunday, December 14, 2014
7:06 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE
Cathedral Church of the Americas

Leave: 6:15

Gate: 6:50

Sunrise: 7:21

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 the Christian Churches RM Carol Ann Crabb

Church of the End Times RC Elizabeth Reece

Church of the New Covenant Rev. Barbara Whitney

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. Karen Elliott

Friday, December 19, 2014

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RC Elizabeth Reece

Life of Kim Kinsey Celebrated



PHOTO: Rev. Elizabeth Reece

Kim Kinsey (born March 15, 1967), the life partner of John Stewart, and with him a longtime friend of The Community, passed out of this world on October 15, 2014. Kim's life was celebrated on Friday, October 24th at twelve o'clock noon at the Chapel of The Holy Child. Nearly two hundred were in attendance. A reception followed at Arrowcreek Residents Center in Reno.

The service, full of music and fond memories, was presided over by the Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy Jr.

Rt. Rev. Sean Savoy read a special prayer for her passing from the Odes of Solomon. Numerous friends and family expressed their memories and love of Kim before those gathered.

John Stewart left these fond memories in writing:

"Nine years ago this beautiful spunky lady walked into Foley's and from the moment I saw her, I was smitten! She was having so much fun with her friends that I didn't get much of a chance to talk to her, but when she asked for her check I gave her a pen and asked for her number. We went to dinner that week and have been pretty much inseparable ever since. For the last nine years, through good times and bad, when we had money and when we were poor, we always laughed, talked till all hours of the night (which she always told me was my fault for waking her up when I got home from work), and enjoyed our time together and with our friends. She was amazing with my two boys and gave them unconditional love. Even when she was fighting her own demons, she was kind to strangers and everyone around her. She never saw a stray dog that she didn't want to bring home to take care of. She gave to several charities and gave of herself to all around her. I have been blessed to have had two great loves in my life: Brenda, who gave me love, my wonderful sons, many great times, and a friendship that has lasted over twenty years; and Kim, who gave me joy, love, and her friendship over our nine years together. A big part of me died this week with her passing, but her soul lives on in my memories. Her sickness took her body but her spirit will continue to live on in her wonderful friends that have been so unbelievably supportive, loving, caring, and have set such an example of what true friends are that don't have the words to describe my heartfelt gratitude for what you have all done for me this last two weeks. Please keep in touch. I don't ever want to lose any of you again to our work schedules or busy lives."



Kim Kinsey & John Stewart