

“Creating Welcoming & Inclusive Spiritual Communities”



The “Scholars-In-Residence” program at Temple Sinai in Reno, Nevada brought to the city guest speaker Gregg Drinkwater as part of a regional multi-faith study and conversation. Mr. Drinkwater has done nearly ten years of LGBT inclusion work in the Jewish LGBT community, as the founding director of Jewish Mosaic. He spoke at a breakfast meeting open to the public on the topic “Creating Welcoming & Inclusive Spiritual

Communities.” Bishop Sean Savoy attended from the International Community of Christ.

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**Services for the Week of
March 15, 2014**



Saturday, March 15, 2014

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Sean Savoy

Lector: RC Gary Buchanan

Cantor: Rev. Larry Coesens

Reader: Claudia Grady

Sunday, March 16, 2014

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

7:02 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:15

Gate: 6:45

Sunrise: 7:17

RR Sean Savoy

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistants:

RC Roger Weld

RC Ted Staver
Rev. Barbara Whitney
Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

**Church of New Mt. Tabor
Church of New Mt. Carmel
Church of New Mt. Hebron**

RC Ted Staver
Rev. Gary Huss, Sr.
Rev. Jim Elliott

**Wednesday, March 19, 2014
12:00 N COMMUNION
Chapel of the Holy Child
Rev. Robert Roy**

**Friday, March 21, 2014
9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP
Chapel of the Roses
Rev. Vickie Hewlett**

Sanctuary Water Project News:

An Interview with Gene Savoy Jr.

was granted. During the meeting, Bishop Savoy was not only able to get the permit for the Roys' well but expanded water rights for the Sanctuary as a whole. The benefits of the new rights were explained by Bishop Savoy.

"So how this new water arrangement with the state of Nevada works to our benefit is that on a certain defined area of the Sanctuary we cannot drill domestic wells. Now, what does that mean? A "domestic well" means that you can have a well for a home and you can pump up to 1800 gallons of water a day, which is 657,000 gallons per year. Now, if you multiply that by the 25 lots making up the Sanctuary property, that's in addition to the 17.144 million gallons of permitted rights. So what the state determined—or what we determined *with* the state—is that these certain defined areas, the three lots that are basically quasi-municipal, that we would have to use our 17.144 million gallons on these three lots. We can drill wells on every single one of these other lots [the remaining of the 25], and what we did was, we had included in the past the Northland in this, the quasi-municipal, which meant we had to split our water [the 17.144 million gallons] between the Southland and the Northland.

"So they agreed to remove the Northland off of that, which means our 17 million can now be dedicated specifically to the Southland; that we can drill a domestic well on every lot to the North, whenever we get to those projects, which increases our total output. And the most important thing about that is, because we built our pipeline, [as far as the state is concerned], the project is now completed and we can actually file for proof of beneficial use, which means that we are proving to the state that we have the capacity to use that 17 million gallons. And they have told us that they will certificate our water rights—so we're not operating under a permit, we're operating under a certificate, which means that the water is ours. And that's what we've been working towards these last five years."

Thus, the rights belong to the Church and cannot be removed. Bishop Savoy continued: "So Robert's well will be operating off the 17 million gallons; however, the thing that is very important is . . . the Argonaut well. We were pumping all that 17 million gallons of water solely from that well. What the state agreed to now, was that we can drill as many wells as we want, and combine the usage. So we can pump 10 million gallons out of that well [say,] or 5 million gallons out of that well, and it doesn't have to come out of one specific well. . . . So we can actually, in due time, have our own water *system*, with multiple wells that we can tie into. So this was really a great accomplishment."

So what this means is that the Church now is considered a municipal system and can, instead of piping water from way *over down the hill* from the Argonaut Well only, other wells can be drilled elsewhere .

Bishop Savoy continued, "For example, with Robert's well, we don't have to tie that well into the other water system that we just built. You can pump out of there as much as we need. And we can pump out of *here* as much as we need. But, in the future, if we want to tie all those wells together in a water *system*, we can do that also. And the Northland is exempted, meaning that we can do what we need in the Southland and use the 17 million gallons there, and when we are able to do something in the Northland, then we can, but they're not expecting us to do anything there anytime soon, which was one of their previous requirements."

So that gives the Church much more freedom in the future once it receives the certificate. This was an unexpected result of the meeting on getting a permit for the Roys' well. Bishop Savoy relates some of how that meeting went:

"It started, really, with us going to Matt Hansen, who is an architect . . . that was February of 2013. That's when we started the project. He advised us on a few things. The

residential portion of the project we haven't really fleshed out yet. The main thing is getting the water, and in getting the water you have to apply to the county, and you have to apply to the state of Nevada, for permits. And the county was very ready to give us their permit, and then we had this hiccup with the state, and we figured out this bigger picture.

"When I met with the state and our water consultant, Mike Bushelman, they [the state] kept bringing more people into the room because they were saying, "Well, we can't let you drill a well. We can't do this." And we basically told them that that's not going to work for us, so we need to figure this out. So about eight or ten of us got together, and in a matter of three hours we had verbal agreements, and I know that the state will uphold those. They . . . kept pulling more people in [to the discussion] and said, 'OK, how do we nail this thing down?' And they realize that we've done a very good job. We've always filed our reports, and we submit our pumping records, and we've spent money, and they recognize that, that we're not sitting on this waiting for some golden opportunity to sell water rights, or something like that.

"So we ended up with a whole new plan for the entire Sanctuary. . . . Instead of pumping our total allotment of 17 million gallons from the Argonaut well, at this point we can split it any way we want, so long as we don't exceed the 17 million."

Another benefit that came out of the meeting was that the Church no longer needs to develop a water system at the North Sanctuary in the near future as it was supposed to do under the previous arrangement. This gives the Church some breathing room to gather the resources needed to do that development since there is not yet any infrastructure to support a well there at this time. Bishop Savoy commented on this. "So it's good that we don't have to worry about that anytime soon. And we'll still be able to secure the 17 million gallons so that it can't be taken away . . . as long as you're not misusing

it. Every five years we do have to prove that we're using it. Remember, the state does not own the water rights. People don't often realize that. The state of Nevada, by the Constitution of our state, cannot own the water rights. They're just managers of the public's property, basically. So, if you're using it, then it's yours. If you're not, then the state has the right to say, 'Well, we are the driest country in the nation so maybe we need to allocate those rights to somebody else.'"

So the Church has better secured its rights to the abundant waters in the Sanctuary's aquifers for the future and broadened its ability to tap that water with multiple wells in addition to being granted a continuance on developing the water system in the North Sanctuary until much later without risk of losing its rights to that water. As the bishop noted, that is what can happen when you work together face to face with people rather than simply use typical, impersonal bureaucratic channels.

Community Head to Tour Mexico



Cross structure at Paquime,
Mexico. PHOTO: Humberto Garcia

Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. and the Reverend Robert Roy will be traveling to Mexico on what might be called a reconnaissance tour of the region. The main objects of the trip are to begin making plans to incorporate Cosolargy International in the country of Mexico and for the two travelers to visit historical sites in the Yucatan that neither have visited before. The two will be traveling through Mexico from March 6 to March 18, 2014.

While in Mexico, the two will visit with a Consociate of the Community who resides in Mexico, Humberto Garcia. The group will be discussing his part in a number of potential projects. Humberto is presently at work translating the Cosolargy Papers series into Spanish, and the translations he completes will make it possible for the Community to begin instruction in the Academy Program to the Spanish-speaking community.

Humberto's project dovetails into Bishop Gene's plans to begin taking action toward establishing Cosolargy as a legally recognized entity in Mexico.



Paquime
coat of
arms

Finally, since Humberto lives a mere ten miles from one of the largest ancient city complexes in Mexico known to have been inhabited by the Pochtecas for hundreds of years, he will be taking Bishop Gene and Rob on a tour of the site. The name of the ancient city is Paquime, and it is located in the Mexican state of Chihuahua.

While Bishop Gene and Rob are in Mexico, their “headquarters” will be the city of Mérida, capital of the state of Yucatan and the city where Bishop Gene Savoy Sr. resided with The Child Jamil during one of his sojourns in Mexico.

Visit Red Rock Sanctuary—Virtually



Community members, and the public, can now visit the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary on Facebook.

The Canon Ted Staver, a Sanctuary resident, is inviting everyone to the site, now in its inaugural stage.

Just go to Facebook and search *redrocksanctuary* or follow this link: facebook.com/redrocksanctuary.

Ted Staver and Michael McIntyre, who will be monitoring the Facebook page, plan to take the page through three stages of development.

Stage one is almost complete. Soon they will be adding a photo slide show tour of the Sanctuary and two photo albums. The intent of the first stage is to further marshal interest of new Community members and Academy students in the fact that when you join the Community you get Red Rock, a place where Consociates and Adepts have been employing solar techniques for generations, and that they will now be part of that tradition.

Michael McIntyre said, "we want new Community members to feel free to speak with their preceptor and to schedule a visit. That perspective is the focus of stage one."

Services for the Week of March 8, 2014



Saturday, March 8, 2014

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Sean Savoy

Lector: RC Robert Petrovich

Cantor: Rev. Harold Boulette

Reader: Rev. Karen Elliott

Sunday, March 9, 2014

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

7:13 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:30

Gate: 7:00

Sunrise: 7:28

RR Sean Savoy

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistants:

RC Roger Weld

RC Ted Staver

Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of New Philadelphia

RC Roger Weld

Church of New Qumran

Rev. Vickie Hewlett

Church of New Bethany

Rev. Karen Elliott

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

RC Rebecca Willis

Friday, March 14, 2014

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RR Sean Savoy

Gerald Degerstedt Passes into the Light



Gerald Degerstedt in 2005

Gerald Degerstedt, born April 22, 1938, passed into the Light on December 27, 2014 at his home in Madison, Wisconsin. Gerald entered the Academy Program of the Jamilian University in 2005 and remained an active member of the Community until his passing. Many people in Reno will remember meeting him for the one and only time he was able to visit Reno during Convocation week in 2009. We will miss his wonderful smile and sweet disposition.

In the absence of a published obituary, we are offering below a link to an article on himself and his life posted online at the official web site of Cleft Advocate, an organization he was a strong member of for many years.

< [Click here to read Gerald's 2007 feature page at](#)

January 2014 Intercessions & Memorial Services



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Frank Burkitt

Bill Birley

Noriko Roy

Joseph Roy

Kevin Myota †

Orville & Martha Calhoun

Frank Burkitt
Yvonne Wheeler
Rev. Vickie Hewlett

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Frank Burkitt
Yvonne Wheeler
Rev. Vickie Hewlett
Janice Dennis
Verna Weber †

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Yvonne Wheeler
Christy Potzner †

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Yvonne Wheeler
Christy Potzner †
Marvin Yates †
Tracy Reinert
Brian Kernan
Brian Kernan, Jr.

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Yvonne Wheeler
Christy Potzner †
Marvin Yates †
Tracy Reinert
Brian Kernan
Brian Kernan, Jr.
Enrique Venerio Teran

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Enrique Venerio Teran

Rev. Ruth Harris

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Enrique Venerio Teran

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Services for the Week of March 1, 2014



Saturday, March 1, 2014
10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RR Sean Savoy

Cantor: Rev. Herman Aggenbach

Reader: Rev. Michael Spohn

Sunday, March 2, 2014

6:24 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 5:30

Gate: 6:10

Sunrise: 6:39

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 Races of Man

RM Carol Ann Crabb

Church of the Golden Age of Light

RC Elizabeth

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Church of the Universal Theocracy

RC Ted Staver

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. Michael Spohn

Friday, March 7, 2014

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RC Rebecca Willis