

Vlad-Huss Wedding



Olympia Vlad and Gary Huss Jr were joined in holy matrimony in the presence of witnesses and family on August 15, 2009, in a private ceremony performed by the Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy Jr at the Chapel of the Holy Child. Gary has been a resident member of the International Community of Christ since his birth and is presently enrolled in the Sacred Academy.

Reno Community Hosts 2009 Annual Convocation



The Community's annual Convocation officially opened on Wednesday September 9. It was prefaced on Monday and Tuesday September 7-8 with Residence Training III seminars on Color and Sacred Imagery for those Consociates needing to complete

these requirements. These early attendees also enjoyed an evening at the Steamboat Hot Springs Spa on Monday evening. Another such spa evening was offered on Wednesday as well.



The first Convocation event was a Project "X" seminar on the ancient solar cultures of Greece and included lectures given by the Right Reverend Gene Savoy Jr. during the Project "X" tour of Greece in May–June 2009 as well as talks by guest lecturers the Reverend Dr. Bill Bartlett and Dr. Tom Lee, the new Community Archiater (physician). Dr. Bartlett spoke on



solar teachings in the Buddhist tradition, and Dr. Lee on health and healing modalities planned for Steamboat Healing Center. The lectures were offered in the Chapel of the Holy Child and the Monastery Gardens in Sanctuary.

The usual annual Convocation events took place over the remainder of the week, including the Andean Explorers Foundation meeting and awards banquet and presentation held at the Tuscany Room of the Peppermill Resort and Casino in Reno on Thursday evening. The Right Reverend Sean Savoy presented slides and commentary on his recent trip to Peru to continue the society's work there.

The week's events included the thirtieth annual Clergy Counsels, lectures held at the Monastery Gardens in Sanctuary on Asclepian healing traditions and techniques. Again, these lectures were adapted from those given by Bishop Savoy in Greece



earlier in the year. This year's program included a celebration of The Community's Golden Jubilee, commemorating fifty years (1959–2009) of the Second Advent Church. A high point of the celebration was the interfaith prayer service for world peace held at sunset on Friday evening September 11 at the open-air Church of New Pentecost and Church of the Americas at Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary. Clergy from numerous sects and denominations around Reno participated and offered prayers for peace from their traditions. It was a special experience and a fitting tribute to the second anniversary of the passing into Light of The Church's First Apostle, the Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy Sr.

As a side note, unbeknownst to The Community members at the time, the evening also introduced it to one Devashish (aka David Mitchell), who was a last-minute replacement for Rajan Zed, the intended representative of the Vedic tradition. Devashish was quite taken with the experience at the Sanctuary and later introduced Community leaders to his teacher, Swami Sri Atmananda of India, and the Satya-chetana Movement that the swami heads and with whom The Community has since formed a collaboration to reintroduce the Teachings of Light to the Vedic and Brahmanic traditions (see related articles).

On Saturday evening, topping off a day of final Clergy Counsels, Communion Service, and the Emancipation of Acolyte Marie Walters, was the Counsels banquet and program at Bishopstead. As a Golden Jubilee celebration, the dinner was deemed a Vigil Meal and began with a simple course of Essene

bread and wine similar to a Community Pannuches meal. The evening's introduction also included the first-level ordination of Dr. Tom Lee and a rededication of the Chapel of the Innocents at Bishopstead. A buffet supper in several courses created by Community chef Francine Petrovich followed this ritual course. Between courses, the attendees were treated to musical performances by the Community schola, directed by the Right Reverend Gary Buchanan, as well as relevant readings from Second Advent scripture.

The final day of Convocation, Sunday September 13, began with a concelebrated Jubilee Sunrise Divine Service at the Cathedral Church of the Americas at Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary, followed by the second-degree ordination of the Reverend Dr. Bill Bartlett. Afterward, a fellowship breakfast at the open-air refectory was enjoyed by all. The final event at Red Rock was the rededication of the open-air Church of New Philadelphia in the northlands of the Sanctuary. The church's table had been restored after being damaged by vandals and the elements. Head bishop Gene Savoy Jr. presided.

The Convocation ended with an optional trip to Lake Tahoe on Sunday afternoon.



“Dawn of a New Age”



The three-minute video *Dawn of a New Age* was posted on YouTube in August 2008 on the official YouTube channel for the International Community of Christ/Cosolargy. *Dawn of a New Age* was one of the first outreach projects attempted by The Community in recent years and the first posting of The Community on YouTube. Today it is one

project among many.

Have you seen the video? Did you know that the International Community of Christ/Cosolargy has an official channel on YouTube?

Visit the channel and become a subscriber. That way you will be sure to receive notice whenever a new video is posted. Also, see what kind of comments the video has drawn from the public.

Watch the video on YouTube:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V4u3j-HxV5g>.

Youth & Family News

Religious studies for the youth of The Church will commence in September. The young people will be divided into two groups—e.g., primary and high school—and classes will be taught by the Right Reverend Gene Savoy Jr. on weekends.



Also during the spring, acolyte Amanda Marie Walters continued her work as chairperson of the Nevada Youth Legislature, as well as maintaining her position on violoncello with the Carson Symphony Orchestra. Walters participated in concerts on February 22 and April 25 while performing works that included Borodin's Symphony #1 and the Paganini violin concerto. Walters is the daughter of Amy Buchanan-Rodriguez and granddaughter of the Right Reverend Gary and the Reverend Amanda Buchanan.

Building Projects at the Sanctuary



During the fall, workers at Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary installed a small mobile home with wiring and plumbing hook-

ups as an additional residence. Located northeast of the chapter house, residence of the Right Reverend Reano Castell and the Reverend Ted Staver, the new facility will house the Reverend Michael McIntyre, who has been actively assisting in Sanctuary projects.

In April, work crews of The Community began further checking and upgrading the water irrigation lines at the Sanctuary as well as continuing the planting of trees. The area encircling the Church of the Christian Churches is being planted with trees laid out on an enormous schematic of the Second Advent Solar Cross of Enlightenment. Once the evergreens are grown the cross will be visible from great distances and heights.

Each of these projects has been supervised by Castell and Staver, along with the Right Reverend Peter Foust, who has devoted most of his time during the last year specifically to Sanctuary undertakings.

In addition, The Right Reverend Gene Savoy Jr. has held preliminary meetings this spring with Nevada architects in regard to construction designs for a monastery complex at the Sanctuary (architect Bryan Kernin) and columbarium (Rick LaCotta). Further meetings with various panels of ministers from The Church are being scheduled as well.

Order of Matriarchs Established

The Right Reverend Ileana Isfan appointed as First Matriarch

Sacred Overseer Meets on Sanctuary Water

Sacred Overseer meets to discuss Sanctuary water rights and plans.

Traditional Easter Cycle Observed

Traditional Holy Thursday and Easter were observed with Sunrise Divine Service on Thursday April 9 and Sunday April 12, respectively, at the Chapel of the Holy Child and the Cathedral Church of the Americas, respectively.

New Editions of Two ICC Primers Published

In April, the International Community of Christ issued new editions of The Essaei Document and Project X.

William Bartlett Receives First-Degree Ordination

A Rite of First-Degree Ordination as an Initiate of the Order of the Holy Child was held for the Reverend Dr. William Bartlett in the head bishop's chambers.