

Weekly Message: June 12, 2017



CŌSOLARGY INTERNATIONAL
THE SACRED TEACHINGS OF LIGHT

HEAD OVERSEER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE



Monday, June 12, 2017

Today I am pleased to report that last week was a week full of positive news for The Community.

First and foremost, we received official documents from the Mexican government on our incorporation there as **Cosolargy Internacional, A.C.** We also received the recorded Deed of Trust to the property in El Cardonal in the state of Baja California Sur in the name of our corporation and made the first monthly payment on the property.

Second, The Community prevailed in a lawsuit that was filed against us in January of this year which sought to encumber extensive property of the Church and which also questioned our internal affairs and government. The suit was dismissed by the state district court here in Reno. The winding up of the lawsuit at this point are mere formalities.

Third, attorneys working for The Community in Auckland, New Zealand finished drafting our incorporation papers, which were signed on Saturday, June 10. While we have yet to ultimately determine what our course of action will be “down under,” it is important for us to establish ourselves wherever and whenever the correct opportunities arise.

Last, you may know that I have been writing a book since my return from hospital in San Diego last December. While I was there, I retained a literary agent who has been coaching me to write the book. The first draft has been completed, and it is now in the professional editing stage. I hear that there are some publishers who may be interested in it. We will see.

Nevertheless, these are all things to celebrate and be grateful for.

We have been touching lately on the concept of the End Times and the Second Coming. The end of days, or the End Times, is the time that precedes the Golden Age of Light, which is the Second Advent; that is, the return of all life to the Original State which was the First Advent – the Original or First

Creation of Light. However, intermingled in these two cosmic events of Rebirth which co-mingles Spirit with matter, is the Great Tribulation.

The Tribulations were foretold by the prophets of old. The planet is definitely in this period of strife, turmoil and destruction. As great battles are taking place here between man and nature, so these battles are also being waged among the Powers of Light and Darkness in the higher dimensions. However, we do know that, in spite of the Tribulations, God is using His Supernatural Powers of Creation to redeem Souls that are part of His Spiritual Kingdom – redemption thus being placed outside the realm of formalized doctrine and the established religions of the past.

The Second Advent of **God**, which was the basis of the Ministry of Christ, Jesus, was that **God** Himself would manifest through the Sun of Righteousness to intercede as Messiah, Savior and Redeemer of the entire human family for the final and ultimate Restoration of the Creation gone astray. The Kingdom of Light, although co-mingled with matter, is not part of the physical universe and is unattainable by the natural senses, emotions or mind. It is only attainable by the awakened Spirit made a Conscious Soul brought to birth by God's Image and Word appearing in Divine Light.

As Cosolargy teaches, this birth is the result of a creative reproduction in which the living, breathing Soul arises from a union of human Spirit and the Seminal Reason of God's Word transported by the image of solar light. Seminal Reason, within the agency of light, impregnates the fertile Spirit, and a new Soul is conceived. In its initial stages of development, the Soul receives its nourishment from the sun. In later stages of maturity, it feeds on the Divine Presence in the Spiritual Sun, a source of light and energy in the Spiritual Universe.

Jesus taught on this Divine Process of procreation and rebirth

of the Soul as essential to immortality. We, in the Second Advent Ministry, which is heir to Jesus' Ministry, teach the same process by means of the System of Cosolargy and the Sacred Teachings of Light.

We will touch more on this next week. In the meantime, ...

Once again, please feel free to ask me any questions by calling 775-786-7432 or emailing me at messages@cosolargy.org. I am always at your service.

In Light+,

Gene

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Weekly Message: May 22, 2017



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Monday, May 22, 2017

Greetings!

I write to you from Reno having just returned from my travels on behalf of our Community a couple of days ago. The trips, especially to Japan, were quite fruitful.

Last Monday, one week ago, Bishop Yuki and I along with a company of Community members traveled from our Center in Kurume, Japan northwest to a place called Itoshima on the

Genkai Gulf on the Korean Strait. The purpose of this trip was to determine a general area to relocate our Japan Community in the coming few years.

While Kurume has served us well, it is time, as the Community expands, to venture nearer to Fukuoka City, a major metropolitan cultural and technological hub. Our plans to relocate 30 minutes away from Fukuoka to the Itoshima area will be further explained in September.

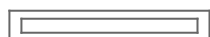
We spent the day there and were pleased to witness two very important and significant signs that reinforced the good work we are doing in that country. At the noon hour, the sun full of light and splendor, was encircled by a giant rainbow. That rainbow-colored sun was graced by a hawk circling above us the entire afternoon as if saluting us on our mission. Needless to say, while the picture will give you a glimpse of what we saw, it will not compare to the actual event. We were all awe-inspired at the manifestation we beheld!

While I will continue updating you from time to time on events, happenings and progress in The Community, next week I will resume a more inspirational tone. I find those kinds of messages to be of significant help to me, as I hope they are for you. Until then, I send you my best thoughts and prayers.

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Many blessings in Light+,

Gene





Encircled
sun



Hawk
circling



Hawk
close-up



Bishop
Savoy
with
Japanese
members



View of
Itoshima



Beach in
Itoshima



Japanese
statue
Madonna
and
child



Orange
sunrise

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Weekly Message: May 15, 2017



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Monday, May 15, 2017

Ohayo gozaimasu kara Nihon. I send you greetings from Japan.

I write to you this week from The Community's center in Kurume, Japan, which is in the Fukuoka Prefecture on the island of Kyushu. I have been asked by our members here to send you their greetings, which I do.

We are finishing up a very productive and enjoyable week full of many blessings and joyfulness. I arrived last week and gave a two-hour long talk on Thursday, May 11th (the date of my father's birth in 1927) to members and potential new members – about 40 people in all – on the history of The Community, my father's quest for spiritual Truth, our plans for the future not only in Japan but in other parts of the world, including the United States and the Americas, and answered questions from those in attendance. The presentation, which was

translated by our Bishop Yukinori, was well-received.

On Saturday, May 13th, several Ministers and I performed Communion Service of rice cakes and water in preparation for Sunday's Sunrise Service. The Communion service was followed by ordinations for five members to the first and second levels. We then all partook of a common meal which several ladies of The Community had prepared.

On Sunday, May 14th, Bishop Yuki performed a purification rite on the site we have been using outside of Kurume for some time. The place is called Shono-toge. Following the purification or blessing of the place, Sunrise Divine Service in Japanese and English was performed by Bishop Yuki and myself assisted by other Ministers here in Japan.

Later in the day, we visited a Shinto shrine and a Buddhist temple called Naritasan and had a banquet together later in the evening. I am including with this communication a collage of photos of our weekend which should give you an idea of our experiences this week.

Today, Monday, I travel with Bishop Yuki to the coast to discuss our next plans in Japan. Next week, I will be back in Reno for the duration of the Summer. I hope to see you at The Community's annual convocation on September. Your invitation to attend will be on its way to you this week. Please contact the Chancellery at [775-786-7431](tel:775-786-7431) if you have any questions.

I hope you enjoy the photos, and I look forward to sharing with you next week.

Gene

"Do you need proof of God? Does one light a torch to see the Sun?" [Japanese Proverb]

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Bishop Savoy and Bishop Yukinori after Bishop Savoy performed 1st and second ordinations for newer members in our Chapel in Kurume, Japan.



Congregation after Communion and Ordinations on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Cosolargy Center, Kurume, Japan.



Officiants
 after
 Sunrise
 Service,
 May 14,
 2017.



Bishop
 Yukinori
 purifies
 sunrise
 site prior
 to Sunrise
 Ceremony.
 May 14,
 2017,
 Fukuoka
 Prefecture.



Community
 dinner.
 Kurume,
 Japan,
 May 14,
 2017.
 Photo #1



Community
 dinner.
 Kurume,
 Japan,
 May 14,
 2017.
 Photo #2



Bishop
Savoy
and
Bishop
Yukinori
deliver
a talk
in
Japan.



Students
attending
talk in
Japan.

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Weekly Message: May 1, 2017



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Monday, May 1, 2017

Hello!

I write to you from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida where I am attending the International Light Association's annual conference. I am accompanying our Reverend Dr. Gary Buchanan who will be presenting to the group on Wednesday on Sonatherapy and Cosolargy as light, sound and energetic healing therapies.

As you know, I have just returned from Mexico and am happy to report that The Community has purchased, in the name of our corporation there (Cosolargy Internacional), the 2.5 acre piece of property on the Sea of Cortez that we have been talking about over the past several months. This is a great achievement for us as this is the first time The Community has acquired property outside of the United States since we returned to the States in 1972.

The purpose and plan for the property is, as discussed, meant for a Cosolargy Center which we propose naming "The Retreat at El Cardonal: Health, Healing & Wellness Center." Closing escrow was smooth and the property title has been duly transferred to us. In addition to meeting with local business leaders and government officials, I also met with our proposed contractor and two architectural designers to begin the design phase of the project. As these renderings become available, I will be happy to share them with you. They will be instrumental in the capital investments we will need to build the center and retreat.

I will say that there is a definite "buzz" around the Los Barriles area. The people know we have purchased property and are aware of our plans. There is great excitement and support for us, which is an excellent beginning.

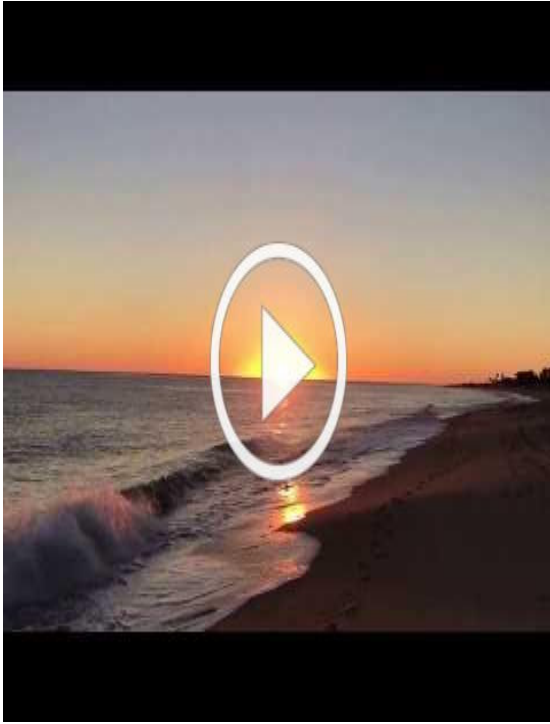
My schedule this month is quite busy with travel, so I will apologize in advance for any lack of inspiration as I write these communiques to you "on the road." After leaving Ft. Lauderdale, I am back in Reno for a couple of days before visiting the Community in Japan where I will be performing various ceremonies and giving some talks. Upon returning to Reno, I am making a brief stop in Kauai for a potential opportunity for us to expand to the State of Hawaii. I don't know exactly where these talks will lead us, but we'll see. A few days later, I fly to San Diego, then drive north to meet with some religious leaders in Orange County.

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well. This week, I leave you with a video clip of sunrise at our property in Baja California that was taken when several members of The Community accompanied me there in February.

Many blessings in Light+,

Gene

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Weekly Message: April 24, 2017



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Monday, April 24, 2017

My message for you this week is brief. First, let me thank those of you who have sent me positive feedback to these short communiques. I'm glad they are of some use to you.

As you know, our Community has been working on establishing itself in Mexico. Our plan there is to build a health and wellness retreat, as well as a Cosolargy center for the Latin American world. In February of this year, several members of The Community joined me on a visit to Los Barriles in southern Baja California to look at property. Initially we went to visit a particular piece of land which, quite honestly, did not appeal to any of us. Besides that, the owner was not very accommodating in our negotiations with him, which fell through. A little while later in the trip, we became aware of another piece of property north of Los Barriles in a town

called El Cardonal (named after a regional cactus). We all liked it very much. The Google Earth link will show you the property itself.



El Cardonal cactus on Baja property.

After meeting with the owner, we were able to arrive at an agreeable arrangement. The last sixty days has been a period of due diligence, and we have been able to verify through The Community's attorney and real estate agent in Mexico, as well as our business attorney here in Reno that everything is in order for the acquisition. The title is clear, and hydrological studies and topographical surveys have been completed. In addition, we are working on getting the concession from the federal government on the 710 feet of beach in front of us on the Sea of Cortez. **I urge you, if you have not already done so, to [please look at my letter of 3/16/17](#) and make a pledge and send in your much needed donation for this important project.** We are still short of the amount needed for the down payment and closing costs.

I left yesterday for Mexico to close our land purchase and will be in talks with architects and contractors for the first design phase of the project, which is explained in my letter.

My daughter, Sonya, who is now 19, is also with me to see the scope of what we will be doing there. This is a very exciting time for our Community! I will give a further update to you when I return and have more news.

Our Community – the Community of Cosolargy, the Community of Christ, the Community of Light – is charged to bring the Teachings of Light to the peoples of the Earth, who labor under great tribulation, that God has caused His Divine Light to appear for a blessing of Peace and Joy.

*“There is forgiveness, mercy and redemption in the Spirit of God’s Appearance in the Sun of Righteousness. Eternal Truth and the beginning of infinite Knowledge in the Image and the Word is granted to those who follow The Way, walk the Path of Righteousness, live according to Divine Law, and partake of the Bread of Life and the Living Waters. That which was longed for by the Righteous of olden times and which is longed for by the present generation of the Righteous – those who possessed the world when it was young and those who possess a world grown old – has come. The Day of their Salvation has come. **The sun of the world has been lit with the Light of my Spirit, and by that Light I shall light the Spirits of the Righteous who shall shine as the sun, and all the Righteous who dwell on the Earth and all the Righteous who dwell in Heaven shall be as One Light, and no more shall there be Darkness in My Creation.**”*

The Book of God’s Revelation (Emphasis added)

This is something we must tell every nation and every people everywhere. We have begun in America. We have planted a tree in Japan. And we are now planting a seed in Mexico. Other seeds will also spread to other places.

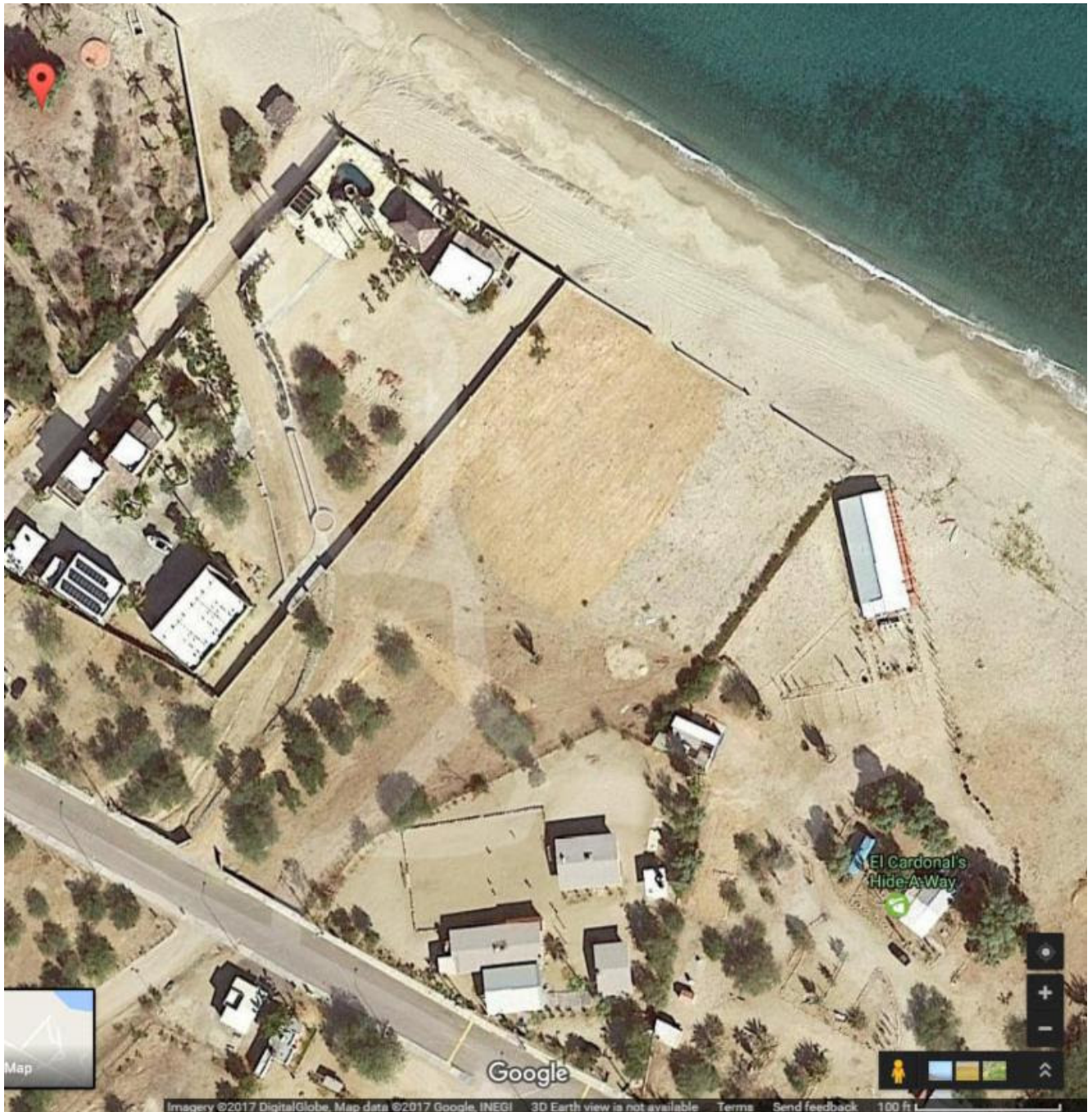
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Gene

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Satellite image of the property.

Gary Buchanan to Speak on Cosolargy at 2017 International Light Association Conference



The Reverend Canon Gary Buchanan has been invited to speak at

the 2017 conference of the International Light Association, to be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida from April 29th through May 3rd. Cosolargy International President Gene Savoy Jr and his wife Radheka will also be attending the conference.

Gary was invited to speak by the president of the organization, Anadi Martel, whom Gary met in Bulgaria at the 11th Annual Water Conference held in Sofia October 6-9, 2016. Mr. Martel offered Gary space to talk about any and all aspects of light, including "higher sciences," but advised him to create a bridge with more mainstream science through clinical and case studies when possible and asked Gary to devote a bit of time to Cymatics and the wonderful images and videos of sound resonance which he saw Gary present in Bulgaria. Gary's time slot is for 75 minutes, including a questions period. His talk, the final presentation on the final day of the conference, will serve as final summation and conclusion to the week-long gathering.

Members of the board of the International Light Association include internationally situated physicists and many others. Dr. Jacob Liberman, who spoke at the 2012 "Spiritual State of the World Conference" in Reno is also on the board and will evidently be presenting this year. Dr. Jim Oschman, also a speaker at a number of the "Spiritual State of the World" conferences sponsored by Cosolargy International, has presented at the International Light Association conference in the past. Other presenters will include Gerald Pollack, director of the EZ water conference in Bulgaria, and Fritz Albert Popp, pioneer in biophotons. There will also be numerous individuals involved in sun-gazing and photosyntonics, light medicine and related technologies, and the study of ancient religions of the east. More can be reviewed on the board at <http://www.international-light-association.org/board>.

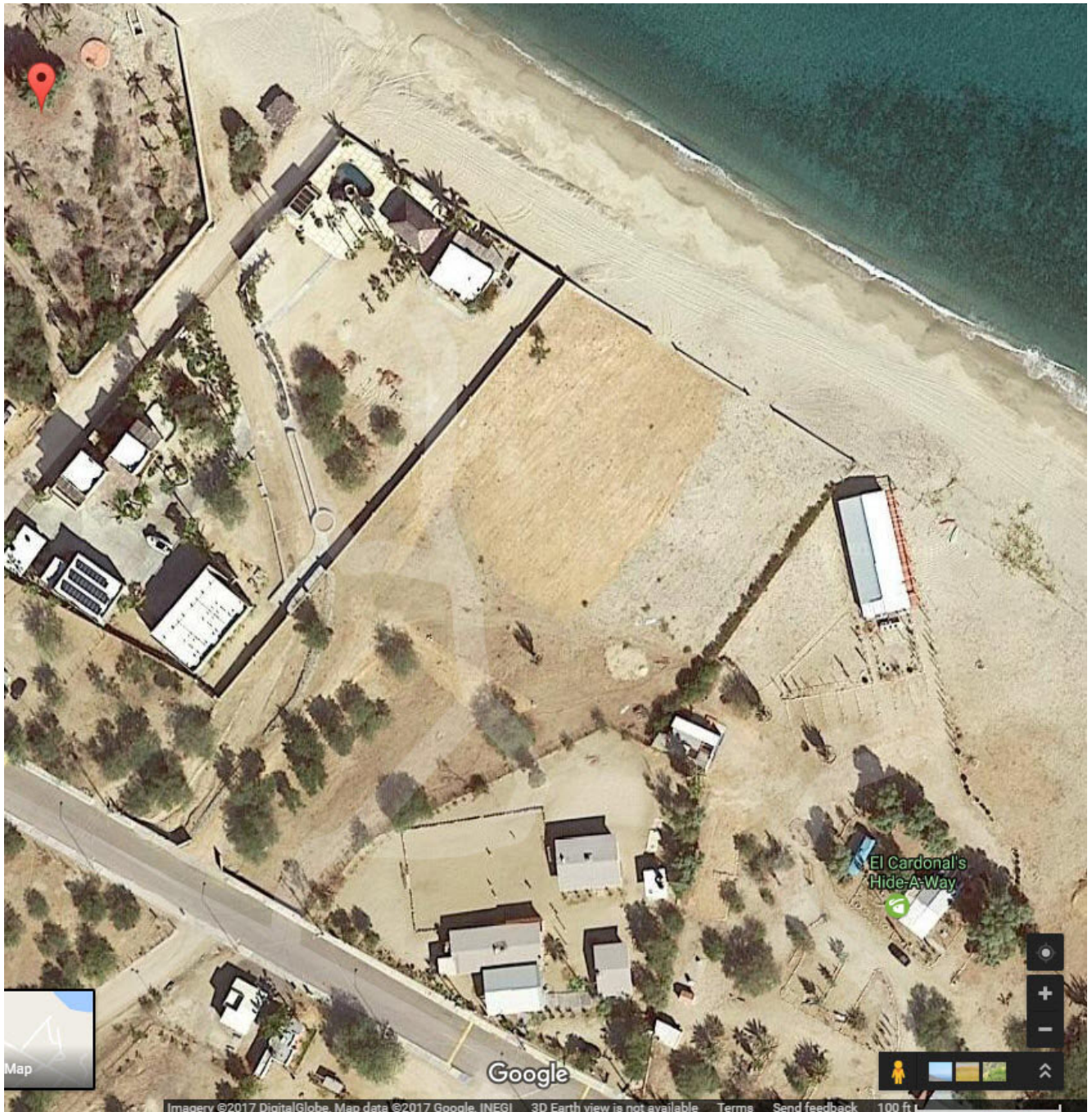
The 2017 conference of the International Light Association promises to be a good meet-up with people who may be

interested in the principles taught by Cosolargy International. This conference may also establish inroads to other conferences and the groups that sponsor them.

The ILA's purpose is to create a bridge between the scientific and the energy aspects of light, and participants include people working with both mainstream light medicine and more esoteric traditions. The web site of the International Light Association, which has the conference up front, may be viewed at <http://www.international-light-association.org/>.

Be sure to view Gary Buchanan's front-page preview on the web site [as well](http://www.international-light-association.org/event/conf-2017/presenter/gary-buchanan) (<http://www.international-light-association.org/event/conf-2017/presenter/gary-buchanan>).

Church to Purchase Beachfront Property in Mexico for Cosolargy Center



Satellite image of proposed site for healing center in Baja, Mexico PHOTO: Google Maps

The Church recently made arrangements to purchase 9223 square meters of beachfront property in Baja California Sur, Mexico to establish a Cosolargy Center there to serve as the headquarters for Cosolargy International in the Spanish-speaking world. Plans and photos will be forthcoming.

The property is located in the beautiful area of El Cardonal,

a 25-minute drive north of Los Barriles on the east coast of the peninsula on the Gulf of California (Sea of Cortez). (See the satellite image above.)

You can locate the property yourself on Google maps. (1) Search for “El Cardonal, Baja California Sur, Mexico.” (2) Switch to the satellite map. (3) Magnify the area indicated by the red arrow until you can make out the trees. (4) Move to the vacant seaside lot two lots down from the lot marked by the red arrow with a big Cardinal cactus in the center. That is the location.

The lot is bordered on the north by an estate. On the south by an elementary school. And on the west by the sea and 100 meters of beachfront.

Keep all this in mind when you read the letter that is already in the mail to you asking for your help to make the dream of a center in Mexico come true.

Cosolargy in Japan Expands Outreach Publications



Cover of the Japanese edition of
Jamil: Child of Light

The Cosolargy Institute in Japan (CIJ) recently completed several new translations of Community books.

CIJ began offering the 24-month program Academy Symposium to the first group of Japanese students on February 2, 2010. The first group of Japanese student finished the 2 year program "Academy Symposium" in 2012. A while later, the Japanese Community prepared to publish Japanese editions of several books related to Cosolargy.

Since 2012 was the 50-year cycle after the appearance of the Sun of Righteousness in 1962, the Community in Japan thought it was a very good time to begin publishing these books for the public in the year celebrating the 50-year cycle. They started publishing the following year, in 2013.

Because the Institute of Cosolargy Japan is prohibited from any business transaction, in order to protect our teachings

Cosolargy Japan consigns, publish, and distributes all Japanese edition books through E-Ma. Sound Corporation, which is the sound therapy company of Bishop Yukinori Matsushita.

The first book published by the Japanese Community was Project X: The Search for the Secrets of Immortality. The publication of this book was followed by a second book, Jamil: Child of Light, and a third book, Prophecy of the End Times. All these books represented the physical body, the psychic body, and the Light (Spiritual) body in various ways.

The Community in Japan picked publication dates for these books that were connected with the author, Gene Savoy Sr. For example, May 11 was his birthday and August 8th was the first time he spoke about Cosolargy in public to the people in United States of America, and the anniversaries of these dates were used as dates of publication.

Marie Momoi, a professional translator, is also a Japanese student of Cosolargy, and it is she who translated two of the books recently published in Japan, Project X: The Search for the Secrets of Immortality and the The Lost Gospel of Jesus.

Bishop Yukinori Matsushita, translation supervisor, made some valuable comments in the foreword to the new Japanese edition of the The Lost Gospel of Jesus. A translation appears below:

Japan is making big social changes as the Tokyo Olympics approach in 2020. It might be God's blessing that we are able to publish this book in this time. The story of Jesus is not quite familiar in Japan. Here Christian churches are looked upon as places where people can study in English or hold a Christmas Service or study a little bit in Japanese about the Bible. But we can find stories about Kobo-Daishi or Prince Shook that are similar to the story of Jesus. Kobo-Daishi preached about "Sokushinbutsu," which can be interpreted to mean, "the possibility of creating a Buddha body while alive." Jesus also said, "Unless a man be born again of fire

and water, he will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” So we can find commonality between both stories.

Originally the teaching of Jesus Christ was a teaching of Light – walking in Light, living in Light, or living The Way to enter the Worlds of Light. But these teachings were given orally and do not exist in written form because these teachings are paradoses, prohibited to be told outside the school and never to be printed. This book, The Lost Gospel of Jesus, provides an explanation of the paradosis teaching. There is a book called The Child of Light written about how this teaching came into the this world at this time. I recommend reading The Child of Light if you are interested.

The translation of the present book, Lost Gospel of Jesus, was very difficult because there is not much information about Jesus in Japan. But translator Marie Momoi researched very carefully and found much information through her efforts. I am very grateful for her hard work and determination. The original edition of The Lost Gospel of Jesus: Hidden Teaching of Christ was written by Gene Savoy Sr. in 1978. This book gave great inspiration to people to seek the teachings of Light in English-speaking counties. I hope this Japanese edition of the book conveys the true teaching of Jesus to Christian seekers in Japan looking for truth in this modern age.

[Follow this link to a listing of Japanese edition books on Cosolargy offered at Amazon.](#)

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original Japanese article by Eriko Ueno translated into
English by Noriko Roy

Rev. Mother Ileana Isfan Passes into the Light, Memorial Service Held



Reverend Mother Ileana Isfan c. 2007

Reverend Mother Ileana Isfan (February 21, 1926 – November 15, 2016) passed away at the age of 90 at her residence at Steamboat Hot Springs in Reno, Nevada. The Reverend Mother

Ileana Isfan passed into the Light on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at noon. An Anointing of the remains was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 3:00 pm.

A Memorial Service was held to celebrate her life on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Child. In attendance were members of the Reno Church Community who had known her.

The inspirational readings delivered during the memorial service were written by two poets that Rev. Mother Ileana had revered and were read by two of her closest friends in the Community.

A poem by the 13th-century Persian poet Rumi, read by Rev. Mother Rebecca Willis:

*Who gets up early to discover the moment light begins?
Who finds us here circling, bewildered like atoms?
Who comes to a spring thirsty
and sees the moon reflected in it?
Who like Jacob, blind with grief and age,
smells the shirt of his lost son and can see again?
Who lets a bucket down and brings up a flowing prophet?
Or, like Moses, goes for fire and finds what burns inside the
sunrise?
Jesus slips into a house to escape enemies
and opens a door to the other world.
Solomon cuts open a fish, and there is a gold ring.
Omar storms in to kill the Prophet and leaves with blessings.
Chase a deer and end up everywhere.
An oyster opens his mouth to swallow one drop.
Now there is a pearl.
A vagrant wanders empty ruins.
Suddenly he is wealthy.
But do not be satisfied with stories,
how things have gone with others.
Unfold your own myth,*

*without complicated explanations,
so everyone will understand the passage,
We have opened you.
Start walking toward Shams, the teacher, the sun.
Your legs will get heavy and tired.
Then comes a moment of feeling the wings you have grown,
lifting.*

A poem by Kahlil Gibran, "On Friendship," read by Rev. Mother Carol Ann Crabb:

*Your friend is your needs answered.
He is your field which you sow with love and reap with
thanksgiving.
And he is your board and your fireside.
For you come to him with your hunger, and you seek him for
peace.*

*When your friend speaks his mind you fear not the "nay" in
your own mind, nor do you withhold the "ay."
For without words, in friendship, all thoughts, all desires,
all expectations are born and shared, with joy that is
unacclaimed.*

*When you part from your friend, you grieve not;
For that which you love most in him may be clearer in his
absence, as the mountain to the climber is clearer from the
plain.*

*And let there be no purpose in friendship save the deepening
of the spirit.*

*For love that seeks aught but the disclosure of its own
mystery is not love but a net cast forth: and only the
unprofitable is caught.*

And let your best be for your friend.

*If he must know the ebb of your tide, let him know its flood
also.*

For what is your friend that you should seek him with hours to kill?

Seek him always with hours to live.

For it is his to fill your need, but not your emptiness.

And in the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures.

For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed.



The eulogy, delivered by Rev. Mother Rebecca Willis, recounted her life in the Community and the events previous to the forty years she spent in residence that had led her to the spiritual life and prepared her for it:

REVEREND MOTHER ILEANA ISFAN (February 21, 1926 – November 15, 2016)

She was indeed a Mother to this community. She joined the Church in 1974, and soon thereafter was commuting from the San Francisco area, and at the center of the life of the community. She was the editor of our books, she helped raise Geno, Sean and Jamila. She was friend, confidant and mentor to members who arrived to join the Community. She taught in the Parochial School, and nurtured students to become award winning artists. During her many years at the Rectory she presided over the kitchen, whether it was routine household meals, an elegant lunch for Reverend Gene's guests, breakfast taken out to Red Rock, or meals for Seminar. It was Ileana's apartment where everyone came for all manner of needs, from wrapping paper or shoe polish, to advice or a sympathetic ear. She dedicated herself totally to the building of this Church.

To know her as the intelligent, sophisticated and well educated lady that she was, it is hard to imagine her early growing up years. She was born February 21st , or 22nd, 1926 in Saskatchewan, Canada. There was confusion over the date, because she was born at home near midnight, so it was recorded as 21st in one document, and 22nd in another. Her family farmed a section of land, and she went to a one room school. Transport to school was horse drawn, and there were stories of the sleigh tipping over in a blizzard and having to be rescued. It was a large family, twelve children in all,

mostly boys. Her father came from Romania to Canada, and although he mother was born in Canada, she spoke primarily Romanian. It was her mother who emphasized education. Education was the key to leaving the rigors of their agricultural based life.

When a government sponsored full scholarship for college became available she applied, won and enrolled in engineering at the University of Saskatchewan. Engineering would not have been her chosen field, but it was a college education, so she made the best of it and selected in a course in Ceramic Engineering. The math portions of the curriculum were not her favorite, but she had a great love for science. Although the resulting education eventually lead to her urban life in the United States, the early farm years gave her a grit and determination that was truly formidable, as was learned by anyone who tried to oppose her once her mind was made up. After completing several years at the University she was called in by the Dean and informed that it did not matter how well she did in her studies, they would never award a degree in engineering to a woman. So she transferred to the University of Texas where they would accept all of her credits.

It was in Texas that she met an American sailor named Douglas Baugh, and married. They eventually moved to the San Francisco area where Douglas taught English in a Community College. In this environment Ileana rounded out her education; listening to Douglas and his friends over dinner gave her the humanities side of her education she felt she lacked. They lived in Berkley for a while, where Ileana owed a pottery business named the California Faience Company that made hand-made decorative tile. And it was here she studied painting and drawing with a man who was able to unleash her innate artistic talent. Ileana and Douglas became interested in crystals, and gem stones and they began collecting with the assistance of close friends. It was this background that

gave her expertise to run the Jewel Guild, contracting with a company in Reno for the manufacture of crosses and sacred threads for the Church.

The Pottery company had been sold and Ileana was working as a technical editor for a company in California when a friend invited her to attend a lecture in San Francisco, given by Gene Savoy. As she listened to the lecture she saw the room fill with light, and knew immediately this was something of vital importance. She talked to him after the lecture, and when he learned that she was an editor, he invited her to come to Reno to assist him. And so she began to commute, weeks in Reno, weekends in California with her husband. This pattern continued for a while until her husband demanded that she spend more time at home, and she chose Reno and the Church. Her divorce settlement enabled her to help with the purchase of the Chancellery.

When she began the editing work Reverend Gene had written several books which were in dire need of editing. She described them as being one continuous run-on sentence. So she took on the monumental task of editing without changing, to Reverend Gene's very demanding standards. And it was all done in pencil, on yellow pads. Ileana was not comfortable with things she considered gadgets, and that included typewriters, computers, answering machines, cell phones, or electric can openers. And although she was the driver of the Rector car, she was never really comfortable driving a car, and never particularly good at it. I gained a new perspective on this when I heard a story from one of her relatives about her father driving a tractor after many years of farming with horses. He never understood the gear shift, so put the tractor in any old random gear and shouted obscenities in Romanian when the tractor refused to do what he wanted. Ileana grew up in a world of horses, wood burning stoves, home baked bread and her mother's ample vegetable garden. When she moved from the Rectory to Steamboat she felt she had

spent too much time indoors, so tackled gardening on the Steamboat grounds. That was a legacy from her farm years. She did love growing things.

We say thank you to this intelligent, well educated, talented woman who gave everything she had to building this Church; her dedication, her love, her time, all her resources. She was truly at the heart of the Community, the teachings, the books, and the physical well-being of the members. She nurtured us all with her love, her advice, her insights and her cooking.



Reverend Mother Ileana Isfan preparing Easter brunch a number of years ago.



A reception followed at Bishopstead on Carmel with food prepared by Rev. Francine Petrovich. Francine had first cooked in the kitchen at the Rectory-Abbey with Ileana more than twenty years ago, and the meal they prepared then had a French theme. In memory of this event, Francine prepared for the reception meal a French-themed dejeuner which included champagne truffles to reflect Ileana's refined taste for sweets and a table decorated with some of Ileana's favorite flowers, pink baby roses and purple gladiolas.



(left to right) Revs. Amanda Buchanan and Francine Petrovich inspect table before opening the reception

2017 MLK Jr Event in Reno Hosted by AME Church



Son of Onie Cooper, deceased, past president of Martine Luther King Jr Holiday Committee, addresses the audience

In 2017 the Northern Nevada Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Committee and the Nevada Clergy Association presented community memorial events in the Reno community in celebration of the Martin Luther King, Jr.:

The 31st Annual Interfaith Community Memorial Service

Sunday, January 15, 2017 3:00 Pm

Bethel AME Church

2655 Rock Blvd., Sparks, Nv 89431

The 19th Annual Community Memorial Caravan

Monday, January 16, 2017 10:00 AM

Meeting at Bethel AME Church

2655 Rock Blvd., Sparks, Nv 89431

The theme of the celebration this year was "Freedom and Justice for Change." And this was the theme of the keynote speaker in 2017, Imam Abdul Barghouthi.

Imam Abdul Barghouthi immigrated to the US from Palestine in 1978 seeking freedom and education. He has been a volunteer Imam at the Northern Nevada Muslim Community Center since 2000, and since 2001 has been an active member of the Nevada Clergy Association. At the center of his work is the effort to close the gaps and create an environment of dialogue and understanding between the various cultures and religious group in the northern Nevada community. An advocate for equality justice and peace for all, he works to empower those who seek hope and change, and help those who seek knowledge about Islam and Muslims.

Imam Barghouthi has lectured and spoken in many venues and

appeared on TV and Radio numerous times over the last 16 years.

Imam Barghouthi has raised four children, two girls and two boys. One of his boys is an army veteran and the father of two grandchildren.

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2017 MLK JR CELEBRATION PHOTO GALLERY



WELCOME by Reverend Larry J. Holloway, Bethel AME Church



INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS by Mary Cooper,
Northern Nevada Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Committee



INVOCATION by Rajan Zed, President, Universal
Society of Hinduism



MUSICAL SELECTION by Bethel AME Choir



"POLICING AND THE COMMUNITY" by Commander Oliver Miller, Reno Police Department



“UNDERSTANDING THE SACREDNESS OF ALL” by Reverend
Neil Anderson, Sr. Minister Unitarian-Universalist
Fellowship of Northern Nevada



KEYNOTE ADDRESS: "FREEDOM & JUSTICE FOR CHANGE" by Imam Abdul Barghouthi, Northern Nevada Muslim Community



REVEREND ONIE COOPER HUMANITARIAN AWARD presented by Mary Cooper, Martin Luther King, Jr.. Holiday Committee to recipient Right Reverend Gene Savoy J



MUSICAL PRESENTATION: "UNDER ONE SKY" Jim Eaglesmith, Patricia Gallimore, vocal, and Bethel AME Church Choir performing



MUSICAL PRESENTATION: "UNDER ONE SKY" Rev. Gary Buchanan, piano, and Dallas Smith, horn, performing



CLOSING REMARKS by Right Reverend Gene Savoy Jr,
Bishop, International Community of Christ,
President, Nevada Clergy AssociationChairman,
Northern Nevada Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Committee



BENEDICTION by Reverend Mother Rebecca Willis,
International Community of Christ

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