

# 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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## **Dates of 2013 Convocation Announced**



The 2013 Convocation will be held Monday September 30 through Sunday October 6, 2013. You will receive more information about the agenda and events planned in the weeks ahead.

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# Consociates Register for the 2012 Convocation



It is time once again to extend to all our members a special invitation to join in Community for our annual Convocation. We will meet this year in September, from Monday the 24th, through Sunday the 30th.

Each year we gather in the sunny high desert of the Sierra Nevada for the purpose of assembly, which is essential if we are to maintain and heighten the *metanoia* of The Community and benefit, each and as a whole, from the special blessings and the grace that are bestowed upon us at our consecrated open-air Sanctuary and other sacred places dedicated to God.

This year, 2012, is the much-anticipated Jubilee Year of our Church. Fifty years have passed since the Birth of the Sun of Righteousness in 1962, and we are now entering a new cycle of Christ-Consciousness and spiritual awakening, which will be ever more evident as we approach the fifty-two-year cycle in 2014.

We ask that registration forms be returned by July 23 with a contribution deposit. A lodging information sheet for details about hotel accommodations and reservation deadlines is available for nonresidents.

The format for this year's Convocation will be along the same lines as last year's (please see the attached mini-agenda). We are once again including in the agenda a two-day "Conference on the Spiritual State of the World," which will be open to the public. Presenters from various disciplines will speak. The presence of practicing Cosolargists is important to the

success of this event. Full details of the conference program will be sent in the near future. Consociates are invited to sit in during the Presenters' Round Table Panel Discussion on Sunday September 30, and to meet the presenters at a private reception in their honor later that same day. Those who are interested in participating in these two private events should indicate such on the registration form. A small additional contribution is requested for those who wish to attend. Space is limited, so don't delay.

In addition to the two-day public Conference (which includes the "Spirit of Exploration" dinner with the Andean Explorers Foundation), we will hold the Clergy Counsels lectures for ministers and ministers-in-training, Communion of Fellowship, and a specially planned service at sunrise at the open-air Cathedral Church of the Americas.

We are also scheduling the Residence Training Seminar on *The ORAL GOSPEL AS A LIFE SYSTEM*, which will begin Monday September 24, for eligible Consociates.

On behalf of the Head Overseer and all of us at the Center, we are eager for all members of our Community to be together again and to share the messages that are so important for us at this auspicious time in our evolution as a Community.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Francine Petrovich at the Chancellery at (775) 786-7827. You may also e-mail her at [fpetrovich@communityofchrist.org](mailto:fpetrovich@communityofchrist.org).

See a provisional copy of the agenda (as of July 2012) [HERE](#) .

Submitted by Francine Petrovich, Convocation & Conference Coordinator

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The Counsels lectures delivered by the Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy Sr. on October 12-13 during the Annual Convocation in 2000 fulfilled the promise Bishop Savoy made in 1982 to deliver "part two" of the fifth symposium in the Project "X" Solar Cultures Series, *Solar Teachings of Egypt and Arabia: The Golden Phoenix, or Sun Bird of Resurrection*. This four-hour group of lectures built upon one of the great myths of ancient religious lore, the Phoenix, and explored the concept of Divine Food.

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The Reverend Sean Savoy of the International Community of Christ served both on the Planning Committee and as Master of Ceremonies for the Governor's Prayer Breakfast held in Nevada on October 17, 2000, at the Atlantis Hotel Casino Resort in Reno. The event was sponsored by The National Conference for Community and Justice, and Scott Scherer, the chief of staff for then governor Kenny Guinn, delivered the welcome. Keynote speaker was the Reverend Ronald Rentner of Lord of Mercy Lutheran Church, who has remained an active leader in the interfaith community and a friend of The Church for many years after the event. The International Community of Christ sponsored a table at the event, together with several other churches and business organizations.