

Call for Worker Justice



An interfaith rally was held January 12, 2010, at the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Northern Nevada for local faith leaders to stand in solidarity with workers and retirees of Nevada Energy, which has been trying to slash pay and benefits for current and former employees. The drive was led by the Reverend Neal Anderson (pictured), Rabbi Myra Soifer, and Bishop Gene Savoy Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebrated



On Sunday, January 17, 2009, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King

Jr. Annual Community Memorial Service was held at the Second Baptist Church. The program offered musical performances, award presentations, and a keynote address by University of Nevada-Reno professor R. Grant Seals, PhD., that told the "real" history of civil rights activism in the United States from the eighteenth century to the present. Bishop Gene Savoy Jr, who served as master of ceremonies at the celebration, was announced to be the successor to the Reverend Onie Cooper as chairman of the Martin Luther King Jr Holiday Committee. At the event, Rev. Cooper publically announced his retirement from the committee, which he founded in 1981, and appointed Bishop Savoy as his successor. The event was attended by several members of the Second Advent community, including the Reverend Dr. Bill Bartlett, who delivered the Benediction; Roger Weld; Stephan Fuelling; and Robert Roy, who videotaped and photographed the event.



On the morning of January 18, the new chairperson of the MLK Holiday Committee, Bishop Gene Savoy Jr, was in the lead car in the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Caravan, driven by the Reverend Robert Petrovich. Second in the caravan was the car that carried the Reverend Onie Cooper, founder of the committee, who had nearly singlehandedly worked to have a portion of US 395 designated as the Martin Luther King Jr.

Memorial Highway. Approximately twenty vehicles participated in the caravan, which paraded over a portion of the MLK Highway, which runs from Bordertown to Mt. Rose Highway on US 395. Prior to the caravan's departure, Bishop Savoy was interviewed by Channel 2 News, as was Rev. Cooper. That evening, at the 22nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dinner sponsored by the Northern Nevada Black Cultural Awareness Society at the Peppermill Resort, Bishop Savoy was invited to present the Goodwill Service Award in his new capacity as chairman of the Northern Nevada Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Committee.

Bishop Gene Savoy Jr Appointed MLK Chair



On December 22, 2009, the Reverend Onie Cooper announced that he was stepping down as chair of the Northern Nevada Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Committee after decades of service. In the same letter that he made this announcement to all members of the Martin Luther King Jr Committee, Rev. Cooper named Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. to be his successor. He said, "I

believe Bishop Savoy is capable of leading this organization in the future. I am asking each of you to support him as much as you supported me, if not more. We hope to continue the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. so all generations will know what he did for Civil Rights and life as a whole." The announcement was repeated for the *Reno Gazette-Journal* and at the Martin Luther King celebration held on January 17, 2010.

Celebration of a New Ministry



The members of St. Catherine of Siena Episcopal Church invited the general public to attend the installation of the Rev. Laurie Chappelle as their first rector. The service was performed by the Rt. Rev. Dan Edwardson Sunday November 22, 2009. Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. attended the service in company with other clergy active in the interfaith community.

Shabbat Celebration Attended



The installation of Rabbi Teri Appleby as rabbi of Temple Sinai in Reno on Friday November 13, 2009, was accompanied by a Shabbat of celebration in her honor. Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. attended the service and reception that followed.

Communion Service Homily & Pannuches Meal Homily



On Saturday December 5, 2009, Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. delivered two homilies addressing the upcoming collaboration with the Divine Mission and the Satya-chetana Movement of India. One was delivered following the Communion of Fellowship Service that morning. The second was delivered before the Pannuches Meal Rite that evening. The full transcripts of both homilies may be read here: [Homilies December 5, 2009](#)