

SPRING 2001



Bishop Gene Savoy Sr. greeting Rt. Rev. Reano Castell at the Cathedral Church after Sunrise Service

On January 14, 2001, The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy Sr. was invited by the Reverend Onie Cooper to deliver the Benediction at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service held at the Second Baptist Church in Reno, Nevada.

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In February 2001, irrigation and fencing was installed at the Church of the Christian Churches to provide mule deer with much needed forage this Spring, thus completing the second phase of projects negotiated with the Nevada Department of

Forestry and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to preserve and enhance the Sanctuary's wildlife. In addition, 2,200 feet of irrigation from the Sanctuary's reservoir was laid in preparation for the installation of deer drinkers later this summer.

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On February 15, 2001, the International Community of Christ hosted an ecumenical luncheon at the Rectory-Abbey at Bishopstead. Since 1999 Northern Nevada clergy have been meeting at informal luncheons, which are hosted quarterly by one or another of the area churches that support interfaith work. This luncheon was the first hosted by The Second Advent Church. Nearly forty area clergy attended. The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy Sr. was able to introduce the representatives of the area's mainline churches who were in attendance to Second Advent doctrine and tradition.

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On March 21, 2001, the Reverend Robert Petrovich represented the Second Advent Community at an interfaith service in support of the area's Muslim Community held at the Northern Nevada Muslim Center. The service was held to bring the attention of the Reno community to the concerns resulting from the robbery and beating of two Muslim elders in front of the Muslim Center. Rev. Petrovich was able to speak to a number of Muslim Community leaders following the service, including Dr. Ahmed Essa.

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In March 2001 The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy Sr. received a special invitation to attend the Welcoming Service for the new Episcopalian bishop. The Reverend Gene Savoy Jr. attended on his behalf.

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On Saturday, April 7, 2001, the congregation of the International Community of Christ, Church of the Second Advent was formally advised that the reorganized Church of Latter-Day Saints has officially changed its name to "Community of Christ." An news report on the topic appeared in the *Reno Gazette-Journal* the same day.

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In April 2001 reconstruction began on the Oratory of the Monastery Gardens at Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary.

