

Martin Luther King Jr. celebrated



Rev. William C. Webb, pastor emeritus, Second Baptist Church of Reno, delivers a rousing welcome at 2012 MLK Jr. Celebration PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

The Northern Nevada Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Committee and the Nevada Clergy Association jointly presented the annual Martin Luther King Jr. community memorial events for 2012.



Lonnie Feemster, keynote speaker at the 2012 MLK Jr. celebration. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

The 26th annual interfaith memorial service was held Sunday January 15, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. at the First Methodist Church in downtown Reno. The theme of this year's event was "Remembering the Dream, Fulfilling the Mandate." Keynote speaker was the current president of the Reno-Sparks NAACP, Mr. Lonnie Feemster.



Members of the Second Baptist Church Choir perform at the 2012 MLK Jr. celebration. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

Musical selections were performed by the Second Baptist Church Choir, directed by Dr. Jesse Hall, and by the group The Power of Love, headed by Leon Smith.



The Power of Love, headed by Leon Smith, performing at 2012 MLK Jr.

celebration. PHOTO: Stephan
Fuelling

The video tribute to Dr. King was coordinated by the Rev. Deacon Stephan Fuelling of the International Community of Christ.

Owing to the efforts of the late Reverend Onie Cooper of the Second Baptist Church, this event was originally brought to fruition and has continued for decades. The Nevada Clergy Association and the Holiday Committee have joined to help "keep the dream alive." Both the Nevada Clergy Association and the Northern Nevada Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Committee are presently headed by ICC Head Bishop Gene Savoy Jr.

On Monday January 16, a memorial caravan, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Second Baptist Church in Reno, followed the twenty-six miles of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Highway along US 395. This was the 14th annual community memorial caravan.



(left to
right) Gene
Savoy Jr.,
Radheka Patel,
Debra and
Lonnie
Feemster at
2012 MLK Jr.
Dinner
Celebration.
PHOTO: Lisa J.
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On the evening of January 16, Bishop Savoy and fiancée Radheka Patel attended the 24th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Dinner Celebration, sponsored by the Northern Nevada Black Cultural Awareness Society, at the Peppermill Resort in Reno.

26th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service held in Reno



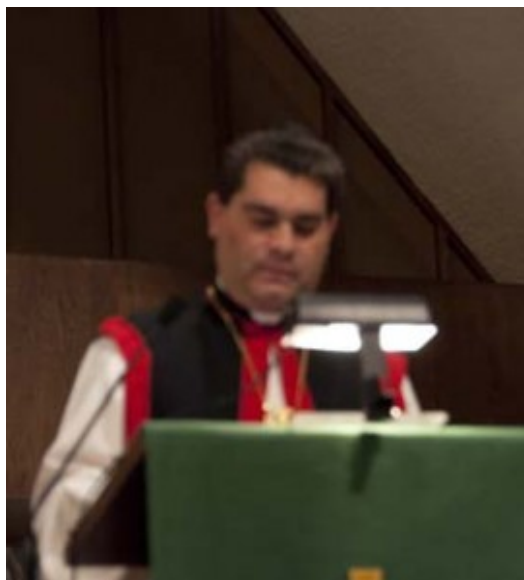
Rev. Susan Taylor of St. John's Presbyterian Church welcomes the congregation.
PHOTO: Rebecca Willis

A worship service of prayers, readings, and music from a variety of faith traditions sponsored by the Nevada Clergy Association was held Wednesday November 23, 2011, at St. John's Presbyterian Church.



Radheka Patel reads from
Hindu scripture in Hindi.
PHOTO: Rebecca Willis

Following a welcome by the Reverend Susan Taylor of St. John's, a program of prayer and thanksgiving was provided by representatives of the Reno Buddhist Center, Temple Beth-Or, Second Baptist Church, the Northern Nevada Muslim Community, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), the Baha'i faith, and the Hindu faith. Interspersed in the program were choral selections performed by the local LDS choir, a musical tribute by Roger Hogan of the Baha'i faith, a whirling dervish performance by the children of the Anatolia Center, and a musical selection by sacred storyteller Jim Eaglesmith.



Bishop Gene Savoy Jr.
delivers the Benediction.
PHOTO: Rebecca Willis



Children of the
Anatolia Center
perform whirling
dervish dance.
PHOTO: Rebecca
Willis

Bishop Savoy to Wed

Ms. Radheka Patel of Los Angeles, California, and the Right Reverend Gene Savoy Jr. of Reno, Nevada, are pleased to announce their engagement to be married.



Ms. Radheka
Patel

A native of New Zealand, Ms. Patel is the daughter of Vinod and Chhaya Patel, also of Los Angeles. Ms. Patel is a graduate of Madison University and California State University, Northridge with degrees in marketing and biological studies. She is also completing her training in cardiovascular ultrasound and is a board-certified technician. Ms. Patel has been enrolled in the Academy Program of the Jamilian University since March 2011.



Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy
Jr.

Rt. Rev. Savoy is Bishop of the International Community of Christ and President of the Nevada Clergy Association. He is a graduate of the Jamilian University of the Ordained with degrees in Theology, Divinity, Canon Law, and Ecclesiastical Administration.

A spring 2012 wedding is planned.



Radheka Patel and Gene Savoy Jr. in 2011. Photo: Gene Savoy Jr.