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Continuing the Great Work

The Fall Cycle of 2008 within The Church has been filled with activity and enthusiasm, demonstrative of not only the blessings we continue to receive under God's New Sun of Righteousness, but also a clear sign that while we may be a small church by world standards, there is a very special power in our numbers.

This was brought home to me while reviewing readings from the *Prophecy to the Christian Churches*, given by Head Bishop Savoy from the pulpit during the fall season. I would encourage the reader to review those brief excerpts contained in FROM THE PULPIT, and then to meditate upon the entire text. In the passages excerpted herein, great emphasis is placed upon our mission to gather in the pre-ordained, educate them, and reach out to the world with our Teachings of Light, with our "charisma" – informing all humankind that "the divine presence has anointed the whole human family with Christhood." We are also told that we must find ways to move them away from "old ideas," bring them into our School, our Healing Center, and most especially into our Living Temple of Light.

Thus, the Feature Story in this issue concerns many of the events that took place during our 2008 Convocation held from October 5 through 12. While numerous services were held – along with dinners, meetings, and counsels – during that inspirational week, strong emphasis was also placed upon intensive education and training in all aspects of our global ministry and outreach. Alternating sessions were held in both the Chapel of the Holy Child and the Steamboat Hot Springs Conference Room each day.

At the same time several individuals were ordained to new positions in The Church, assuming their roles in the Great Work – all of which seemed to properly culminate with the ordination of the Right Reverend Yukinori Matsushita as Cardinal Overseer-Bishop of the International Community of Christ in Japan – on the last day of the Convocation, October 12, another special date in our Church's Sacred Calendar. The final reward must surely have been that evening when we hosted an interfaith gathering in the Chapel of the Holy Child, a truly ecumenical milestone in our history, which allowed us to share our Light with leaders representative of several other religions. (See the "Advocates for Religious Rights & Freedoms" article in Spectrum.)

Other stories in this issue discuss the celebration of the twenty-seventh anniversary of God's New Light on August first; our other ecumenical and interfaith activities; the research and development we are undertaking at the Healing Center in affiliation with The Music Guild, Jamilian University, and the Cosolargy Institute; developments and improvements at all of our Church facilities, namely the Rectory-Abbey and the Rectory-Abbey East Wing, the Steamboat Priory, and the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary; in-house education for all our children and the efforts of the Reverend Barbara Whitney and the Right Reverend Ileana Isfan in that undertaking; the special ongoing Sanctuary water project; a look back at events ten years ago in The Community in FROM THE ARCHIVE; and, our several ongoing outreach endeavors, including new editions of *Jamil, Child of Light: Messenger of God*, in English and Japanese, now in production and being made available to the larger global Community.

Thus, to return to the Prophecy to the Christian Churches, we are "building first in America" the New Temple of the Living and "a healing center for men's bodies, minds and spirits." In this way, as People of Light, we may influence humankind to help usher in God's New Age of Light for the good of all. ✠

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Community of Light Observes August 1st

Twenty-Seventh Anniversary of God's New Light Celebrated

On the morning of Friday, August 1, 2008, the Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Jr. officiated sunrise Divine Service at the Church of New Pentecost in recognition of the twenty-seventh observance of the Manifestation of the New Light of God, which appeared over the sun on this date in 1982.

The service was concelebrated by the Right Reverend Sean Savoy, with assistance from the Right Reverends Peter Foust, Robert Petrovich, and Ileana Isfan. The Right Reverend Gary Buchanan, music director for The Church, accompanied the service on keyboard while leading the Jamilian Hand Bell Choir and Church harpist, the Right Reverend Elizabeth Reece.

The announced celebration of August 1 as the day of "God's New Light" is recorded in *The Book of God's Revelation* on page 171. Here it reads:

"And on the first day of August [1982], it being the eighth Sunday following the giving of the Revelation at Pentecost on the sixth day of June, the new Light of God appeared over the face of the sun, confirming the Active Principles of Divine Law. And the whole congregation, gathered at sunrise, saw and felt the gift of the Spirit manifest out of the sun."

The "Active Principles" which were confirmed on this day are referred to as the Twelve Newly Created Principles of Divine Law. They are described in *The Book of God's Revelation* on pages 159-161 as: (1) The Way of God Under the Law, (2) Human Spiritual Rights Under the Law, (3) Theocratic Authority Under the Law, (4) Constitutions and Canons Under the Law, (5) the Second Advent Church Under the



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Ministers reflect to the Sun during the Divine Service at the Church of New Pentecost on August 1, the day on which the new Light of God appeared, confirming the Active Principles of Divine Law.

Law, (6) Second Advent Religious Orders Under the Law, (7) the Religious Estates Under the Law, (8) the Spiritual Nation Under the Law, (9) the Doctrines Under the Law, (10) the Liturgy Under the Law, (11) New Scriptures and Revelations Under the Law, (12) New Religious Codes Under the Law.

God's Newly Created Light confers upon the whole of Creation His Divine Presence and Will as a sign of redemption and as a prelude to the Final Renewal when all things will be restored to the Unified State of God's First Advent.

This conception of the Lights of God's Will and Presence, a conceiving by the Supreme Power of Creation, is a New Act that renovates the whole of Creation by the manifestation of orders of light, discussed in the book.

(Ministers and Consociates of the Community of Light are encouraged to review and meditate upon the complete text.)

Pannuches

The following evening, Saturday, August 2, the forty-second Pannuches Meal Rite was officiated by Cardinal Bishop Right Reverend Sean Savoy, in the Chapel of the Holy Child, at the Apostolic Chancellery in downtown Reno.

The following Sunday morning, August 3, the Jubilee Sunrise Divine Service was observed at the Church of New Pentecost with Bishop Sean Savoy officiating. He was assisted at that service by the Right Reverends Robert Petrovich, Roger Weld, Reano Castell, and Ileana Isfan, again with Right Reverends Buchanan and Reece, and the Jamilian Hand Bell Choir accompanying the service.

Also at the service the congregation was invited to join in on the recitation of the Second Advent version of "The Lord's Prayer," a custom that is henceforth being included in the Divine Ser-

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The Church Hosts International Convocation

Bishop of Japanese Community Installed, Greece Seminar Announced

The October 2008 Convocation and Seminar was held at the Community's Center from Sunday, October 5, through Sunday, October 12. Clergy and Consociates participated from all over the United States, Canada, and Japan. The week long schedule of classes, services, and events culminated with sunrise Divine Service at the Cathedral Church of the Americas, followed by the installation and ordination of the Right Reverend Yukinori Matsushita as bishop of The Community's mission in Japan.

The Convocation began on October 5, as it ended, with Sunrise Divine Service at the Cathedral Church of the Americas at Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary. Following the service, a communal breakfast was served at the Sanctuary's Chapter House, a warm introduction to the week's activities.

Initial registration for Consociates attending the Residence Training Seminar took place at the Chancellery later that afternoon, and from 2:00 to 6:00 PM the first four sessions of the Residence Training II Seminar, *The Oral Gospel as a Life System*, were presented in the Chapel of the Holy Child.

The Residence Training II Seminar continued over the next two days, on Monday, October 6 and Tuesday, October 7, with sessions 5-16 given in the Chapel. The training consisted of core pre-recorded lectures delivered by the late head bishop, the Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Sr., with additional instruction and precepting provided by Residence Training II Seminar monitor, the Rt. Rev. Robert Petrovich.

On Tuesday evening, a welcoming reception for all Consociates was hosted at Bishopstead on Carmel in southwest Reno. It was a warm occasion, at which Head Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. personally welcomed everyone.

The General Convocation began serenely on Wednesday, October 8, with Community Sunrise Service held at the Church of New Mt. Tabor. The isolated open-air church is located in the North Sanctuary of Revelation and is reminiscent of the arid lands surrounding the Dead Sea in Israel (see photo next page).

After the service officiated by Bishop Sean Savoy, a friendly community breakfast was hosted at the



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The Rev. Francine Petrovich introduces the Convocation agenda to attending Consociates.

Chapter House across the valley at the South Sanctuary of Prophecy.

Later that morning, General Convocation check-in was conducted at the Chancellery from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, after which the Chancellor of the Jamilian University, Bishop Sean Savoy, welcomed Consociates to attend the week's series of educational events. Following the Chancellor's welcome, the Reverend Francine Petrovich, Convocation coordinator, introduced the gathering to the week's agenda. The morning's activities came to a close with Communion of Fellowship in the Chapel of the Holy Child, which was officiated by the Rt. Rev. Ileana Isfan.

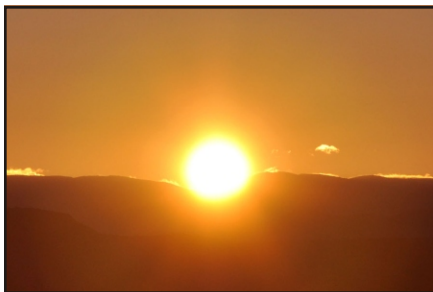
Wednesday's schedule shifted gears in the afternoon to the annual events hosted by the Andean Explorers Foundation & Ocean Sailing Club. At 3:00 PM, the Club's board of directors met to discuss the past year's work and to set the agenda for the upcoming year. The board meeting was held at the Reno's Peppermill Resort-Spa-Casino.

Immediately after the board meeting, Club directors and Club president,

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On Saturday evening, September 20, the forty-third Pannuches Meal Rite was officiated in the Chapel of the



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The solar orb clears the horizon at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary.

Holy Child by Head Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. The homily was a reading from the *Prophecy to the Christian Churches*—Chapter 78, The Gift of Charisma. (Please see FROM THE PULPIT).

The Jubilee Sunrise Divine Service was held the following morning, Sunday, September 21, at the Church of New Pentecost.

Officiating was the Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Jr. Concelebrant was the Right Reverend Sean Savoy, and assisting ministers were Church canons the Right Reverends Peter Foust, Robert Petrovich, and Ileana Isfan. ✠

Sean Savoy, welcomed AEF&OSC members and guests to the 20th Annual "Spirit of Exploration" Awards Program and Meeting, which was held in the Peppermill's luxuriously appointed two-story Sierra Suite (see the full report in SPECTRUM).

In addition to the evening's awards ceremonies, the highlight of the program was the announcement of the launch of a new series of cultural and mystical seminars to be held around the world as part of the Project X: Search for the Secrets of Immortality Research and Study Program. Project X and the AEF&OSC work together to present field seminars and expeditions in remote and often forgotten areas of the world where vestiges of ancient solar cultures are known to have existed. The first seminar-tour in the new series is scheduled to take place in Greece in the spring of 2009 (see ad on page 13).

The main portion of the 2008 Convocation for Second Advent clergy centered around the Ministerial Instruction Seminar, a series of residence training lectures focusing on advanced training for ministers of the Second Advent Community. The seminar ran from Thursday, October 9, through Friday, October 10, and included the Clergy Counsels lectures delivered annually.

The Thursday agenda included liturgical training in the morning with a lecture and discussion of the major and minor orders of The Church,



The Rt. Rev. Sean Savoy demonstrates ministers' canonicals and vestments with the assistance of (from left to right) the Rev. Deaconess Rhys Andrews, the Rev. Barbara Whitney and the Rev. Amanda Buchanan.



Ministers and guests gather at dawn on the morning of Wednesday, October 8, at the Church of New Mt. Tabor for Community Sunrise, northland Sanctuary of Revelation.

ecclesiology, vestments and vessels used in liturgical rites, and an introduction to the The Church's various rites and sacraments, such as baptism, confirmation and emancipation for children. The morning's presentation was delivered by the Rt. Rev. Sean Savoy.

In the afternoon, discussion of specific appointments of ministers to outreach and communications ministries took place in the Chapel of the Holy Child. The Ministerial Instruction Seminar for clergy continued into Thursday afternoon with discussion of ministerial appointments to pastoral, chaplaincy, and missionary ministries, as well as to educational, teaching and research ministries.

That evening, several Consociates visited the Healing Center and Spa at Steamboat Hot Springs to enjoy the geothermal mineral baths.

Also on Thursday, residence training sessions for students of The Academy continued with the Color and Sacred Imagery Seminar held at the Steamboat Hot Springs Conference Room. This Residence Training III program extended through Saturday, October 11.

Friday morning's Community Sunrise service intended to be held at the open-air Church of New Philadelphia in the North Sanctuary had to be cancelled due to an unexpected snowstorm; however, Consociates were able to gather at the Sanctuary's Chapter House for breakfast.

Following the morning flurries, all returned to the Chapel of the Holy Child for the annual Clergy Counsels lecture delivered by the Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy, Jr. The lecture treated on the

purpose and reasons behind chanting and the use of hand gestures (*mantras* and *mudras* in the Indian tradition) especially as they pertain to the liturgical rites of The Church. Source material for the lecture included the *Solar Teachings of India* symposium, the *Christoanalysis* symposium and the *Prophecy of the End Times*, as well as heretofore undelivered material prepared by the late head bishop, the Most Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy, Sr.

Beginning at 1:00 PM that afternoon, the Ministerial Instruction Seminar continued with liturgical training sessions. The first lecture, delivered by the Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy, Jr. was titled "The First Communion of The Church" and pertained to a full description of the Communion rite of bread and water, its symbology and its importance and meaning to Cosolargists and Second Advent ministers.

Following the lecture, the Rt. Rev. Sean Savoy conducted a workshop in the Chapel of the Holy Child for clergy, instructing them in the performance of Communion and other rites of The Church, including baptism and anointing of the sick. The presentation was video taped for future use in residence training programs.

In the evening, a repeat session of last year's Ceremonial Christology program for ministers was presented in the Chapel. The video of the liturgical training session describing the use of the home altar or shrine for daily ablutions, anointing and self-baptism, provided detailed instruction for ministers.

The weekend began with Communion of Fellowship service at the Cha-

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pel of the Holy Child. The morning's sermon touched on several themes: (1) the formation of The Community's new mission in Japan and related projects such as the upcoming publication of the Japanese version of the *Jamil* text, the establishment of the Cosolargy Institute of Japan, and the Solar Cultures Promotion Society in Japan; (2) the meaning of the theological concepts of the First and Second Advents of God and Christ which will be further described in the new edition of the *Miracle of the Second Advent* book, first published in 1984; (3) the formation of the Episcopal Overseer and Council of Light Bishops and the true purpose behind the global International Community of Cosolargy – a new-world religion composed of all the world's religions under the Light.

The Saturday agenda ended with the annual Counsels Dinner hosted at the Rectory-Abbey on Carmel. The gathering was a time for clergy, ministers-in-training, studying Consociates and guests to enjoy each other's company at a sit-down dinner prepared by The Community's staff. Preparations for the meal were overseen by the Reverend Francine Petrovich, who designed the Mediterranean menu.

Hors d'ouvres consisted of heirloom tomatoes, Greek olives, mozzarella cheese, olive oil, fresh basil, and artisan bread. The main course featured Chicken Suprême in Velouté Sauce with fingerling potatoes and French beans almondine, accompanied by Potage Crécy (baby spinach garnish). The vegetarian option was Mediterranean



Dr. Oswald Kirindongo, Consociate from the Netherland Antilles, and Sonya Savoy enjoy conversation at the Counsels Dinner.



Bishop Yukinori Matsushita.

polenta with marinara sauce, fontina cheese and mixed greens. Dessert was a choice of dark chocolate mousse torte with berries or white chocolate mousse with berries. Wine, coffee and tea were also served.

On the morning of Sunday, October 12, everyone attending the Convocation gathered in the pre-dawn hours at the grand Cathedral Church of the Americas at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary for Sunrise Divine Service. Resident and visiting clergy were vested in blue, while studying Consociates in The Academy donned white stoles with a light blue olive branch motif. Officiating the morning service was the head bishop, the Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy, Jr. The Rt. Rev. Sean Savoy, cardinal bishop, concelebrated.

The highlight of the Convocation was perhaps the ordination Yukinori Matsushita to the episcopate of the Second Advent Church and his installation as Overseer-Bishop of The Community's mission in Japan. With his installation, the Rt. Rev. Matsushita assumed the title of Cardinal Bishop of The Community and became a member of the Episcopal Overseer.

The canon-overseers of The Community joined the head overseer and the cardinal overseer, the Rt. Revs. Gene Savoy, Jr. and Sean Savoy, in performing the solemn rite. Members of the Japanese congregation assisted with the investiture of Bishop Matsushita, and the Rev. Deaconess Yaeno Sanada blessed the new bishop

SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICES

RED ROCK CONSECRATED SANCTUARY

Officiating Minister
The Right Reverend
Gene Savoy, Jr.

Concelebrating Minister
The Right Reverend Sean Savoy

*Assisting Canons**
The Right Reverends
Reano Castell, Carol Ann Crabb,
Peter Foust, Ileana Isfan,
Robert Petrovich, and Roger Weld

Music Director
The Right Reverend
Gary Buchanan

2008	Church	Time*
Aug.	3+**New Pentecost	5:46
	10 New Pentecost	5:53
	17 New Pentecost	5:59
	24 New Pentecost	6:11
	31 New Pentecost	6:11
Sept.	7 New Pentecost	6:18
	14 New Pentecost	6:25
	21+ New Pentecost	6:31
	28 Cathedral Church	6:38
Oct.	5 Cathedral Church	6:45
	12 Cathedral Church	6:51
	19## Cathedral Church	7:13
	26 Cathedral Church	7:25

* Indicates service time, not sunrise time.

+ Jubilee following Pannuches Meal

** Bishop Sean Savoy officiated in place Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr.

Assigned Canons of The Church assist in rotation at the Communion Table with the Head Bishop and Cardinal Bishop

Community Sunrise due to the Bishops' absence

with a song sung in her native tongue. Communion of Fellowship, which Bishop Matsushita concelebrated was held at the Cathedral following the ceremony.

That afternoon, Bishop Matsushita joined fellow ministers in an interfaith Service for World Peace at the Chapel of the Holy Child (see SPECTRUM.) ✕

Advocates for Religious Rights & Freedoms

On the evening of Sunday, October 12, 2008, the Advocates for Religious Rights & Freedoms hosted a Service for World Peace: In Celebration of Human Spiritual Rights, Honoring Mahatma Gandhi, in the Chapel of the Holy Child. The service came at the end of the 2008 Annual Convocation of Ministers and Consociates of the International Community of Christ also being held that week in Reno.

The invited ecumenical clergy gathered before the service in Bishop Gene Savoy Jr.'s chambers and Chancellery vestibule for fellowship and photo-

graphs. All clergy then moved into the Chapel of the Holy Child, accompanied by traditional Indian music – known to be favorites of Mahatma Gandhi, who was the personage being honored.

Following a welcome by the Right Reverend Robert Petrovich, Head Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. presented the Opening Address.

The interfaith service proper then began with a musical prelude, “Meditation” from the Sunrise Divine Service of the Second Advent Church, performed by the Right Reverend Gary Buchanan, Music Director at the organ.

The Invocation was given by the Right Reverend Sean Savoy, accompa-



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Roya Galata represented the Baha'i Faith at the Interfaith Service hosted by ICC during the 2008 annual Convocation.

COMMUNION SERVICES

APOSTOLIC CHANCELLERY

The Chapel of the Holy Child

Saturday 10:00 AM

Officiating Minister

The Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Jr.

2008	<i>Assisting Ministers</i>	2008	<i>Assisting Ministers</i>
Aug. 2	Ileana Isfan (L) Nola Slevin (C) Jonathan Kanzelmeyer (R)	Oct. 4	Ileana Isfan (L) Amanda Buchanan (C) Jonathan Kanzelmeyer (R)
9	Robert Petrovich (L) Francine Petrovich (C) Rhys Andrews (R)	11	Robert Petrovich (L) Larry Coesens (C) Jalayne Grady (R)
16	Elizabeth Reece (L) Robert Roy (C) Shane Grady (R)	18	Elizabeth Reece (L) + Mary Foust (C) Michael Spohn (R)
23	Sean Savoy (L) Ted Staver (C) Claudia Grady (R)	25	Sean Savoy (L) Carol Ann Crabb (C) Caludia Grady (R)
30	Rebecca Willis (L) Michael McIntyre (C) Gabriel Kanzelmeyer (R)	+ Officiating Minister for Low Service	
Sept. 6	Roger Weld (L) Michael Spohn (C) Amanda Buchanan (R)	(L) = Lector	
13	Gary Buchanan (L) Michael Tamburello (C) Stephan Fuelling (R)	(C) = Cantor	
20	Reanno Castell (L) Herman Aggenbach (C) Jonathan Kanzelmeyer (R)	(R) = Reader	
27	Peter Foust (L) Barbara Whitney (C) Rhys andrews (R)		

nied by the musical selection “Sacred Canons.”

Recitations and prayers were offered by Rajan Zed, head of the Hindu community in northern Nevada; the Reverend Dr. William Bartlett, Buddhist priest and Second Advent Clergyman; Bishop Paul Clemens, representing northern California’s Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch, Malabar Rite; Roya Galata of the Baha’i Faith – who canted a traditional prayer; and Father George Wolf, representing the Roman Catholic Diocese of Reno.

The Benediction was given by the Right Reverend Yukinori Matsushita in Japanese, accompanied by the Second Advent music, “Baptismal Hymn.” The words of the prayer were a translation of the Second Advent hymn, “Grant Life Unto Me.” Earlier that day, the Right Reverend Matsushita had been ordained bishop and head of the Japanese Mission of The Church.

The congregational hymn “Grant Life Unto Me” was then sung by all present, but this time in English, the words of which were composed by the late Head Bishop of the Second Advent Church, the Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Sr. – to accompany the melody of the well known cantus,

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“Dona Nobis Pacem.”

The final Prayer for World Peace was delivered by Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. accompanied by the Second Advent music, “The Divine Marriage.”

The event was well publicized, appearing even in the Indian press on the Internet. An article appearing in Newstrack India stated, “Various religions and denominations came together in Nevada (USA) on Sunday to honour peace icon Mahatma Gandhi, to pray for world peace, and celebrate human spiritual rights. Organized jointly by the Gandhi Monument Council and the Advocates for Religious Rights & Freedoms at the International Community of Christ World Headquarters in Reno, this peace celebration united Christians (various denominations), Muslims, Hindus, Buddhist, Bahais: including some from Japan, Minnesota, California, etc.

“Right Reverend Gene Savoy Jr., President of Advocates for Religious Rights & Freedoms, in his keynote address, said that all members of the human race were members of the same family, regardless of social or national origins, and had no right to cause physical, mental, or spiritual harm to another by any means whatsoever, for such was against the will of God and the conscience of man as a spiritual being.”



ROGER WELD

Ministers who participated in the Interfaith Service presented by the Advocates for Religious Rights & Freedoms during the 2008 Convocation from left to right: the Rt. Rev. Yukinori Matsushita, the Rev. Dr. William Bartlett, Rajan Zed, the Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy, Jr., Roya Galata, Father George Wolf, the Rt. Rev. Sean Savoy, Bishop Paul Clemens, and Rt. Rev. Robert Petrovich.

Andean Explorers Foundation & Ocean Sailing Club

On Wednesday, October 8, 2008, as part of the annual Convocation of the International Community of Christ, the Andean Explorers Foundation & Ocean Sailing Club hosted its 20th Annual “Spirit of Exploration” Awards Program and Annual Meeting at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino in Reno.

The events also included the launch of a new series of Project X Lectures

and Seminar tours, the first of which is to be the upcoming “Mysteries of Ancient Greece” scheduled for May 20 - June 3, 2009.

The AEF&OSC board of directors convened for their annual meeting from 4:00-5:00 PM earlier that day. In attendance were President Sean Savoy, Vice-President Gary Buchanan, Treasurer Roger Weld, Secretary Jalayne Grady, Gerald Simonson, Jim Elliot, Yukinori Matsushita, Ben Hubbard, and Alfonso Seoane. Guests were Peter Foust and Gene Savoy, Jr.

Discussions centered around Young Explorers International, the Foundation Orchestra Association, the upcoming Project X Greece undertaking, and the President’s visit to New York and Maryland where he met with literary agent Elizabeth Berney. Emphasis was placed upon increasing AEF&OSC membership.

Approval was given by the board for nomination of Alex Chinoetti to receive the Explorer’s Medal in honor of his achievements in exploration.

Under new business, numerous topics were covered, including President Savoy’s travels and communications with other colleagues and workers within the AEF& OSC community, potential upcoming expeditions and contacts with individuals in Peru, and future media and publishing undertak-



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Miyuki Okayama performing a traditional Japanese dance at the AEF & OSC Awards Banquet

ings. Also discussed was removal of the remains of the sixty-foot schooner Feathered Serpent II from exposure to the elements, and the creation of a smaller replica for the Gene Savoy Heritage Museum.

The Awards Dinner began with cocktails at 5:30 PM and was well attended in the dining area shortly thereafter. Vice-President Buchanan gave the opening welcome, which was followed by the traditional candle lighting, performed by Francine Petrovich, AEF&OSC Dinner Coordinator. The musical selection “Triumphale Anthem: *The Spirit of Exploration*” was played while all present stood.

The annual report was presented by President Sean Savoy in which he announced the anticipated upcoming activities and projects of the organization. That report was followed by the traditional eleven tolls on the ship’s bell – the “Explorers’ Tribute,” this year in memory of deceased supporters George Carlin and Stephanie Petrovich.

A traditional Japanese dance was then performed by AEF&OSC member Miyuki Okayama. Gene Savoy, Jr. followed with a discussion of the planned Project X– “Mysteries of Ancient Greece” tour while images of scenic Greek sites and locations were projected onto a large screen nearby.

Concluding activities included a

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SUNDAY OPEN-AIR COMMUNION SERVICES

RED ROCK CONSECRATED SANCTUARY

Sanctuary of Revelation & Sanctuary of Prophecy

2008		Church	Time	Officiating Minister
Aug.	3	New Philadelphia	8:00	Sean Savoy
		New Qumran	8:30	Robert Petrovich
		New Bethany	9:00	Shane Grady
	10	New Ephesus	8:00	Elizabeth Reece
		Christian Churches	9:00	Francine Petrovich
		End Times	9:30	Mary Foust
	17	New Mt. Tabor	9:00	Michael Tamburello
		New Mt. Carmel	9:30	Ted Staver
		New Mt. Hebron	10:00	Gary Huss, Sr.
	24	New Covenant	8:00	Reanno Castell
		Races of Man	8:30	Ben Hubbard
		End Times	9:00	Michael Spohn
	31	Americas	8:00	Ileana Isfan
		Universal Theocracy	8:30	Rebecca Willis
Golden Age of Light		9:00	Nola slevin	
Sept.	7	New Ephesus	8:00	Greg Klinedinst
		Golden Age of Light	9:00	Michael Tamburello
		Universal Theocracy	9:30	Herman Aggenbach
	14	Christian Churches	8:30	Roger Weld
		Races of Man	9:00	Gary Buchanan
	21	Americas	9:00	Rhys andrews
	28	New Mt. Tabor	8:30	Larry Coesens
New Mt. Carmel		9:00	Robert Roy	
Oct.	5	New Mt. Hebron	9:30	Bruce Kanzelmeyer
		Universal Theocracy	8:30	Sean Savoy
		New Covenant	9:00	Robert Petrovich
	12	Races of Man	9:30	Shane Grady
		(NSH)		
	19	New Mt. Tabor	8:45	Amanda Buchanan
		New Mt. Carmel	9:15	Francine Petrovich
	26	Christian Churches	8:30	Michael McIntyre
		End Times	9:00	Ted Staver
		Americas	9:30	Gary Huss, Sr.

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ceremonial toast, a tour sign-up in the back of the room, presentation of awards and raffle prizes, and concluding remarks by Secretary Grady.

Convocation

The annual Convocation of the International Community of Christ was hosted during the week of October 4 – 12 (see Feature Story). The tentative dates for the Fall, 2009 Convocation are September 14 – 20.

Ecumenical & Interfaith

NEVADA CLERGY ATTEND INTERFAITH LUNCHEON

The Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Jr., Head Bishop of The Church, along with the Right Reverend Robert Petrovich, and the Reverend Bill Bartlett, attended the bi-annual interfaith lunch of the Nevada Clergy Association at Temple Sinai, Reno, on Thursday, September 4, 2008. The event is a regularly scheduled interfaith luncheon attended by the interfaith community.

During the luncheon, Bishop Savoy announced the Project X “Mysteries of Ancient Greece” research project, scheduled for May 20 - June 3, 2009, sponsored by the Cosolargy Institute in affiliation with the Andean Explorers Foundation.

He also announced the interfaith

service scheduled by the International Community of Christ to be held on October 12, 2008, and invited the interfaith clergy to participate. Toward the end of the luncheon, Right Reverend Savoy presented Rabbi Myra Soifer with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Nevada Clergy Association.

SIERRA FOUNDATION HOSTS ANNUAL EVENT

On Thursday evening, October 16, 2008, the Right Reverend Rebecca Willis and the Reverend Deaconess Rhys Andrews attended the Sierra Foundation’s 5th Annual Dialogue and Friendship Dinner at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. The ministers were attending in the place of Head Bishop Savoy, who was unable to be there.

The order of events included a welcoming reception and speech, a presentation with regard to the work of the Sierra Foundation, dinner, a taped message from former President Bill Clinton, a keynote address by Councilman David Aliazzi, a performance of the song “Not of Us,” followed by a roundtable discussion and closing remarks.

Founded in 2004, the mission of the Sierra Foundation is to “unite the global communities through interfaith dialog by sharing the differences in cultures and religions in an effort to achieve world peace in the foreseeable future.”

MEMORIAL MASS HELD FOR SISTER MARY YASCOLT

On the morning of October 29, 2008, a Memorial Mass for Sister Mary Margaret Yascolt, OCD, of the Carmelite Monastery of Reno, was held at that location. Attending on behalf of the Church of the Second Advent was the Reverend Deaconess Rhys Andrews.

Reverend Andrews reports, “After two concerts in Reno to benefit the new Family Assistance Center, Sister Mary Margaret, as part of the Carmelite Trio (piano, flute, and violoncello), went to New Orleans for a fund-raising performance in the Cathedral of Louis. The ‘Afternoon of Musical Reflection’ raised funds for Mount Carmel Academy, a school for girls, following the devastation by Hurricane Katrina. It was while Sister Mary Margaret was away that she passed suddenly.

“The Memorial Mass was celebrated by Bishop Randolph Calvo and attended by other Catholic clergy. Also in attendance was Reno Mayor Robert Cashell and numerous friends of Sister Mary Margaret. It was a beautiful service full of light, laughter, tears, music and good stories of the Sister’s life.”

Sister Mary Margaret was flautist in the Carmelite Trio, a group recognized nationally as of high musical standards. Her “music” will be missed by all who knew her.

Guilds

MUSIC GUILD UNDERTAKES NEW VENTURES

In July-August, The Music Guild published a new book by the Right Reverend Gary Buchanan entitled *SONA: Healing with Wave Front BIOresonance*. The 526-page text, with accompanying CDs, is a compilation of Reverend Buchanan’s 33 years of research and development in healing with sound, light, and color. This research, being conducted under the auspices of The Church and the Cosolargy Institute, is ongoing and contributes to the lesson materials of the Jamilian University

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From Left to Right: Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr., Pastor Carl Wilfred, Dr. Tom Butler, Rajan Zed, Dr. Clair Earl, Reverend Ron Arnold, and Rabbi Anne Persin at the interfaith luncheon.

NEVADA CLERGY ASSOCIATION

and the therapies being developed and utilized at the Healing Center at Steamboat Hot Springs.

In just three months orders for the volume have been received from the U.S., Canada, the U.K., France, the Netherlands, Spain, Germany, Austria, Colombia, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, and the United Arab Emirates. The publication, aside from being a landmark presentation of 21st century vibrational healing technologies, also serves as an outreach vehicle for the Community of Christ.

Following the Annual Convocation in October, during October 15-21, the Right Reverends Buchanan and Yukinori Matsushita traveled to the United Kingdom where they met with the inventor of modern cymatic therapy, Dr. Sir Peter Guy Manners, and presented him with a copy of the book. Over two days the physician reviewed the text, was delighted with its contents, and expressed pleasure that the two minister-researchers are carrying on his work.

While in England, they also met with several other vibrational therapists, scientists, and manufacturers of therapeutic instrumentation. These distinguished individuals included John Reid (acoustician, author, and founder

Keswick). Reverends Buchanan and Matsushita also spent time with Reverend Matsushita's daughters, two lovely young graduates of Harrow in London, and finished off the trip with a dinner in the Harrow district.

Reverend Buchanan is currently scheduled to attend the Third Annual International Sound Healing Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where his book will be offered in the conference bookstore, and where he will meet with other colleagues involved with research and development in these revolutionary new technologies of healing with sound, color, and light.

The Music Guild is prospering, with books sales and generous donations in support of its work. All undertakings of the Guild are financed by sale of books, CDs, and DVDs, along with donations.

Hospitality

During the Fall, The Church and the Jamilian University welcomed into its membership local resident Sarah Toney. Sarah has become a Consociate in the Teachings of Light, currently undertaking studies in Academy I.

The Reverend Deacon Bob Anderson is in the process of moving from California to the Community's Center in Reno. Reverend Anderson has also been serving as copy editor for the *Community Communique*.

In addition, many guests, members of the interfaith community, and friends have been visiting the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary more and more, with many attending Divine Service at sunrise on Sundays.

Outreach

The Church has initiated its new direct mail program which includes two post cards offering the *Jamil: Child of Light* book in soft cover for the low cost of postage and handling.

The outreach is intended to introduce individuals to the School of Light. A compiled list of over 3,000 names and addresses has been provided by the Association for Research & Enlightenment centered at Virginia Beach,

Virginia, the organization established by the late Edgar Cayce.

Priory

At The Church's Priory located at Steamboat Hot Springs, the Right Reverend Ileana Isfan has been overseeing landscaping projects – along with Right Reverend Gary Buchanan and others on weekend work crews and at other times. A new entryway to the Healing Center and Spa has been installed with beautiful slate tiles, and renovations are beginning at the production studio across the street.

Research

Under the auspices of the Cosology Institute, the Right Reverend Buchanan and The Music Guild are continuing research into healing with light and color according to the principles and approaches discussed in Reverend Buchanan's recent publication, *SONA: Healing with Wave Front BIOresonance*. This research is also being undertaken with a view toward the creation of additional new student materials for the Academy Program of the Jamilian University.

Sacred Overseer

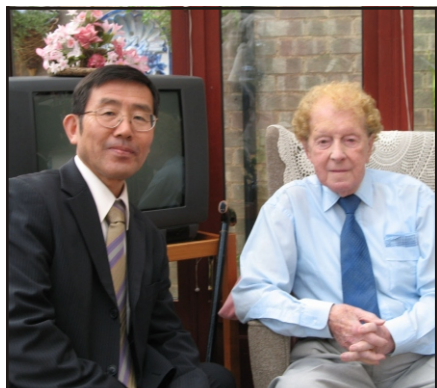
In a meeting held just prior to the 2008 Annual Convocation, the Sacred Overseer of the International Community of Christ unanimously approved the scheduled Ordination of the Reverend Yukinori Matsushita of Japan as Bishop of the Church of the Second Advent in Japan and head of the Community of Christ in that nation.

Sanctuary

WORK CREWS UNDERTAKE SANCTUARY RENOVATIONS

During the fall numerous work projects were begun and several accomplished at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary. Under the direction of the Right Reverend Sean Savoy, work crews

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GARY ROBERT BUCHANAN

Bishop Yukinori Matsushita visits with Dr. Peter Manners in London.

of Sonic-Age America, LLC); Trevor Hudson (founder of Telesound, Ltd.); Dame Irene Loudon of Glasgow (cymatic therapist and celebrated physician); Louis Elmes (cymatic therapist operating a clinic in Bogota); and, Christine Gould (cymatic therapist in

gathered each Sunday from August 10 through September 14 at various outdoor churches to clean up, repair tables and crosses, and beautify the grounds. Those assisting with these weekend projects were: the Reverends Gary Buchanan, Robert Roy, Gary Huss Sr., Herman Augenbach, and Dr. Stephan Fuelling, Jonathan Kanzelmeyer and Gabriel Kanzelmeyer.

In the South Land vestry racks were installed and benches placed at the Church of the Christian Churches and the Church of the New Covenant. In the North Land tables were repaired, crosses erected, and vestry racks and benches installed at the open-air churches of New Philadelphia, New Qumran, New Bethany, New Mt. Tabor, New Mt. Hebron, and New Laodicea.



STEPHAN FUELLING

Reverend Rob Roy helps to erect a new cross at the Church of New Philadelphia

From September 21 until the week of October 5, additional work crews focused their attention at the Cathedral Church of the Americas in preparation for the upcoming Convocation. These crews included the Reverends Peter Foust, Ted Staver, Michael McIntyre and Steve Larson.

GEOLOGIST STUDIES FORMATIONS AT RED ROCK

On October 26 the Reverend Michael McIntyre met with local geologist Sarah Shepard who performed mineralogical and geophysical analyses of the

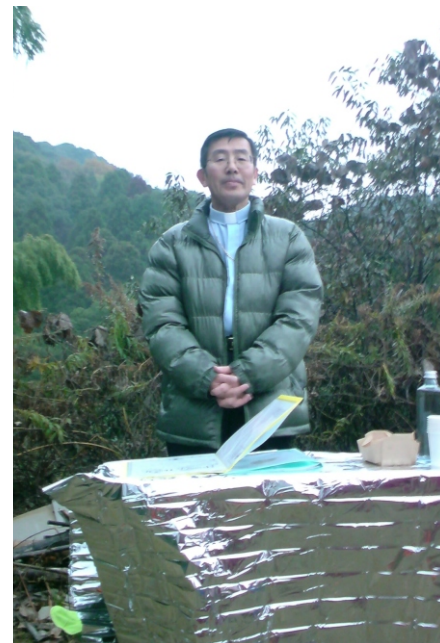
lands at the Sanctuary. Sites visited included the Church of New Pentecost, the Cathedral Church of the Americas, the Monastery Gardens, the Church of the Universal Theocracy, the Church of the Golden Age of Light, and the Abbey of Monte Viejo site. Some 15-20 mineral samples were collected, and additional samples will be collected from the Church of the Races of Man, the Church of the End Times, the Church of the Golden Age of Light, and the Church of New Epiphany. Thereafter, a special study will be undertaken on the Temple Mount.

In time Ms. Shepherd expects to be able to put together an overall probable historical assessment of certain rock formations in the general area. Meanwhile, large 10-12 foot outcroppings of quartz crystal were discovered on Sanctuary grounds, with crystals “as large as soccer balls,” according to Reverend McIntyre.

Liturgy

The Reverend Deaconess Rhys Andrews and Consociate Jonathan Kanzelmeyer are taking Chaplaincy classes under the direction of the Reverend Bill Bartlett at St. Mary’s Hospital in Reno. The hospital is located directly east of the Church Chancellery on Elm Street in Reno. The Volunteer Chaplaincy Course began on October 19, with the initial orientation taking place through October 26, 2008.

On October 20 the training began with a full day of talks, films, and hospital tours as a general introduction to St. Mary’s facilities. Ninety percent of those participating were new staff members. The overall training, which includes individual as well as class instruction, prepares the participants to function as volunteer chaplains in various departments within the hospital. This brief period of instruction is for volunteer chaplaincy and is not full-time service, but it does provide the hospital’s Spiritual Care Development with dedicated individuals who wish to assist the professional staff with the challenges that require a compassionate, spiritual presence.



KEIKO INOUE

The Right Reverend Yukinori Matsushita, Cardinal Overseer-Bishop, holding sunrise service in Japan at Mt. Koura.

Follow-up meetings of the ministers are held quarterly at the hospital, and the Church is delighted that Reverend Bartlett has initiated this opportunity for the Church of the Second Advent and its ministers.

Missionary

Since establishing the first international mission in Japan, under the direction of the Right Reverend Yukinori Matsushita (See the FEATURE STORY in the Summer, 2008 edition of the *Community Communique*), plans are underway for locating a physical center there. The formal announcement of the formal establishment of The Community in the Land of the Rising Sun was announced in October of 2007 during the Annual Convocation by the Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Jr., who explained the Church’s outreach campaign and directive to reach the religions and peoples of the entire world.

As part of this mission to and in that country, a new Japanese edition of Jamil, Child of Light: Messenger of God, is now in production and will shortly be made available.

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COMMUNION SERVICES

APOSTOLIC
CHANCELLERY

The Chapel of the Holy Child

Wednesday 12:00 Noon

2008 *Officiating Minister*

Aug. 6	Robert Petrovich
13	Barbara Whitney
20	Peter Foust
27	Ben Hubbard
Sept. 3	Francine Petrovich
10	Ted Staver
17	Rhys Andrews
24	Amanda Buchanan
Oct. 1	Gene Savoy, Jr.
8	Ileana Isfan
15	Sean Savoy
22	Michael McIntyre
29	Elizabeth Reece

FELLOWSHIP SERVICES

STEAMBOAT PRIORY

The Chapel of the Roses

Friday 9:00 AM

2008 *Officiating Minister*

Aug. 1	Roger Weld
8	Robert Petrovich
15	Peter Foust
22	Barbara Whitney
29	Gene Savoy, Jr.
Sept. 5	Amanda Buchanan
12	Sean Savoy
19	Elizabeth Reece
26	Barbara Whitney
Oct. 3	Ben Hubbard
10	(NSH)
17	Robert Petrovich
24	Michael McIntyre
31	Carol Ann Crabb

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Studio

The Production Department has been setting up a new and better digital color printer for The Church's publications, as well as a new soft cover printer and binder in preparation for the new outreach publication of *Jamil, Child of Light: Messenger of God*.

Youth & Family:

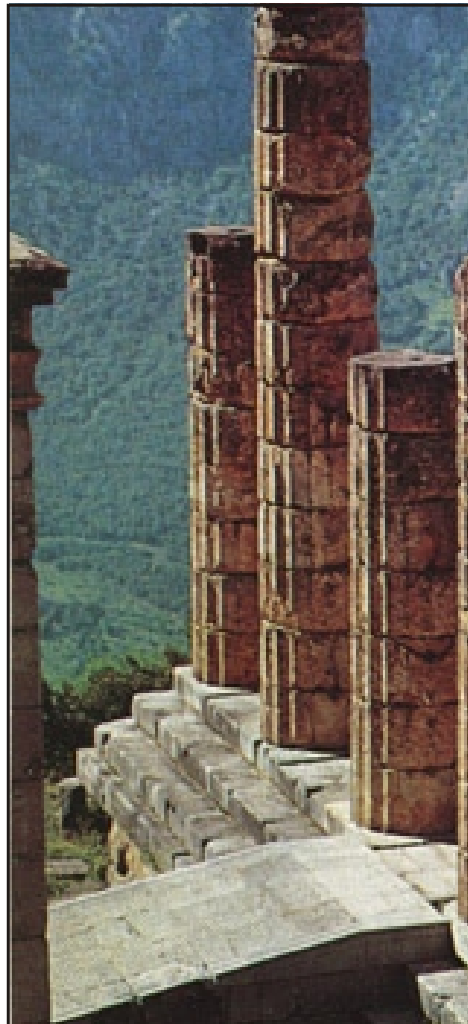
The bi-weekly scheduled classes of Religious Studies for the youth of the Church began on Saturday, September 13, under the direction of the Reverend Barbara Whitney and will continue through June 20, 2009.

Studies this year are focused upon traditional or First Dispensation Christianity and the Holy Bible. Classes run for approximately two hours every other Saturday and are held in the

Steamboat Hot Springs conference room. Homework assignments vary depending upon the age of each student.

During this year's term students will visit five First Dispensation Churches in the Reno area. These field trips will not only allow children to observe and learn about other Christian churches and their teachings, but will also help the youths to learn tolerance of other faiths and belief systems different from those of the Second Advent Church. They will learn about different Christian denominations and the history of Christianity, while also discussing the overall dogma and creeds of traditional First Dispensation Christianity.

In addition to the regular academic training, the children are also invited to participate in other field trips, craft activities, and parties throughout the year. ✚



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From the Archive

FALL 1998

Compiled by Robert Petrovich

In August 1998, the second leg of the Grand Ophir Expedition undertaken by the Andean Explorers Foundation & Ocean Sailing Club came to an unexpected and disastrous end.

The second leg of the around-the-world Grand Ophir Sea Expedition began on August 5 as the Feathered Serpent III-Ophir set sail from Haleiwa, Hawaii, en route to Brisbane, Australia with Captain Gene Savoy and six crew members. (Captain Savoy's original plan to sail to Japan was altered after he received confirmation of reports earlier this year of piracy along the coasts of the Philippines, China, Southeast Asia and Malaysia.) For months in Hawaii, the crew made repairs to decks, masts, and rigging damaged during the Christmas Eve 1997 storm they experienced in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

The voyage from Hawaii to Brisbane, Australia was expected to take approximately 40 days, depending upon the winds. The crew planned to depart from Australia in early 1999 and to head for Bombay, India. In subsequent years, the expedition planned landfalls in such countries as Zimbabwe, Egypt, Israel, Greece, Spain, the British Isles, Mexico, and Brazil, among others.

The voyage embarked from Hawaii on schedule; however, things did not go as planned. The voyage of the Feathered Serpent III to Australia was cut short after fourteen days. The original ship's log and all charts were lost at sea and the voyage towards Australia only achieved a final position SSW of Hawaii below the equator towards the Phoenix Island.

What was it like awaiting sea rescue in shark-infested waters in the South Pacific following a ship wreck? Crew member Gary Buchanan has strung together a full journal account of the



Captain Gene Savoy at the helm of the Feathered Serpent III - Ophir, December, 1997, with James Elliott, Mauricio Barbis, Ron Theriault, and Peter Foust manning the rigging.

COURTESY: El Comercio, Lima

twenty-four-hour wait and rescue. It is available on the web site of the AEF & OSC in the Grand Ophir Expedition section under the title "Passage to Australia."

Work crews at the Red Rock Sanctuary of Prophecy constructed a large water reservoir during the Fall of 1998, digging, lining, and stoning the water enclosure over a period of several weeks and nearly completing it before the October Convocation.

The four Counsels lectures delivered during Convocation October 7-13 by Bishop Gene Savoy Sr identified 1998 as the year of "coming out" and explained the transubstantiate state of being indicated by the symbol "X" as well as the stages of experience the individual goes through on the way to that state. On the final day of Convocation week, members of The Community gathered with invitees from the public and local press to attend the first public Project "X" Symposium—*The Search for the Secrets of Immortality*—held at the Airport Plaza Hotel on the afternoon of October 14 as a prelude to the Andean Explorers Foundation annual "Spirit of Exploration" dinner that evening.

Residents and non-residents toured the Northland Sanctuary to visit the Seven Churches of Revelation during one afternoon of the October 2009 Convocation, so that the Rectors and Deacons assigned to each of the seven

churches might gather together for the first time at the mountain church sites to read the messages revealed there. On the afternoon of the following day, a similar tour took place at the Southland Sanctuary to allow Rectors and Deacons of the Churches of Prophecy to visit those churches and read there passages from the Prophecies of Jamil.

Insight

***Survivors of Atlantis: Their Impact on World Culture* by Frank Joseph (Bear & Company, 2004)**

and

***The Cycle of Catastrophes: Flood, Fire, and Famine in the History of Civilization* by Richard Firestone, Allan West, and Simon Warwick-Smith (Bear & Company, 2006)**

by Ileana Isfan

Atlantis – fact or fantasy! "Science is retrieving the pieces of a seminal image fragmented and suppressed by a long-ago dark age." A worldwide, and wider, though it only behooves us to consider our own back yard, megadrama began 41,000 years ago. Possibly the earliest cosmic catastrophe that afflicted Earth as greatly since life

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began on it is the explosion of a supernova close to Earth so long ago. The colossal flash, silent on Earth, that filled the sky glittered as it grew brighter for some weeks and remained visible during the day for many months. The aftermath of radiations caused widespread extinctions and human genetic mutations that led to, among other things, large brain size resulting in a burst of creativity.

Then about 34,000 years ago, the first shock wave from the supernova explosion passed over the Earth. There may not have been any great fanfare, but the Earth suffered increased comet and asteroid impacts, as well as radiations and bombardments of small ions and particles. A second shock wave arrived 16,000 years ago with objects similar to those from the first shock wave. Continuing to be bombarded by more solid material, accompanied by more visible material or rays 13,000 years ago, the Northern Hemisphere was largely targeted.

Such a cosmic event could hardly have failed to leave a wealth of folklore from around the world. Men and women of preclassical times were eyewitnesses to the catastrophes, and their stories have endured for ages in myths and fables. Modern scientific tools and research techniques are able to correlate eyewitness accounts of major events chronicled in oral traditions with physical events and show how legends are related and originated in cosmic, global catastrophes.

For those who might wonder just what kind of effects the events themselves left, a reading of *The Cycle of Catastrophes* is suggested. This book outdoes any mystery novel for a fascinating account of reality. This suggestion is not only for corroboration of the timing and effects of the cosmic catastrophes on the fate of Atlantis, but for the continuing influence of these events on our current civilization – influences ranging from geological features, natural radioactivity, radiations from the heavens, genetic effects on people and animals, mass extinctions, climate, mutations, population expansions and declines, the effects of the explosion of a

supernova, the continuing extinctions that began 41,000 years ago, to present chemical and mineral levels, etc. The exploration for the geology of the Americas, alone, is worth the reading.

Knowledge of the cycles and effects of cosmic catastrophes provides pertinent and useful information for understanding the existence and demise of Atlantis. It also helps to explain the sudden fall of civilizations and almost simultaneous rise of others due to the superior knowledge and technologies

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brought by the migrating survivors.

The ideas proposed in the *Survivors of Atlantis* text are radically different from those taught by generations of mainstream educators. What has been, for the most part, considered more myth and fantasy, is presented within the context of scientific evidence that is strongly corroborated by stories and traditions of numerous cultures around the world – from classical Greeks, the Celtic Irish, Incas of Peru, Aztecs of Mexico, and many, many others.

Survivors presents the first account of the individual events that led to the final disappearance of the fabled kingdom. This account includes information gleaned "via oral traditions from Egypt, Mesopotamia, Morocco, the Canary Islands, Ireland, Wales, Scandinavia, pre-Columbian North America, Meso-America, and pre-conquest South America." Many Atlantean flood myths, never generally known before, are presented here to "humanize the scientific evidence."

Men and women of preclassical times were eyewitnesses to the catastrophes, and vital messages, which may have been lost or destroyed by other means, but which have endured for ages in myths and fables.

Survivors also tells the story, not told before, but referred to by Plato when he said the Atlanteans made an enormous effort to conquer the world. This effort, largely neglected by historians, "was intentionally connected with and actually determined by the natural calamities that eventually overwhelmed them." oral traditions worldwide describe a former age of unparalleled civilized greatness existing on a large island in the Atlantic ocean. Initially a virtuous people, they eventually were corrupted by vice and greed and were therefore punished with a "fire from heaven" followed by a terrible flood. The survivors, with their superior technology, instigated new civilizations around the globe. Eventually, they were absorbed by the native populations. Plato gave Atlantis its name around 340 B.C.E.

Religious aspects of the evolution of civilization, such as the worship and/or role of the sun, especially among North American tribes, is an interesting aspect for Cosologargists. The same is true of the history of the conquest of Mexico in 1519.

The exploits of the powerful and advanced Atlanteans and their impact on world cultures are clearly summarized. Historical events are put into a perspective that explains such things as the radical advancement of some civilizations.

The last half of the book includes interesting material for students of the Solar cultures of the world, and the impact of Atlanteans on the countries and cultures of the Western world, new and interesting information on Native Americans and the Feathered Serpent(s), and discussion of ancient sunken cities. One conclusion is that the Feathered Serpent, for example, was an Atlantean – as was Noah in Middle Eastern traditions.

Conclusively, the story of Atlantis may be said to be the story of our world. ❖

FROM THE PULPIT

During the Fall season Head Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. delivered readings from the Prophecy to the Christian Churches. The brief excerpts below are taken from that text.

From Chapter 73:

In The Emerald Isles

“Build first in America, not in Jerusalem or Rome, or any other place, the New Temple of the Living to bring forth Children of Light for a new world.

“God is not the property of any one people or nation, nor is God confined to any geographical location. But it is true that God has blessed America, and would have man build the new Temple of Light in America wherein will dwell those persons of Light reflecting to the sun in Community according to the statutes and codes given by my person.

“Encourage those of the Community to build the temple of learning as a healing center for men’s bodies, minds and spirits. Let righteous people from every nation come to it openly and freely for the creation of a better world in which the arts, sciences and learnings of mankind can work with the sun and its energies which, being more than light and heat, are filled with the Word of God.

“For the pre-ordained shall answer the call when informed of their destiny.”

“Let the Community move away from old ideas that bind and enslave mankind to earthly pursuits. Let human beings reach for the sun and the stars with their minds and their spirits. By these means a new race of Light beings will come into existence to inherit greater worlds than man imagines.”

“And those who dedicate themselves to the Great Work in the very



ROGER WELD

The Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy, Jr., Head Bishop of The Church.

early years of the formation of the Community shall be a chosen people; the guardians of the world order who will be held in high esteem by the rulers of the world who admire, above all things, wisdom, honesty, truth and goodly conduct.

“And the rulers of the world, and the people thereof, shall see that the People of Light mean to work a great good in the world and they shall not oppose them.

“And the People of Light shall send them good will, peace and brotherhood.

“In this way the influence of the Man of Wickedness shall be diminished.

“And the People of Light, of the Community, shall be united in the Teachings of Light and the furthering of the Great Work.

“And the number of the New People shall be small by world standards, but their number shall be as a power – the number will be in accordance with a formula governing those predetermined to labor from birth in the Great Work.

“And the number shall grow in proportion to the effect made to take the Teaching out into the world.

“For the pre-ordained shall answer the call when informed of their destiny.

“Therefore, it is important for Teachers to venture forth into the world to teach.”

“And the gift of the divine presence of God in Light would transform all people who partake of it and serve Him in bringing about a new creation.”

From Chapter 78:

The Gift of Charisma

“God’s Second Coming begins in the Light of the New Sun wherein is found His multitude of righteous gifts; gifts to the righteous of the world, the Children of Light. And the gift of the divine presence of God in Light would transform all people who partake of it and serve Him in bringing about a new creation.

“And these new people of God shall be filled with charisma, the nature of Christ. And they shall go forth, teaching of God’s gift sent to liberate the human family which shall be gathered together into the Living Temple of Light.

“And by the efforts of the new people of Light, the Sun of God shall blaze more brightly, filling the world with blessings, love, peace, justice and truth. And the sun shall manifest a visible sign from heaven that God lives in the world.”

“The age of the Second Coming is unlike any other age before it. Man and his world have been uplifted. God has graced man with His coming into the world. The divine presence has anointed the whole human family with Christhood. Therefore, let the Community instruct the human family in the Way of the New Life.

“And God’s new Sun of Righteousness shines on the whole world to govern and rule as in no former age of man. Let the nations and peoples of the world know this.” ✠

Community Service

On August 8, the Rt. Rev. Sean Savoy participated in the fall pledge drive at Reno's local Public Broadcasting Station, KNPB-Channel 5. Reverend Savoy has appeared numerous times over the past several years as a volunteer presenter for the non-profit station. Programs aired that evening were a special on the life of the late opera singer, Luciano Pavarotti, and a live recorded concert of André Rieu's Johann Strauss Orchestra appearing in Vienna, Austria.

Birth

On Friday morning, August 15, 2008, at 4:30 A.M., a son was born to Bradley Buchanan and Amber Hickey – Quinton Alexander Buchanan – weighing seven and one-half pounds and measuring twenty and three-quarter inches in length. Quinton is the grandson of the Right Reverend Gary Buchanan and the Reverend Amanda Buchanan.

Chamber Music Features Composition of the Church's Music Director

On Friday evening, August 22, 2008, "An Evening of Chamber Music" was presented by the Toccata Winds at Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown Reno. Members of the local woodwind quintet are Toni Healy, flute; Marianne Maytan, obo; Darrel Moore, clarinet; Ben Benson, bassoon; and, Bruce Kanzelmeyer, French horn. Reverend Deacon Kanzelmeyer is also a member of the Second Advent Church.

Selections on the program included music by Mozart, Beethoven, Ibert, Saint-Seans, and featured "Sweets for Woodwind Quintet," an original composition by Church Music Director, the Right Reverend Gary Buchanan – a piece composed in the mid-1960s and published by Galaxy Music of New York in 1972. The five-movement,

light-hearted work was delightfully received by the audience, and the composer was present for a standing ovation.

Consociate Anne Grischuk Passes into the Light

Longtime Consociate of the International Community of Christ, and beloved supporter of the Great Work, Anne Grischuk of Yellow Springs, Ohio passed into the Light on August 23, 2008 at Vista Hospice in Dayton, Ohio. She was 89.

Born in Elbert, West Virginia, Anne resided in New Brunswick for twenty years before moving to Ohio sixty-four years ago. She worked at and retired from Antioch Bookplate Company in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Anne was predeceased by her parents, Samuel and Edith Grischuk, three brothers, Sam, Nick, and Nick Grischuk; and two sisters-in-law, Helen and Marge Grischuk. She is survived

by her brother, Bill Grischuk of Menlo Park Veterans Home in Edison; two sisters-in-law, Ann Grischuk of East Brunswick and Olga Grischuk of New Brunswick, and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were privately held in Ohio.

The Church owes a very special debt of gratitude to Anne, for it was she who in 1970 donated generously to allow Bishop Gene Savoy, Sr. to resettle in Mexico. In 1971, he and his family relocated to Reno, Nevada, where in 1972 the International Community of Christ was formally established.

Rt. Rev. Sean Savoy to Oversee Building Renovations

The Rt. Rev. Sean Savoy has been assigned to the Rectory-Abbey's East Wing parsonage at 2015 LaFond Dr. on Carmel. His initial relocation from the main Rectory parsonage was undertaken during the summer with the

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INVOCATIONS & INTERCESSIONS*

APOSTOLIC CHANCELLERY

Chapel of the Holy Child

Aug.	2	Lori Jones Randel Houston	20	Joan Taylor Khalifa, Jasmine, and Ruth Anne Grischuk+
	6	Marie Newman Frank Burkitt	24	Stephie Petrovich Charlie Reece
	9	James William Carver+ Willaim Franziska Spohn+ Terri Theisen Marie Newman Frank Burkitt	27	Greg Spencer Stephie Petrovich+ Charlie Reece
	13	Steve Nichols Cheryl Shaffer	Oct. 4	Hope Aguilera Jim Whitney
	16	Steve Nichols Cheryl Shaffer	8	Jim Whitney Ted Moore
	20	Arthur Robert Taylor Arthur Robert Taylor Wanda Chin Sally Mitchell	11	Athena Andronis Sabastian Gomez Rosa Salcedo Maggie Caster Bert Reslock+
	23	Arthur Robert Taylor Wanda Chin Sally Mitchell	18	The United States of America Bert Reslock+
	27	Arthur Robert Taylor	22	The United States of America Bonnie Nelson
	30	Arthur Robert Taylor	25	James Berry+
Sept.	13	Gene Savoy, Jr. Paul Sooy	27	+ <i>In Memoriam</i>
	17	Jeanne Huston Joan Taylor Khalifa, Jasmine, and Ruth	29	* These appeals are made upon request.

final move completed by September 1. He is looking forward to overseeing renovations at the parsonage, formerly occupied by the Reverend Drs. Arline and Tyrus Peace. Originally constructed by The Church in 1982, the building has fallen into some disrepair. While Rt. Rev. Savoy occupies the main home on the east side of the construction, the Rt. Rev. Elizabeth Reece has also been provided quarters on the west end of the building. The East Wing parsonage also houses The Church's archives, vestry facilities and the chambers of the Sacred Overseer.

The Late Bishop Savoy Remembered

On Saturday morning, September 13, 2008, the late Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Sr., Head Bishop of the Second Advent Church, was remembered in a memorial held during Communion Service in the Chapel of the Holy Child. Reverend Gene passed into the Light the morning of September 11, 2007 following a lengthy illness.

A memorial prayer was offered by Head Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr., and readings were presented by the Right Reverend Sean Savoy. The readings



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Russell Ault (left) and Terrance Hutchinson (right) received first-degree ordination during the 2008 Convocation.



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Reverend Deacon Tom Sheehan (left) and Reverend Deaconess Judy Seiltz (right) received second-degree ordination during the 2008 Convocation from Head Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. (center).

were favorites of the late Bishop and were, in order, Isaiah 11:1-11; Malachi 3 and 4; Mark 13: 6-7; and, Luke 8:5-8, 10-18, and 21. A memorial candle was lit by Dr. Stephan Fuelling who was acting as Cantor during the morning's service.

Ordinations

First-degree ordinations were held Saturday, October 11, 11:30 AM in the Bishop's Chambers. The minister of ordination was the Rt. Rev. Sean Savoy, and the ordinands were Russell Ault and Terrance Hutchinson, both Academy students going into the Sacred College of Jamilian Theology. With this ordination they become initiates of the Jamilian Order.

Third-degree ordinations were held Saturday, October 11, 12:00 noon in the Chapel of the Holy Child. The minister of ordination was the Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Jr and the concelebrating minister was the Right Reverend Sean Savoy. Assisting ministers were the Right Reverend Gary Buchanan (organ), the Right Reverend Robert Petrovich, the Reverend Amanda Buchanan, and the Reverend Deaconess Rhys Andrews. Witnesses

included the clergy, congregation, and guests. The ordinands were the Reverend Deaconess Judy Seiltz and the Reverend Deacon Thomas Sheehan, Jr. With this ordination they become presbyters with the title of Reverend (no longer deacons).

A fourth-degree ordination was held Sunday, October 12, 9:00 AM, at the Cathedral Church of the Americas. The Right Reverend Yukinori Matsushita was ordained Cardinal Overseer-Bishop of the International Community of Christ, serving Japan. The minister of ordination was the Right Gene Savoy, Jr., Head Bishop and Overseer of the International Community of Christ. Concelebrating ministers were the Right Reverend Sean Savoy, Cardinal Bishop and Overseer, and the Overseer-Canons of the Church of the Second Advent. These were the Right Reverends Gary Buchanan, Reano Castell, Ileana Isfan, Robert Petrovich, Elizabeth Reece, Roger Weld, and Rebecca Willis. Assisting Ministers were the Reverend Amanda Buchanan and the Reverend Deaconess Rhys Andrews.

Witnesses included the assembled Clergy, Congregation, and Guests of the International Community of Christ (see FEATURE STORY). ✠

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