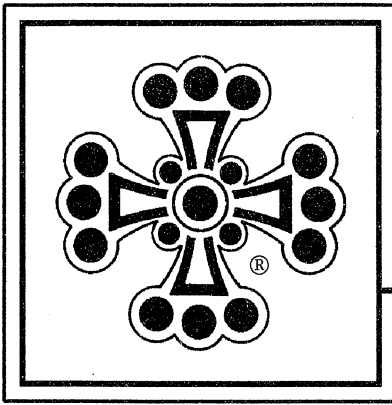




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Annual October Convocation Offers Varied Program *Events Include Sunrise Concelebration, Dedication of Monument*

Clergy and ministerial students of the Second Advent Church from the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the United Kingdom gathered for the annual Convocation held October 12th through 19th in the Reno area. Events included the Jamilian University lecture series, Conference dinners, a feature-length video presentation, and liturgical celebrations at the Sanctuaries.

Early Saturday morning, October 12th, non-resident clergy and students checked in at the Apostolic Chancellery for a preliminary briefing on the week's activities. At 10:00 A.M. that morning, visiting clergy joined with resident ministers and their families in a Communion of Fellowship at the University Chapel.

An afternoon social tea at the Rectory-Abbey preceded transport of guests to the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary of Prophecy for the Human Spiritual Rights Celebration held that afternoon and evening.

Following light refreshments at the Sanctuary Refectory, and a catered buffet dinner under canopy on the grounds of the Forum, Convocation members gathered at the recently constructed Cathedral Church of the Americas to participate in a program celebrating Human Spiritual Rights, which included an Enshrinement Ceremony lighting of the Eternal Flame, and Dedication of the Monument to Human Spiritual Rights (see accompanying articles this issue).

More than one hundred of the Ordained attended the sunrise Divine Service and all-faith Concelebratory Service at the Cathedral Church of the Americas held the following Sunday morning. The Divine Service, officiated by The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, was supplemented with a special service in celebration of the Church's Monument to Human Spiritual Rights. Twenty-four concelebrants, rabbin and choral readers, performed the special service before a vested congregation of the Ordained (see inset on page 2 for full list of ministers). Hymns canted by choral readers and the singing of the *Essaei Hymn* preceded the rabban reading of

the "Morning Hymn" recorded in the *Qumran Hymnal*. Bishop Savoy, the Officiating Minister, closed the Service with the Blessing over the Rabban-Priests.

During the next three days, from Monday, October 14th through Wednesday, October 16th, students and clergy participated in study and lecture programs. Students enrolled in first-year residence training met each day at the Episcopal See with The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy for initial instruction. Second-year residence training students gathered at the Apostolic Chancellery for seven to eight hours of daily study under the

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August First Observed At Sanctuary *Service Held at Church of New Pentecost*

The August 1st Manifestation was first witnessed in 1982 by members of the Second Advent Church. The final paragraph of *The Book of God's Revelation* describes that event:

"And on the first day of August, 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 Principle of Divine Law. And the whole congregation, gathered at sunrise, saw and felt the

gift of the Spirit manifest out of the sun."

Since 1982, The Church has observed this sacred day in a variety of liturgical forms.

This year, The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy officiated a special sunrise Divine Service at the Church of New Pentecost in recognition of the ninth observance of the Manifestation of the New Light of God, which appeared over the sun nine years ago to confirm the Active Principle of Divine Law. Bishop Savoy delivered a short sermon message from the pulpit following the service. ♦

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tutorship of The Right Reverend Ileana Isfan. A smaller group of third-year students was tutored in more advanced studies by The Reverend Jacklynn Lord.

During the late afternoon hours of these three days, both resident and non-resident clergy and clergy students gathered at the Episcopal See for the eleventh annual Counsels. Bishop Savoy delivered one full lecture each afternoon of the three days in a continuation of the liturgical lecture series begun in previous weeks. These lectures corresponded to the sixth, seventh, and eighth lectures in the liturgical Discussion series.

Because earlier lectures in the series laid the foundation for new liturgical techniques, Bishop Savoy introduced The Reverend Doctor Ar-

line Peace to corroborate from a medical view the points made thus far in his liturgical discussions. Rev. Dr. Peace spoke on the effects of imagery and color on the immune system, the nature of the brain, location of brain functions, formation of visual imagery, and symbol recognition. Her address related the workings of the brain to the immune and limbic systems.

At the General Convocation, held in the early afternoon of Thursday, October 17th, Bishop Savoy addressed the entire body of students and clergy. By developing two basic themes, the process of celestial nature and the art and science of life, the ninth lecture in liturgics correlated the celestial and the individual. Professional life as a mystic adept, he said, requires one to be a minister of God, who maintains a higher life by holding to the laws of rebirth. The development of an immortal spiritual body that is animated and in resonance with the liturgy leads to the emergence of a new race and the advent of a revitalized cosmos. Responding to the "New Ray" of God creates a life of spirit that leads to man's transcendence of the counterfeit world. The Light of this New Ray is an energy to counter evils among man, given by

God with some regulatory controls to ensure its "legal" use, which is to generate a system that teaches knowledge of divine nature. The form of the teaching is authentic, spiritual, modern, and available through liturgics. The teaching is institutionalized and takes on a social form because we are human. The divine art itself leads to a liturgical life.

Following the General Convocation on Thursday afternoon, several students received their first level Ordination in the Bishop's Chambers at the Apostolic Chancellery (see **Ordinations**).

Late the following morning, Friday, October 18th, visiting clergy and students were invited on a casual tour of the Steamboat Priory, guided by The Right Reverend Nelson Duchesneau, Prior of the complex, and afterwards treated to a lunch on the grounds. Friday afternoon was left free to allow members of the Andean Explorers Foundation and Ocean Sailing Club to prepare for a 6:00 PM reception at the Airport Plaza Hotel. The reception and annual Awards Banquet sponsored by the Foundation were held this year at the Airport Plaza Hotel Convention center (see **accompanying article this issue**).

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October 13, 1991

7:00 A.M.

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Spiritual Rights Celebrated at Sanctuary Monument

Lighting of Eternal Flame Highlights Evening Ceremony

The third annual Human Spiritual Rights Celebration, sponsored by the Advocates for Religious Rights and freedoms, was held the evening of October 12th at the newly constructed Cathedral Church of the Americas on the grounds of the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary of Prophecy. The open-air celebration, preceded by a catered buffet dinner under canopy on the grounds of the Sanctuary Forum, honored individuals who have worked for the sake of the dignity of the human spirit and man's right to worship God. Celebrants observed the lighting of the Eternal Flame at the Cathedral Church and participated in the enshrinement ceremony for the Lebanese poet Kahlil Gibran and the Jesuit Father Teilhard de Chardin. A formal dedication of the Monument was delivered on site during the proceedings.

Following the program Invocation, delivered by The Reverend Edith Forgy, the Benefactor's Medal was presented by The Right Reverend Roger Weld, Co-Chairman of the Chamber of Concerned Christians for the Separation of Church and State, as a token of appreciation and deep gratitude to founding members whose contributions made possible the construction of this Monument and helped the movement for Human Spiritual Rights get underway.

Recipients of the Benefactor's Medal were: Herman Aggenbach, Theresa Andronis, Douglas DeMers, Caryl Gregory, Ann Grischuk, Dr. Mansour Jahangiri, Ryland Jones, Dr. Steven Larson, Gilles Marcoux, Yukinori Matsushita, Gail Sharp, Stephen Sharp, Gerald Simonson, Victoria

Skinner, Ronald Theriault, and John Ultimate. These Benefactors are members of the selection panel that elects the personages who will be honored with Enshrinement at the Monument.

The Member's Medal was presented to members of the Advocates for Religious Rights and Freedoms who also contributed to the building of the Monument. Recipients of this award were: Dorothy Daniels, Herbert McLean, Jim Morrison, Georgia Smith, and Gwendolyn Stevens.

Thanks were given also to other contributors: James Elliott, Ruth Harris, Sharon Matutino, Juan Moreno, Normand O'Connor, Pierre Quesnel, Paul Ruzicka, Judy Seiltz, and Cortland Waite.

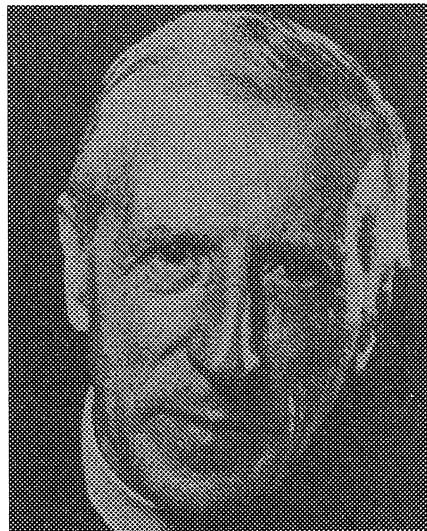


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The Jesuit-father Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The problem of secular interference in the affairs of religion and the spirit was addressed at the gathering by The Reverend Gene Savoy, Jr. In a short essay aimed at identifying spiritual rights and differentiating between religious liberty and spiritual freedom, he both explained the nature of spiritual rights and enumerated the basic principles of spiritual freedom. The address was followed by a formal Dedication of the Monument (see **accompanying article this issue**).

The honor of enshrinement was bestowed this year on the Lebanese poet and mystic Kahlil Gibran and the Jesuit Father Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. The Enshrinement Ceremony, the main feature of the program, commemorates the efforts and dedication of modern personages who, within our generations, have exemplified a high understanding of the things of God throughout their lives.

The Lebanese poet and novelist Kahlil Gibran achieved fame with such aphoristic poetic works as *The Prophet* and *The Garden of the Prophet*. He was known to the world as the immortal prophet of Lebanon and the savant of his age and his poems of peace, brotherhood, and love have given Lebanon a symbol of peace in a region plagued with violence and unrest.

The French Jesuit Father and philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin worked in China as a paleontologist and was involved with the discovery of Peking Man. He wrote *The Phenomenon of Man*, in which he outlined his concept of evolution and his conviction that belief in evolution did not entail rejection of Christianity.

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy discoursed on the mystic teachings of these two men, their lives, and their disappointments, before the ceremonial unveiling of their portraits. During the course of his talk, Bishop Savoy announced that a 300-acre portion of the Sanctuary lands would be set aside in honor of Gibran, to be called "The Lebanon," in fulfillment of one of the mystic poet's last wishes.

Bishop Savoy, Cardinal Head Patriarch of the Second Advent Church, has headed the movement for spiritual rights for over two decades. He initiated the movement in modern times when he formulated the declarations and resolves of the movement for spiritual rights and freedoms into a written document, the Universal

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Although the awards banquet marked the end of the annual Convocation, many of the Convocation members stayed over for private interviews with staff and for the benefits of attending the weekend services. ♦

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Proclamation, adopted by the International Community of Christ in 1973. In these years he continues this work, by prompting those divine principles into action, not only through The Church, but also as President of the Advocates for Religious Rights and Freedoms, and Chairman of the World Council for Human Spiritual Rights.

Sunset prepared the atmosphere for the closing ceremony of the celebration, the lighting of the Eternal Flame. The ceremony was preceded by an introduction to the significance of the simple ceremony delivered by The Reverend Belinda Chauvin.

A Benediction delivered by The Right Reverend Ileana Isfan, Co-Chairman of the National League of Concerned Clergywomen, closed the evening program.

Music punctuated the major events of the evening. "A Hymn to Human Spiritual Rights" was performed by a brass trio, comprising Mark Lord, Michelle Carrothers, and Bruce Kanzelmeyer with accompaniment by the Jamilian Handbell Choir. The Reverend Gary Buchanan, musical director of The Second Advent Church, composed the piece for the special occasion of the dedication of the Church and Monument. Preceding the Enshrinement Ceremony, the Jamilian Handbell Choir performed another composition by Rev. Buchanan, a march entitled "In Praise of Human Spiritual Rights." To end the program, handbells and brass rendered the slow tempo martial composition, "The Community Anthem."

A capsule history of the development of the Sanctuary grounds, delivered by The Right Reverend Robert Petrovich, Chairman of the Ministers Council for Constitutional Freedoms, had opened the program. His closing words expressed The Church's future hope for the Sanctuary and the Monument: "This Monument, built as a symbol of Human Spiritual Rights, we give to the world as an act of charity, in hopes that the religious of other revealed traditions will follow with us

along this same path and direction, erecting their own Monuments beside ours, performing services beside us... joined in new fellowship through this

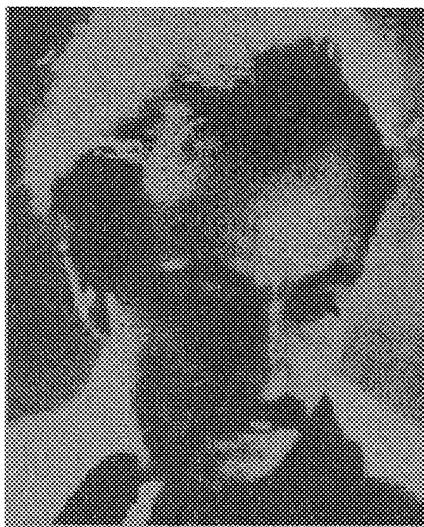


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The Lebanese poet-mystic Kahlil Gibran

Dedicating the Monument

The Monument to Human Spiritual Rights was formally dedicated on October 12, 1991, during the course of the Human Spiritual Rights Celebration held at the open-air Cathedral Church of the Americas. The Dedication speeches, delivered from the chancel of the newly constructed Cathedral by two Second Advent ministers, are reproduced in part below (Part I by The Right Reverend Nelson Duchesneau; Part II by The Reverend Sean Savoy).

Part I

"When I was asked to speak to you today about the Monument to Human Spiritual Rights, I asked myself, 'How will I talk about two hundred tons of concrete and steel?'

"Then I remembered the human struggle in the coldest days of winter to erect the triune cross that you see here behind me. I will speak to you of that struggle, which symbolizes the struggle of man to obtain his human spiritual rights, and I will speak to you of a vision I have of the future of this land you now are on.

"The struggle to erect this Monument in those cold, gray days of winter was a noble undertaking. Men

contributed their unrelenting effort to accomplish it. It is a statement of their dedication and devotion to our cause.

"The Cathedral Church and Monument to Human Spiritual Rights, as you see it today, is only a small part of the entire plan. This Church and Monument mark the beginning of a determined and faithful effort in the future. The building of the Monument, the Shrine, and the Sanctuary will undoubtedly continue after our lifetimes in this earthly sojourn.

"So today let us share in that struggle and in a vision of the future of this land:

"The Monument to Human Spiritual Rights is nestled within the Monastery Grounds of the Sanctuary of Prophecy among some eight thousand juniper trees, many of which are over five hundred years old. When completed, the Monument, of which the Cathedral Church where you are now sitting is an integral part, will encompass approximately forty acres of land, consisting of groves of trees, water pools with fountains, devotive stations, pathways, and other structures.

"The Cathedral Church itself will be 120 feet wide and 220 feet long, with a north transept serving as atrium and a south transept containing the bell choir, organ, carillon, and choir loft. On entering the Church, we will first approach the narthex pool and fountain with steps leading up to the nave. The nave itself will hold approximately two thousand people on a series of terraced platforms ascending to the Chancel. At the center of the nave will be a series of pools and water channels in which water gently flows to the narthex pool and fountain, where it is recycled by solar-powered pumps to the western garden of the Cathedral to be used for irrigation of the landscape.

"From the nave we will come to the chancel area, 68 feet wide and 84 feet long, where we now are. Its low surrounding walls, which house the vestry and sacristy, will be faced with

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marble dust and topped with wrought iron and stained glass. To my right on the chancel is an ambo with pulpit, and here before me are two lecterns. Midway on the chancel in front of you stands a font and pool; it will be lined with blue ceramic tile. Just below the triune crosses is the communion table, 44 feet long and four feet wide, constructed of white concrete and steel, weighing 48,000 pounds.

"Sitting in a pool of water at the base of the table is a Memorial Flame with a bowl constructed of solid brass. Set on a trefoil base behind the communion table, lofting over the garden junipers some ninety feet, is the triad of crosses, each of which weighs 45 tons; they will be surfaced with sculpturing of concrete and bronze. Emerging from the center of each cross, eighty feet above the ground, is a Second Advent Cross constructed of steel with a special bronze-coated surface that sparkles gold in the sun's first rays from the east.

"Connected to the Cathedral Church by a paved quarry-stone walkway, with low surrounding walls and staircases, will be the Shrine and Avenue of the Martyrs. The Shrine, like the Cathedral Church of the Americas, is in its first stages of construction. When it is completed, the Shrine will be a part of the Church, the Monument, and Forum facilities. The lower level of the Forum will be the focal point of the Shrine, with monumental stairs leading up to the Commemorative Column. Surrounding the Column will be a fountain pool with a walkway and perimeter wall in whose niches a series of bronze tablets will be set.

"From this point heading east towards the Church of New Epiphany will be the Avenue of the Martyrs, 1460 feet long and 18 feet wide; in the niches of its low surrounding wall will be bronze tablets and sculptures commemorating the men and women martyrs who gave their lives in the cause of Human Spiritual Rights. This paved promenade will have



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Members of the Advocates for Religious Rights and Freedoms look on as acolyte Andrea Snyder lights the Éternal Flame during the dedication of the Monument to Human Spiritual Rights.

water channels on either side along which water flows gently from its source to a lower storage reservoir. Along the walls of the Avenue of the Martyrs will be planted olive trees and cedars, symbolizing peace and good will. At commemorative stations, pure clean water will spring from stone formations and sculptures, cascade down through water channels to the groves of pine and cedar trees that surround the water storage reservoir, and from there irrigate a 26-acre church at a still lower elevation.

"Today I have shared with you the future building plans of our Sanctuary. In closing, I would like to share with you a vision...:

'I have seen a land shining with goodness where each man protects his brother's dignity as readily as his own.

'I have seen a land where war and want have ceased and all races and creeds live under the same law of love and honor.

'I have seen a land bright with Truth where a man's word is his pledge and falsehood is banished.

'I have seen a land where children sleep safe in their mother's arms and never know fear or pain.

'I have seen a land where men extend

their hands in justice, where mercy, kindness, and compassion flow like deep water over the land.

'I have seen a land where peace reigns in the hearts of men, where faith blazes like a beacon from every hill, and love like a fire from every hearth.

'I have seen a land where the True God is worshipped and His ways are acclaimed by all, where men and women share in a vision upheld by God's Power and filled with His Wisdom, strong in His Love and just and merciful in His Grace.

'I have seen such a land.'"

Part II

"The dedication of the Monument to Human Spiritual Rights on this day is of special significance. On October 12th, we in America celebrate the arrival of Columbus, who united together the races of man from two hemispheres, the old world and the new. We too, in dedicating our Monument, hope to unite men and women of all races, nations, and faiths. We extend an invitation to the peoples of the world to join with us in commemorating the religious freedoms of humankind.

"The Monument is a symbol to the

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Liturgics Lectures Continue Through Fall *Bishop Begins New Series of Discussions*

Liturgical training for resident clergy continued through the fall season and included lecture sessions during the October 1991 Convocation. The Most Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy delivered the final lectures of the initial series in liturgical training, lectures 22-24, during regularly scheduled gatherings at The University Chapel in early August. Beginning August 23rd, Bishop Savoy began a series of Random Discussions, which continued through September 20th. Following a hiatus to accommodate his busy writing schedule, Bishop Savoy continued the series of Random Discussions as part of the Clergy Counsels held during the October Convocation and the General Convocation. The hiatus for regularly scheduled lectures continued throughout the month of October. Lectures will resume in November.

The final lectures in the initial series on liturgical training, lectures 22-24, examined the varied approaches of religion and metaphysics to the eternal questions of earthly life.

The lectures explored the deep recesses of mind and psyche and their roots in spirit and soul, the process of transcendence, new life, the changing destiny of the psychic person, the rational mind, and the ego. Secondary topics included stark pragmatism and the deification of matter as unsatisfactory approaches to what we know as reality. In passing, the two kinds of religion were identified: the faith or creed religion, designed to serve the masses and manipulated by legislation, on the one hand; and on the other, a process of spiritual evolution and growth developed through unity and communion with God. The lectures assumed that Ecclesiastics, while aiming to transcend their mortal nature to a new destiny regulated by God in association with those of their own kind, have the right to see themselves as they really are. They also explained, through a discussion of the struggle and traditions of Essaii Teachers, why the Teacher gives the

Teaching only to initiates on full vows and never outside of the Order.

The Discussion Series began during a critical stage of assignments and appointments beginning earlier in the week. The Discussions provided, for men and women who would no longer be treated as initiates or students, a preview of The Church's direction and its Offices. Topics included the Second Advent Church as representative of the restored Church, the ancestry of this Church, and the building of the visible church into an institution of power. While admitting the limitations of a young Church that is representative of the oldest, Bishop Savoy likened the process of assuming a divine office and carrying out the dictates of that office to becoming an adult.

With the fifth lecture began a discussion of ancient theological terms related to law and knowledge. As a preface to the theme of this lecture, Bishop Savoy discussed the concepts of natural rights declared in 18th century American documents. The discussion followed into the topics of man-made law, natural law, and True Religion as the means of experiencing eternal being, the true science spoken of by Plato, which teaches the means of creating a new variation in the species. ♦

Cathedral Construction Continues at Sanctuary

Throughout the summer months, volunteers and members of the Dep't. of Ecclesiology worked together to prepare the Sanctuary grounds for the October Convocation. The building department completed construction on the Cathedral Church of the Americas, raising the church walls, forming the tower steps, and laying water and power lines. A second crew gathered daily below the Cathedral site to finish laying the forum stonework. Men, women, and youths grouped together on weekends to repair and clear churches and pathways throughout the Sanctuary of Prophecy. ♦

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world — a symbol that, unlike many others, inspires men and women to embrace a God-given right that has long been suppressed. The Monument represents a light that sheds its brightness for all to see. We come to realize that worldly authorities do not govern the spirit, and our longing for spiritual freedom is thereby deepened.

"These towers of concrete and steel lay the foundation for a movement — a movement that will unite all religions of the globe in an effort to revive and perpetuate the religious freedoms of man, woman, and child.

"Although our numbers may be small, our message is one that spreads to people everywhere. Such a message, such dedication should not go without respect and recognition by all men, by all groups, and by all states and religions. It is only through unification that the races of man will be enabled to declare with full force the deep need for an increased realization of mankind's right to express its spirituality. And to inaugurate this movement, we dedicate today this Monument as a bastion of hope and an inspiration to men and women of all faiths, that they might unite together in universal brotherhood, maintaining the concept of universal peace and the belief in the preservation of Human Spiritual Rights." ♦

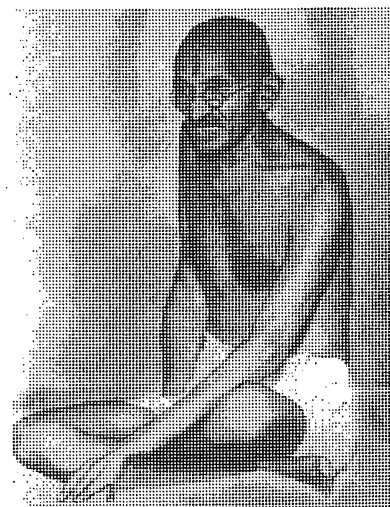


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Gandhi was the first figure to be enshrined.

Awards Presented at Andean Explorers Annual Dinner Video Presentation, Special Music Featured, Candle Lighting

Members of the Andean Explorers Foundation & Ocean Sailing Club and guests gathered once again for the annual "Spirit of Exploration" dinner this October 18th. Award presentations, a video of the Gran Vilaya Expeditions, and special musical performances were featured events of the evening's program, which took place at the Airport Plaza Hotel in Reno.

The Explorer's Medal was awarded to Normand O'Connor for his participation in the 1990 Gran Vilaya V Expedition and to Jamila Savoy, daughter of Gene Savoy, who participated in the Gran Vilaya IV Expedition. Miss Savoy is the youngest participant of the Gran Vilaya Expeditions, having turned eleven during the 1989 trip. At 13 years of age, she is also the youngest recipient of the award. Her brother, Rev. Sean Savoy, presented her and Mr. O'Connor with their awards. Rev. Savoy also handed out the Citation of Merit to Yukinori Matsushita of England. Mr. Matsushita is a member of the AEF & OSC and has supported its programs for a number of years. Other recipients of the Citation of Merit who were not able to attend the event were Margot Borsley, Per Lindhagen, and John Ultimate, all contributors to the Foundation's Gran Vilaya Expeditions.

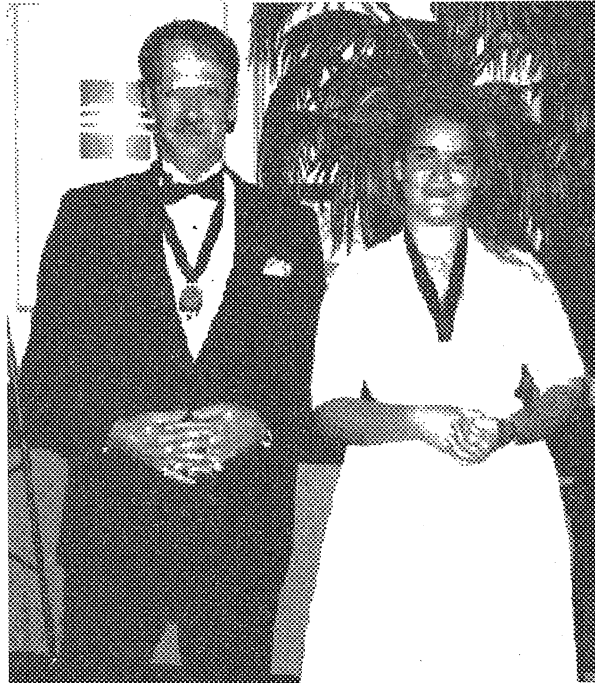
A special video presentation highlighting the Gran Vilaya-El Dorado Expeditions followed the award presentations. The one-hour video, narrated live at the dinner by Bishop Savoy, President of the AEF & OSC, with the help of Revs. Roger Weld and Gary Buchanan, was received with much enthusiasm by the gathering since it is a preview to upcoming videos being prepared by the Foundation. Scenes of Expedition team members on the trail, in camp, and cutting away jungle growth added a touch of adventure and humor to the evening. Guests were able to view team members clearing ruin walls, making measurements of artifacts, and producing latex molds of the

much-talked-about "tablets" discovered in 1989 in a mountain-side niche

near the Gran Vilaya River. Research of the possible egypto-semitic inscriptions found on the tablets continues as one of the major projects of the AEF & OSC.

The evening's musical entertainment was provided by The Foundation Orchestra, under the direction of Musical Director Rev. Gary Buchanan. A variety of musical selections were played throughout the evening with a number of special performances. Lyric Soprano Rhonda Haney-Clark, who has performed for the Foundation on a number of occasions and is known nationally as a performer, sang a number of Peruvian songs, including, "La Flor de la

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Explorer's Medal recipients, Normand O'Connor and Jamila Savoy, pose after the awards presentation at the Airport Plaza.

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Awards Bestowed at NCCJ Dinner

The National Conference of Christians and Jews of the Northern Nevada Region honored three Nevada residents during their 1991 Humanitarian Awards Dinner on Tuesday, October 29th at the Peppermill Hotel-Casino, Reno. The awards, presented each year for the last seventeen years to individuals whose lives have demonstrated the goals and aims of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, was presented this year to Phil Bryan, Phyllis Kaiser, and Sidney Stern. Sidney Stern, a friend of The Second Advent Church, received the award posthumously.

The Second Advent Church was represented at the event by Bishop Gene Savoy, Right Reverend Reano Castell, Reverends Gene Savoy Jr., Sean Savoy, Barbara Snyder, and Belinda Chauvin, and Victoria Skinner,

Albert Edgecomb, Elizabeth Crook, and Nola Slevin.

The NCCJ in Northern Nevada sponsors community-wide programs such as interfaith services and events, lay dialogues, annual observances, and youth programs — activities whose purpose is the bringing together of people of different religious persuasions, cultural backgrounds, and racial or ethnic origins. It is a private, non-profit agency funded through community support, contributions, and volunteer services. Drawing its membership from public and private sectors, its primary aims are to build bridges between peoples of varied backgrounds; to eliminate bigotry and prejudice by promoting human dignity, mutual respect, understanding, and tolerance; and to open lines of communication. ♦

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Canela," "Y Mapa Crac Hurpi," and "Vals Amazonas." The pieces were arranged by The Reverend Buchanan.

Rev. Mark Lord, member of the AEF & OSC's Foreign Relations Committee and long-time member of The Foundation Orchestra, performed Peruvian Instrumentals on trumpet. Rev. Lord has taught trumpet in universities in Taiwan and has accompanied such notable entertainers as Frank Sinatra, Luciano Pavarotti, and Ray Charles.

The evening's featured musical presentation was the performance of "My Dear Chabuca," a song composed by Rev. Buchanan with words by Bishop Savoy. The piece pays tribute to the late Peruvian composer, Chabuca Granda, friend of the AEF & OSC, who was best known for her songs of Lima, the most famous of which is "La Flor de la Canela" ("The Cinnamon Flower"). The vocal performer of this original composition was Baritone Michael Eardley, who has sung with Reno's "Hello Hollywood, Hello" production, the Nevada Opera, and the Los Angeles Civic Light Opera.

The traditional candle lighting service was also held, during which a bell was struck thirteen times in memory of explorers who had once participated in expeditions of the AEF & OSC. Special tribute was paid to Mr. Sidney Stern of Reno, a supporter of the Foundation and its programs. The memorial ceremony was accompanied by the Foundation Orchestra, playing the AEF & OSC's anthem, "The Spirit of Exploration."

Acting as Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Rev. Gene Savoy, Jr., Treasurer of the AEF & OSC. Other speakers included Patrick Newman, member of the Board of Directors and Vice Commodore of the Ocean Sailing Club; The Reverend Roger Weld, the Foundation's Executive Secretary; and The Reverend Lawson Crabb, Executive Officer of the Ocean Sailing Club. ♦

Revs. Salverson and Crabb Exchange Vows Service Performed in University Chapel

The Reverend Canoness Carol Ann Salverson exchanged wedding vows with The Reverend Lawson Crabb on Saturday, September 28, 1991, in The University Chapel. The Ceremony was performed by The Rt. Rev. Nelson Duchesneau, with the assistance of Rev. Sean Savoy. Following the marriage ceremony, the Head Bishop of The Church, The Most Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy, administered a Nuptial Blessing upon the newly married couple.

Shortly before the wedding ceremony, and with the wedding party and officiating minister of the wedding in attendance, Bishop Savoy performed an Absolution of previous marriages.

After the Service, the Congregation in attendance was invited to attend a reception held in the vestibule of the Chancellery at 1:00 P.M. The bride was assisted by hostess Rt. Rev. Ileana Isfan with the help of Erica Snyder and DeEtta Fosbury.

The Reverend Canoness Carol Ann Crabb, formerly of Watertown, New York, has been a member of The Church's resident staff since 1975, when Church offices were located at the Community Center in the Arlington Towers. She has been affiliated with The Church for twenty

years, first through its early study programs and later as an avowed minister and religious worker. She was one of the first enrolles in the Perú Cosolargy Class in 1971, and in 1974 continued her studies through Cosolargy Program I. Ordained in 1974, and receiving Pastorsip papers under religious vows in 1975, she continued her studies as a minister, enrolling in the Sacred College in 1977 and, in 1978, the first Clergy Study Program. She has served on the Sacred Oversee for many years and is presently Head Librarian of the Jamilian University Library.

The Reverend Lawson Van Buren Crabb, originally from St. Petersburg, Florida, has been a longtime benefactor of The Church. He first enrolled in the Sacred Academy in October 1979 and enrolled in the Clergy Program September 1981, receiving first-level Ordination in 1985. Rev. Crabb presently resides at the Steamboat Priory.

Other members of the wedding party were: matron of honor, The Reverend Dr. Arline Peace; best man, The Reverend David Arden; bride's maid, Jamila Savoy; flower girls, Andrea and Diana Snyder; and ushers, The Reverends Tom Rees and Donald Crook. ♦



The Reverends Carol Ann and Lawson Crabb with officiates and assistants following their marriage.

RABBAN SERVICE CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

The University Chapel

Officiating Minister

**The Most Right Reverend
Gene Savoy**

1991	Time
Aug. 3	11:00 A.M.
10	11:00 A.M.
17	11:00 A.M.
24	11:00 A.M.
31	11:00 A.M.
Sept. 7	11:00 A.M.
14	11:00 A.M.
21	11:00 A.M.
28	11:00 A.M.
Oct. 5	11:00 A.M.
12	11:00 A.M.
19	11:00 A.M.
26	11:00 A.M.

LAMENTATION SERVICE

NEW MT. ZION SANCTUARY

Officiating Minister

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy

Assisting Ministers

Roger Weld	Nelson Duchesneau
David Arden	Reano Castell
Lawson Crabb	Robert Petrovich
Donald Crook	Mark Lord
Gary Buchanan	Ileana Isfan
Carol Ann Crabb*	

1991	Saturday, 12:00 N.	1991	Saturday, 12:00 N.
Aug. 3	High Service	Oct. 5	Private Prayer
10	High Service	12	Private Prayer
17	High Service	19	Private Prayer
24	High Service	26	Private Prayer
31	High Service		
Sept. 7	High Service		
14	Private Prayer		
21	Private Prayer		
28	Private Prayer		

* formerly Salverson

CONFIRMATION AND ANOINTING

John-Louis Samuel Gould, by the consent of his parents, Janet and John Gould, was Confirmed in private ceremony in the Bishop's Chambers on October 5, 1991. Confirmation is administered to children at least nine years of age who have been baptized in The Church. During the Rite of Confirmation, John-Louis was anointed and received a chalice and paten as symbols of his active participation as a member of The Church Congregation. Immediately following his Confirmation that day, John-Louis was Anointed, a separate rite administered to children at the age of ten allowing them entrance into the Minor Order of Acolytes.

Following Communion that day, John-Louis was formally presented in the University Chapel for public acceptance by the Congregation. ♦

Church Seeks Tax Refund from County Opposition Causes Church to Withdraw

During August, The Church sought a partial refund on the more than \$112,000 in taxes assessed against its Sanctuary lands by Washoe County. Assurance of the refund was a component of a settlement agreement reached on June 27th (see **Communique, Summer 1991**) to end the ten-year tax exemption dispute between The Church and Washoe County. The settlement resolved all differences between the two parties when The Church agreed to pay all costs due, amounting to more than \$112,000. The settlement, however, did not contest The Church's right to seek full tax exemption in the future. Washoe County D.A. Dorothy Nash Holmes said she would recommend that the County Board of Commissioners approve the terms of the settlement and refund \$27,000 in interest and penalties The Church incurred during seven years of litigation.

At the August meeting held to discuss the refund, The Church found it necessary to ask for a postponement of the County Commission's decision when it became clear that they would not vote unanimously in favor of the request. A divided vote would prevent The Church from seeking the refund again.

The Church plans to resubmit its request for refund when it faces no opposition on the County Board. ♦

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ORDINATIONS

During the Convocation this fall, several students enrolled in the non-resident clergy studies program of the Sacred College Jamilian University of Theology received first-degree ordination, which Bishop Savoy conferred in his chambers at the Apostolic Chancellery.

Ordained on Tuesday, October 15th, in respective order: Herman Aggenbach of Kirkland, WA, enrolled in the Sacred Academy 1976; Jim Morrison of Millbrook, Ontario, enrolled in the Sacred Academy 1980; Ben Hubbard of Portland, OR, enrolled in the Sacred Academy 1981; Clint Cole of Chula Vista, CA, enrolled in the Sacred Academy 1988; Thomas A. Miller of Barrie, British Columbia, first enrolled in the Cosolargy Class based in Perú 1962; Steve Armstrong of Hawthorne, NV, enrolled in Project X Extension Program 1988; Aaron Cutrer of Rayne, LA, enrolled in Project X Extension Program 1989.

Ordained on Wednesday, October 16th: Paul Ruzicka of Reading, PA, enrolled in Project X Extension Program 1988;

Ordained on Thursday, October 17, in respective order: Judy Seiltz of Pulaski, WI, enrolled in Project X Extension Program 1988; Bonny Murray of Prince George, British Columbia, enrolled in Project X Extension Program 1988; Caryl Gregory of Bloomington, MI, enrolled in Project X Extension Program 1988; Linda McKay LeBrun of North Bay, Ontario, enrolled in Project X Extension Program 1989;

Brenda Martens of Prince George, British Columbia, enrolled in Project X Extension Program 1989. ♦

COMMUNION SERVICES

CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

The University Chapel

Saturday 10:00 A.M.

Officiating Minister

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy

1991	Assisting Ministers	1991	Assisting Ministers
Aug. 3	Nelson Duchesneau (L) Mark Lord (C) Victoria Skinner (R)	Oct. 5	Reano Castell (L) Gary Buchanan (C) JoAnn Hainline (R)
10	Reano Castell (L) Tom Rees (C) Elizabeth Crook (R)	12	Robert Petrovich (L) Mark Lord (C) LaCynda Gibson (R)
17	Robert Petrovich (L) LaCynda Gibson (C) Ted Staver (R)	19	Nelson Duchesneau (L) Clare Mead (C) Elizabeth Crook (R)
24	Roger Weld (L) David Arden (C) Amanda Buchanan (R)	26	Roger Weld (L) Albert Edgecomb (C) Rebecca Willis (R)
31	Nelson Duchesneau (L) Donald Crook (C) Edith Forgy (R)		
Sept. 7	Reano Castell (L) Jacklynn Lord (C) Barbara Snyder (R)		
14	Robert Petrovich (L) Elizabeth Reece (C) Nola Slevin (R)		
21	Roger Weld (L) Dr. Arline Peace (C) Michael McIntyre (R)		
28	Nelson Duchesneau (L) Carol Salverson (C) Lawson Crabb (R)		

(L) = Lector
(C) = Cantor
(R) = Reader

INVOCATIONS AND INTERCESSIONS

CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

The University Chapel

August		Sat. 28	Count Enrico Von Castell Shane Grady
Sat. 3	Patricia Berry		
Sat. 10	Anne Grischuk Leta Downs		
Sat. 17	Rev. Wayne Coleman †	October	Frederick Peppel †
Sat. 24	Diana Berry Lora Hahn Gerald Warne	Wed. 2	Lee Leadbetter †
	John and Linda Hewlett Baden	Wed. 9	Luvycie Bowen
	The people of Russia	Wed. 16	Ryland Jones, Jr.
Sat. 31	Bridgit Shell	Sat. 19	Assemblyman Bob Kerns †
September			Mildred Hewlett
Wed. 4	Gail Sharp		Pamela Hewlett Walker
	Georgia Smith		Linda and Scott Laine
Sat. 7	Georgia Smith	Wed. 30	Debbie Zuleger
Sat. 21	Amy Ramos		Edna Gottemoeller
			Bob Staver †

† In Memoriam

These appeals are made upon request.