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Community Members Gather for Annual Convocation

October Seminar Agenda Full and Varied

Over one hundred Reno residents and guests from the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom attended the Annual Convocation of The Church October 6th through 13th. The agenda included technical studies and lectures for students of the Academy and Sacred College; an advanced series of lectures for the assembly of ministers and clergy students; tours of sacred sites; a Convocation address to the entire assembly; a Mariners' luncheon and social tea; a trip to Lake Tahoe; several liturgical services; a special Counsels Dinner that included an address on Human Spiritual Rights; and an orchestral performance by the Sinfonietta of the International Community of Christ.

To open the annual Convocation, resident clergy and students, with their families, joined Convocation guests in a Communion of Fellowship on Saturday, October 7th, in the University Chapel of the Apostolic Chancellery. Bishop Savoy delivered a short address from the pulpit introducing guests to the liturgical cycle of services in which they would have the chance to participate during the seminar week (see accompanying *Sermon* this issue). On Sunday, October 8, guests joined the ordained at the newly expanded open-air Church of Second Advent Epiphany in the Consecrated Sanctuary of Prophecy for Communion and sunrise Divine Service. Following the Service, the entire gathering of non-resident stu-

dents and clergy were treated to a tour of the Sanctuary's sacred sites to view new buildings and land improvements.

Bishop Savoy met with Project X students at the University Building during the early hours of October 9-11 to deliver information pertinent to their beginning studies. As part of this series of morning lectures, students received technical literature and scriptural texts as supplements to the oral teachings. The residence training portion of this year's Convocation culminated for some students with first-degree ordination, received in the Bishop's private chambers of the Apostolic Chancellery.

In the late afternoon during the first days of the Convocation, October 9-11, members of the Second Advent Clergy and students of the

Sacred Academy assembled for a special series of discourses delivered at the University Building by Bishop Savoy.

Rev. Savoy delivered a Convocation address to the entire body of students and clergy present on Thursday morning. The address both concluded the series of lectures to the clergy and acted as a summary statement of the ministry's intentions for first- and second-year seminarians. Bishop Savoy reminded the gathering that Thursday evening, October 12th, guest members and their families were invited to join the Reno congregation for the Human Spiritual Rights Dinner (see accompanying article this issue).

October 13th, the final day of the Convocation, was devoted to social activities in a more relaxed atmosphere. In the morning, the group visited the Mission Priory and the spa

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August First Observed at New Mt. Zion

On the morning of Tuesday, August 1, 1989, a private sunrise service was held at New Mount Zion in recognition of the seventh observance of the Manifestation of the New Light of God, which appeared over the sun on this date seven years before to confirm the Active Principle of Divine Law.

The August 1st Manifestation was first witnessed by the Church Congregation in 1982. 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.

August 1st is a significant date: counting from February 2nd, Second Advent New Year's Day, the 180-degree cycle of the earth around the sun falls on August 1st. ♦

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at Steamboat Hot Springs, south of Reno. The tour was the first opportunity for many non-resident guests to see the completed Chapel of the Rose Cross, renovated office area in the spa building, the newly acquired parsonage addition, and the Chancery facility. It was the first opportunity for all to view the recently erected spire and its fountain below in front of the spa building (see accompanying article this issue). Those who wished to tour Lake Tahoe were able to do so for the remainder of the morning.

For a warm close to the Convocation proceedings, Bishop Savoy invited all to attend a social tea at the Rectory-Abbey on La Fond Dr. that afternoon, while the mariners in attendance met for the annual Mariner's Luncheon. ♦



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Human Spiritual Rights Celebrated First Annual Banquet Held October 12th

The Human Spiritual Rights Banquet and the Annual Counsels Dinner were held on Thursday, October 12, 1989, at 7:30 P.M. in the mezzanine level Conference Room at the Airport Plaza Hotel.

The primary purpose of the dinner gathering October 12th was to mark the convening of the ninth annual Counsels. Bishop Savoy delivered the Counsels address, a continuation of the morning's lecture on the spiritual rejuvenation gained in Community by living the liturgical life as one ages and assumes the dignified office of patriarch or matriarch. Bishop Savoy concluded his commentary by announcing the beginning of the new spiritual rights movement. He continued with a brief history of the "Declaration of Human Spiritual Rights," the foundation document of the Advocates of Religious Rights and Freedoms, and revealed the plan to build, in the sierra desert, a monumental shrine to Human Spiritual Rights.

"Our Community is as concerned with human spiritual rights as it is with our own evolution; indeed, our growth depends upon it. Next year we plan to undertake a world human spiritual rights movement which will make peoples everywhere conscious of their rights. Our efforts will not only include those fundamental rights of the human spirit, but will make known to mankind the dawning of the New Sun of Righteousness and of every person's right to learn about it.

"We are building an open-air amphi-Church that will be open to the public of all faiths. We will build a Monument to Human Spiritual Rights in the desert, where people everywhere can come and listen to enlightened speakers and participate in meaningful worship of God as an act of union. We will perform services acknowledging all faiths beneath the rays of God's New Sun. We will allow the Divine Light to speak to them and

to share in the universality of a new cosmic faith that speaks from out of the heavens.

"We have chosen the 12th of October to make this announcement, the Day of the Races of Man as celebrated world-wide and Columbus Day when America was discovered. This is also the date of revelations made to the Races of Man, a scriptural text in our possession and given to our Con-sociates as part of the study program.

"Some fifteen years ago we prepared the document 'The Proclamation of Human Spiritual Rights,' which I have in my possession now, that was signed by fifty people at a meeting in San Francisco. It has taken us these many years to prepare a place where a monument could be built and a place of public worship prepared. We are building this site presently, a desert to be made beautiful because of the many millions of gallons of water the State has made available to us for this purpose. It is imperative that we build the site as soon as possible. And we are inviting those of you who would care to become the founding members of the selection panel that will nominate religious figures of modern times to be honored there.

"We have a sculpture in bronze that is to be our logo. It was called 'Emerging Man' by the sculptor, and we are using it as the symbol of human spiritual rights. We will make medallions of this in miniature and award them yearly..."

The unveiling of the logo Sculpture for Human Spiritual Rights, the "Emerging Man," created by the internationally renowned sculptor from Placerville, California, Tom Bennett, was unveiled following the announcement.

In honor of The Church's dedication to the spiritual rights movement, Rev. Buchanan performed with the Jamilian Handbell Choir his latest composition, an "Anthem to Human

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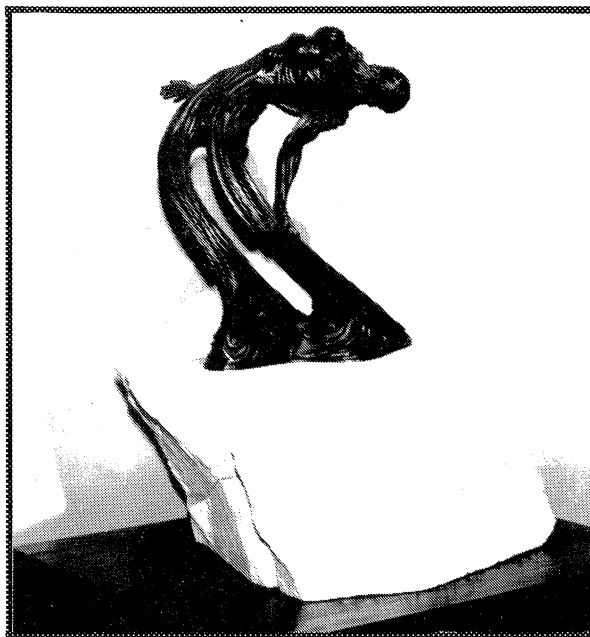
Spiritual Rights." The fifteen-minute instrumental arrangement featured several inspirational themes evoking the vigilance and heroism of the movement established by the Advocates for Religious Rights and Freedoms.

As a prelude to the main event of the evening, the Andean Explorers Foundation and Ocean Sailing Club (AEF & OSC) presented a 15 minute video report of the recently completed Gran Vilaya IV Expedition to Peru. The video was shot by cinematographer Rev. Roger Weld with sound recordings by Rev. Gary Buchanan. Bishop Savoy, as president of the AEF & OSC, narrated the video, which included a sunrise over the Andes mountains in Peru, trail shots, majestic ruins, and a special selection of clips on Feathered Serpents I and II.

Before the video presentation, The Reverend Robert Petrovich opened the program of events with a ceremonial salute to the explorers of the AEF & OSC, those still living and those who had passed on. A bell tolled for "the departed explorers who live with us in spirit." The Explorer's March, entitled "The Spirit of Exploration" was performed on the piano by its composer, Rev. Buchanan as Rev. Lawson Crabb lit a candle in remembrance of all the explorers who had passed on.

Displays surrounded the tables of the banquet hall. Ship's flags and a model of the proposed exploring ship, Feathered Serpent III, were displayed together with the major awards the Andean Explorers Foundation and Ocean Sailing Club presented to Bishop Savoy earlier this year, all of which Bishop Savoy donated to the Foundation for permanent display at the Heritage Museum. Photographs and renderings of the Consolatory and Shrine to Human Spiritual Rights framed another part of the display.

Presented with dinner was the music of Mr. Richard Bacco, recorded live at the Crillon Hotel in Lima, Peru, during the expedition party's stay



The symbol of the Human Spiritual Rights movement is called "Emerging Man" by its creator, world renowned sculptor Tom Bennet from California. The bronze sculpture is mounted on a piece of white, Carrara marble and weighs well over 200 pounds.

Photo from Church Archives

there in 1989. Mr. Bacco's selections on the accordion included folk music of the Incas, as well as music from Israel, Italy, Spain, Brazil and other nations. Rev. Savoy and other members of the 1989 expedition party became good friends with the maestro during their Lima stay.

The more than 100 Church members and guests in attendance at the dinner included extension students of the Project X program, visiting clergy students from the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, and resident clergy and young seminarians. ♦

Jamilian Parochial School Year Opens *Expanded Courses and Changes in Curriculum*

The Jamilian Parochial School opened its doors for the 1989-1990 school year on August 15th.

Significant changes in the high school curriculum included expansion of the arts program and redefinition of the relationship of social studies and English language courses. The creation of a Kindergarten program planned to begin with this school year will be delayed until the second semester.

On a trial basis additional art courses were offered to all high school students during the first semester. Previously, courses in visual and musical arts were required only for first-year high school students. The trial program will make art courses available to all secondary school students. Should the attempt to expand the high school arts program succeed in meeting requirements of scheduling, instruction and enrollment, the

visual arts program in its new form will become a permanent offering of the School's essential high school program. Plans are presently being made to offer an expanded program in music as well, as soon as instructors are available. Expansion of the elementary music program at the same time is projected.

Some basic changes have also been made in the design of courses in history and English language at the secondary level in an attempt to simplify the school day for high school students, increase their focus, and enhance the integrity of the entire high school program.

Plans to begin the school year with an expanded Kindergarten program were delayed due to the high costs of new and appropriate equipment, availability of instructors, and unexpected remodeling and building repairs. ♦

SERMONS

*delivered by The Head Bishop of The Church
The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy*

Towards the Building of a Cultural Society in Community

The first sermon chosen for public report during this fall season focuses on the new cultural horizons opened to The Church, represented by the success of the recent Peruvian expedition. The second sermon was an orientational one delivered before a gathering of resident and non-resident clergy and students in attendance at the annual Convocation.

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Head Bishop of The Church and President of the Andean Explorers Foundation and Ocean Sailing Club, delivered these sermons in the University Chapel at the Apostolic Chancellery. Both have been edited and abridged for publication.

September 16, 1989

"The recent expedition in Peru, referred to as the Gran Vilaya IV Expedition, was a most successful undertaking on behalf of the Andean Explorers Foundation and Ocean Sailing Club. More importantly, the success of the sojourn in Chachapoyas territory may be viewed in terms of its importance to the Second Advent Ministry and The Church as a cultural entity.

"For example, the world press and related media are quite interested in our findings and continuing research, and this exposure to a broader world audience cannot but help work to the advantage of our ministry as a whole.

"Aside from the historical and archaeological interests of a general nature, there are specific areas of research accomplished during the last expedition which directly concern us as religionists, and specifically as Ministers of the Second Advent Church and as Cosolargists.

"The Gran Vilaya IV team was in search of evidences relating to the figure Viracocha, whom the Peruvian legends and writings of the early monastics and scholars identify as St. Thomas. Much data was collected in

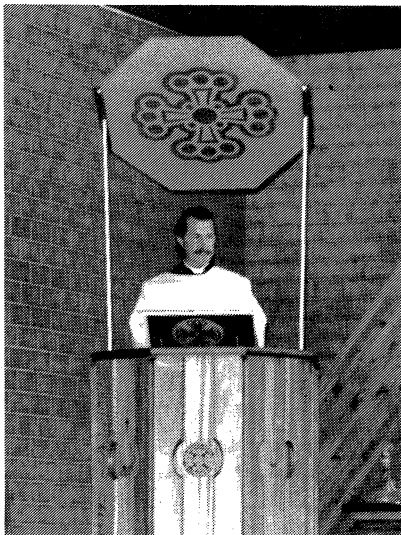


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this endeavor, and that information will be forthcoming in our seminars and publications.

"The cultural contacts suspected between the early Peruvians and the Egyptians, Phoenicians and Israelites was another concern of the expeditionary force, and this would include our knowledge of the traditions relating to the Essenes having been in South America, perhaps in Peru, where they were identified as the "Wilkas-Mayku," and in Mexico, where they were known as the "Pochtecas." Again, evidences were accumulated indicating the likelihood of these contacts, not least of which was the discovery of stone tablets in Gran Vilaya containing inscriptions of apparent Phoenician-Semitic origin, which relate to the Biblical voyages of King Solomon's fleet to the land of Ophir sometime during the eighth century B.C.

"Thus, we see that the pre-Columbian history of the Chachapoyas people, a blonde and blue-eyed pre-Incan culture, may be a link to earlier religious ideas, sacred concepts shared with the Essaei. Not only did the team visit and study these areas, but they researched the Nazca lines of

the southern desert, the Inca complex at Machu Picchu, the citadels overlooking Cuzco, and numerous other sites relating to the ancient solar cultures of Peru.

"All of this research has been documented on film and video with sound recordings and in journals, maps, and photographs. As the next seven years of global explorations unfold, the voyages of the Feathered Serpent III will tie in ever more closely with our Biblical and religious research, helping to revive the lost teachings of the ancients, the spiritual teachings, as opposed to the limited speculation of physical research.

"The route after Peru will be to Israel, then Egypt, then Greece, Arabia, China, and the Isles of the Pacific, Oceania. All along will be the making of video cassettes and books, the expansion of facilities serving both the Foundation and Church. A new horizon lies ahead for our Community of Light involving the building of our own religious-cultural society on a lofty, professional level.

"The liturgical program and high religious services are for the devoted. Our purpose is educational, cultural and cosmic...for Communion with God and benefit to the universe, as was always done in the past by high religious Orders and is now being reactivated in modern fashion.

"In the undertakings of all branches of the Community, and especially in regard to the Church and Foundation, we must be clear in purpose.

"We have university training for the Ordained in new religious studies. The expeditions and the Project X program help define those studies.

"Our purpose is not material or scientific in the empirical sense, but is the high religious understanding of cosmic truths, which are needed in

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modern society and western civilization. The understanding requires a 'new Order.'

"All these endeavors represent a new horizon in the religion of truth, not of faith or belief...knowledge and expertise in cosmic sciences unknown in the world today.

"We are to be the leaders of tomorrow. This leadership needs to begin now by the dedicated servants of God justly married to our Church in the highest sense of the word."

October 7, 1989

"Our Community is a modern Church representing various plateaus or levels of participation. Chapel services on Saturday continue the traditional Christian services coupled with Second Advent theological concepts. The Communion Service of bread and water is the lowest Communion, in which we ask God to bless the bread and water in fellowship after the old Essene rite taken over by the later Christian churches. Fellowship and Communion with God is the theme.

"Our Chapel Communion is symbolic. As mortals our bodies are nurtured by earthly food, food which for the most part is taken at the expense of some other life form. In the orthodox rite the bread represents the flesh of Jesus, and the water, or sometimes wine, represents the blood and the actual presence. We reject this rite as moderns who have a higher concept, a concept which we believe and teach was practiced by the Essenes and by the first Christians. The orthodox rite was formulated at a later date when Jesus was made the human savior and worshipped. We do not believe this was practiced in early time, so we return to the original concept of a symbolic meal of bread and water. This meal represents the high theological doctrine that at God's Second Advent the blessing of His presence will return. When God withdrew His Presence from Adam and Eve in the allegorical Garden of

Eden, He promised to return that Presence at His Second Coming.

"We of the Second Advent teach that God has appeared and manifested His Divine Presence in redeeming Light. Thus we stress spirit over matter in our Church. It was taught and believed in the early Church that when God appeared He would radiate His Divine Light to nurture the spirit and soul of mortals, and that this nurturing would restore the spirit and soul to life. God would feed the spirit and soul from Heaven at what was known as the Great Banquet of God. God would feed mankind with the divine food of the Presence, which would not take any life form. There would be no cannibalism or eating of another life form, but rather a consuming of God's Body of Light — a Divine Gift of restoration and salvation. This was what was meant by Jesus when he preached that God would come again at a later date when the world had lost the divine nature through ignorance.

"This promise is symbolized by the prophet Malachi, the final prophet of the Old Testament: 'Behold the day will come and it shall burn with the heat of an oven, and all the proud and all those that do unrighteous deeds shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up and shall leave them neither root for branch. But unto you that love the Lord shall the Sun of Righteousness appear with healing in its rays and ye shall go forth as a new generation.'

"This old prophecy is reflected in the nineteenth psalm: 'The heavens declare the Glory of God, and the firmament sheweth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language where the Voice of Light is not heard. And it shines over the whole earth, and the Word hath set a tabernacle for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoicing as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heavens, and his circuit unto the ends

of it; and there is nothing hid from the heat of this light. The Law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making the wise simple; The statutes of the Lord are righteous, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.'

"We of modern times, in the light of greater understanding of the meaning of prophecy, especially that bestowed by the recovery of the Essene literature called the Dead Sea Scrolls, can grasp how these ancient ideas were altered through a literal translation.

"God was Savior and Redeemer, and Jesus was His prophet, teacher and servant, come to restore knowledge of God, to interpret prophecy and to teach that the Word of God was spirit and that the Word and the Law was within God's Light as a divine force that governed the soul, not a written law put down in books or inscribed on stone to be understood by the rational mind. Thus we see Jesus as a human Messiah that came to enlighten the world on the things of God, not one to be worshipped. God is Savior, not a man — just as Jesus was prone to teach.

"We of this modern Community maintain the older Communion of bread and water, but we also practice a higher Communion. We teach that God has manifested a Divine Light, to be seen only by the reborn spirit, and that within that Light is God's Word, to be understood only by the enlightened soul. Thus we do practice a High Communion or Divine service. This Service is reserved for the enlightened, the ordained ministers and members of the Order. This is the third Communion.

"We also practice another Communion, a second Communion. This second Communion is a liturgical service that takes place on Sundays at sunrise in the Second Advent Church. This liturgical rite is performed at our Consecrated Sanctuary at a church, an amphi-Church, open

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Gran Vilaya IV Expedition Returns After Three Months

New Discoveries Suggest King Solomon's Fleets Visited the Americas

During the summer of this year, the Andean Explorers Foundation and Ocean Sailing Club sponsored a three-month expedition into the high jungle slopes east of the Andes in search of documentary evidence concerning the legendary visit of Santo Tomas to the Gran Vilaya region, the center of the ancient Chachapoyas people discovered by Bishop Gene Savoy in 1985, situated some 10,000 feet above sea level in the rain forests of northern Peru. "If it exists, we'll find it," said Rev. Savoy. "And if we don't find it, it's not there."

Under the protection of the Guardia Civil (Peruvian police), the ex-

peditionary film crew, laboring to gather proof that a communication network must have existed between the ancient peoples of South America and the Mediterranean, travelled with seventy horses in company with fifty native mountain men. The National and Chachapoyas Institutes of Culture and the government tourist agency FOPTUR showed great interest in sponsoring the Foundation's work and collaborated with the expedition team during the safari. Film director Gene Savoy was assisted by his two sons, Gene, Jr. and Sean Savoy as supply officers. The camera crew was headed by cinematog-

rapher Roger Weld, assisted by Donald Crook, Tom Rees, and Steve Larson of the United States; Alan Holton of South Africa; and lighting technician Patrick Newman of the Canadian Broadcasting System. Additional assistance was provided by Sylvia Savoy, LaCynda Gibson, and Belinda Chauvin, who were in charge of make-up and wardrobe. Also assisting was Jamila Savoy. Sound recordings were made by audio technician and field musicologist Gary Buchanan with the assistance of Thomas Chauvin.

In total, the primary research team, special envoys, and Foundation

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to the sky. There we face the sun at its rising and participate in a Divine Communion in which the mind and body are nurtured by the healing rays of the Sun of Righteousness illuminated by the Presence of God, as prophecy has foretold would appear in later times.

"It is proper that we explain this doctrine to those present so they might better understand our Universal Teaching, which is available to all people everywhere, regardless of race or creed.

"Following our Chapel Services there is what is known as a Rabban Service; that is, a service after the tradition of the Rabban-Priests of the older Essene tradition. This service includes wine and bread, a remembrance of the meal performed by Jesus. It is a liturgical rite of the highest order. For the moment it is closed, but it will include the Rabban-Priests awaiting ordination into the Order.

"We also perform an old rite of the Rabban-Priests who began as Essenes and evolved to the Christian Church of the masses. This rite is performed on New Mount Zion in the upper heights of Reno on sacred ground in the open air. We perform this rite be-

cause we hold to tradition. But out of this rite comes a still higher rite of the Second Advent to be performed at the appointed Abodes of God, meaning those sacred grounds that prophecy said would be appointed in the Second Advent Community — grounds where the Divine Presence of God and the Divine Light would manifest. Those of you who would like to participate are most welcome to do so. There are blessings bestowed. This rite does prepare one for the sunrise service.

"As mentioned, there are various plateaus or levels in our Community. Members of Project X who are part of the extension program of the Jamilian University, which as a metaphysical teaching is part of the University curriculum, are perhaps scientifically oriented. So are our ministers. There is no reason that science and religion cannot co-exist, especially if that religion is a religious science, a way of life.

"All we are attempting to do is to expose you to our doctrines so that you might better understand the significance of what we are doing, which is, in simple words, creating a technology of life with a scientific approach that acknowledges the

existence of the human spirit and soul as that immortal part of our nature which endures after loss of the mortal body.

"What is more, we teach that the spirit and soul, once brought to life, are assets to the human nature that afford it a higher dimension of being. Indeed, we are able to penetrate the world of the atom, that world from whence it comes and returns — a world that true scientists know exist, but of which they know absolutely nothing. We are exploring that world. Moreover, we are experiencing it.

"We invite you to walk with us in these days with an open mind. Simply observe, as I was taught to do by my old teachers some four decades ago, teachers whose ideas still await the enlightened of a future age who can grasp their meaning and, more importantly, live them.

"Let me assure you. What we are teaching is real; it is technical and highly complicated. We have recovered an ancient system and supplemented it with new findings under the new state of the world. You will be learning more of this and of what we are building in the days ahead." ♦

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members spent five months in Peru. The Research-Study Seminar co-sponsored by the Jamilian University, the Project X Program, and the Andean Explorers Foundation and Ocean Sailing Club was held June 5-14. From mid-June until mid-September the smaller expeditionary force made several forays into the dense highland jungles atop white cliffs overlooking the Vilaya and Maranon Rivers in quest of the central temples, avenues, and sacred sites of the ancient Chachapoyan civilization.

Wire service reports and press releases in the *Washington Times* and *Insight* magazine delivered from Peru during the three-month sojourn detailed the expedition's success in penetrating new and unknown terrain and in the discovery of hidden ruins, roads, and artifacts in unexpected locations.

Expedition leader Gene Savoy reported: "We were able to cut our way into the thick jungles to the temple area where we cleared away growth, revealing large and imposing buildings. Built of white limestone blocks cut and shaped, the structures are decorated with architectural ornamentations — zig-zag elements (cocos) situated atop cornices (see photo this page). For the most part the buildings are circular with a few rectangular structures...."

"As to the matter of possible contacts between America and Mediterranean countries, specifically ancient Israel and Egypt, we were fortunate to locate three stone tables measuring some five feet wide by ten feet long and two feet thick. They are richly covered with ancient hieroglyphic inscriptions which have not as yet been deciphered. They are unlike anything found to date.

"We did succeed in re-visiting a cliff tomb (discovered by our team some twenty-four years ago) with an Egyptian-Phoenician glyph (a sign for a ship) and a Greek cross. This same glyph sign was used in ancient Israel in referring to the gold of Ophir, and suggests sea contact at some remote period in history."

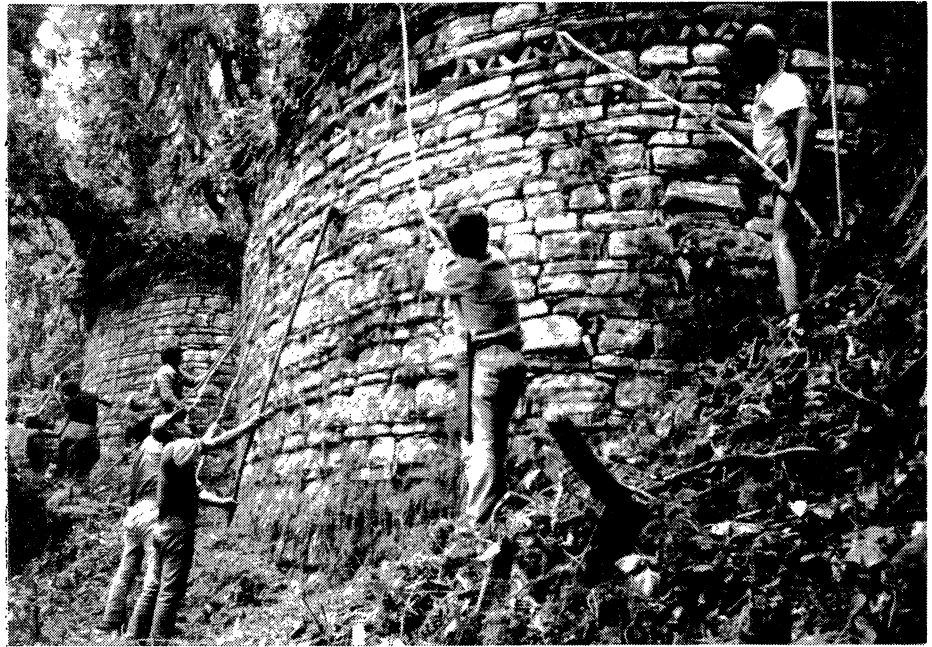


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In a telephone interview from Lima with *Washington Times* correspondent Harvey Hagman, Savoy said he had uncovered his most astonishing find yet, the lost capital of the mysterious Chachapoyas civilization and its central temple area.

"Try to imagine a great metropolis that covers 100 square miles in a green setting with white limestone buildings and crystal streams, waterfalls and high mountains, monkeys overhead, orchids in the trees," said Rev. Savoy. "Gran Vilaya is spectacular. It dwarfs anything the Incas built."

Gran Vilaya may have been inhabited for more than 2,000 years, but speculation so far indicates it reached its zenith 700 to 1,000 years ago. Savoy said these dates may be pushed back by further exploration and dating of artifacts, since myths trace the Chachapoyas culture to the 10th century B.C. Such an antiquity would, of course, revolutionize modern views on when high cultures were established in the region that later became known as the Inca heartland.

"As you get into the center of the city, seven major white limestone cliffs rise up and the best ruins we've found are atop those pinnacles," said Rev. Savoy. It was on two of these seven peaks that the expedition

found the "royal buildings of the aristocracy."

Expedition member Francisco Seoane, son of former Peruvian Vice President Edgardo Seoane, called it "a very important finding." He added, "The last three trips have confirmed and widened our knowledge of this huge metropolis. To me, there is nothing that compares in size so far...It is out of this world.

"Every time we hit a new site, we confirmed it was in communication with the other sites... It was a huge civilization and the evidence was there."

Gran Vilaya is "the largest pre-Columbian city of the Americas," said Rev. Savoy, who named it after the nearby Vilaya River valley. Some 400 miles north of Lima, the ancient citadel sits atop a 10,000-foot ridge in the state of Amazonas and looks down to the west on the Maranon River gorge 6,000 feet below.

Gran Vilaya was once home to the Chachapoyas culture, "the cloud people" or Chachas, a mysterious white race that built a pre-Columbian empire rivaling the Incas' in size, according to Rev. Savoy. "They were called cloud people because of their white skin and blue eyes." The Chachapoyas "were conquered by the Incas in 1480," explorer Savoy

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added. "Spaniards reported it, the Incas reported it, and as you go deeper into the dense jungle, the tall, blond, blue-eyed fellows are still there."

Rev. Savoy, who has uncovered over 40 ancient cities in Peru's jungles since 1957 and discovered the site he named Gran Vilaya in 1985 (see *Communique Summer 1985*), said the royal buildings discovered by the 1989 expedition are far superior to any known Chachapoyas ruins. He estimated the expedition found about 4,500 major structures covered with centuries of growth.

Ancient roads provided the key to the discovery of the central temple area, according to Rev. Savoy. "We traced these beautiful white stone roads, perfectly laid out, but broken up, possibly by earthquakes, and overgrown by jungle. They average from six to seven feet wide and in some cases are up to 24 feet wide, the same size as the royal Inca roads.

"What we have found is about 15 mountaintops with 600 or 700 buildings atop each height connected by broken roads, with scattered remains on the slopes and water cascading down to the valley floor," he said.

"It seems that when the Incas conquered the Chachapoyas, they depopulated the whole area," he theorized. "The city seems like it was abandoned. Some of the ruins have been filled in and roads built right over them, but in most cases the ruins are untouched.

There is agricultural terracing, then stone agricultural buildings occupied by workers, and stone fortifications encircling the city atop great pinnacles.

"We finally found the royal buildings of the aristocracy...but our film was deteriorating in the heat. We had no refrigeration. All we had were generators to charge our camera batteries. Our cameramen got it all on film."

When explorer Savoy and the El Dorado-Gran Vilaya expedition team uncovered the royal buildings in the lost capital of the Chachapoyas

civilization, Rev. Savoy said he found evidence to substantiate his theory that the ancient Israelites traded in the pre-Columbian Americas.

"We found three stone monolithic tablets with inscriptions on them," said Savoy in a second telephone interview from Lima after returning from seven weeks in Peruvian jungles. "We photographed them, and we've taken rubbings. We are going to turn these over to...experts in ancient languages to find out what they mean."

On a white cliff, 2,500 feet above the valley floor, Savoy found inscribed Phoenician or Hebraic symbols and a Greek cross outside a cave tomb on inscribed stone monoliths, each about 5 by 10 feet in dimension. "We're not only bewildered but fascinated by the possibilities," Savoy added.

Massive Cross Raised at Steamboat Priory

Primary construction on the massive Second Advent Cross structure erected in front of the Steamboat Priory was completed this season.

The project was initiated in 1987 when Rev. Kjell Sveen made a full-sized drawing of the eight-foot steel cross to be mounted on a proposed 47-foot high structure. In early spring 1989, Rev. Sveen was able to begin welding the pieces of the eight-foot cross together which were produced in 1988 by Reno Salvage company after Rev. Sveen's drawing.

The original design of the entire cross structure, created by the Head of The Church's Building department, Reverend Nelson Duchesneau, included a carillon structure with six arches incorporated at the base. This design was later discarded in favor of a fountain base.

Since the building crew had embarked on a new structural concept, they realized the necessity of a new engineering plan for the base anchoring. The result was a thick slab over the fountain pool. An original stair concept was kept intact but with a wall added around the stairs to contain water.

Rev. Savoy, who is president of the Andean Explorers Foundation and Ocean Sailing Club, plans to make a movie on Ophir and possible voyages of King Solomon's fleets to the Americas. At present, the Ocean Sailing Club is completing three years of design work on Feathered Serpent III, a 65-foot twin-hulled vessel, which will attempt to traverse ancient sailing routes used by King Solomon's fleets, taking the ship down the Amazon, across the Atlantic to Africa, up to and through the Mediterranean to Israel, and then back. The Feathered Serpent's design blends ancient Phoenician and American designs and will be constructed with modern materials. Rev. Savoy said, "The idea is to prove the sea routes which we have discovered." ♦

The 16-by-16 inch crossbeam that forms the stem of the cross was placed on two solid steel horses, constructed by Rev. David Arden. Using The Church's heavy machinery, crew men could weld the cross on at the tip of the stem. The new gas metal welder, purchased for this purpose, made the welding faster and easier. Rev. Nelson Duchesneau painted the stem beam white and the cross gold with specially prepared paint after the metal was thoroughly cleaned and sandblasted.

With the beam and cross completed, during the summer of 1989, Rev. Arden excavated the site for the concrete base for which a Sunday volunteer work crew completed the framework. After the concrete had been poured and properly set, a mobile crane was hired to lift the cross and beam onto the base, where it was firmly anchored using six embedded one-inch bolts. Four additional temporary braces secured the structure until the rest of the base was completed.

The form work for the foundation and pool was done with the help of

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Donald Crook and Larry Coesens, who volunteered their efforts two to three days each week over a period of several weeks. After some final advice from Rev. Reano Castell, the form work and rebar were made ready for the final pouring of concrete in late August 1989.

Before the project is complete, the base and fountain will be painted and tiled, the water pump for recirculation of water connected, and the spray nozzles for the fountainheads installed. Flower beds will surround the fountain, and trees and flowers will line the front of the chapel and spa.

The carillon structure originally planned to be mounted on the Cross was mounted on the Chapel bell tower after eight chapel bells were hung. The carillon is presently situated just inside the Chapel entry way.

The East Wing parsonage, adjacent to the Rectory-Abbey on La Fond Drive, was also improved during a second work project undertaken this fall. One half of the parsonage's front driveway was paved. On the other half, sod and a walkway were laid. ♦

ORDINATIONS

During the Convocation this fall, several seminary students enrolled in the non-resident clergy studies program of the Jamilian University received their first-degree ordination. Bishop Savoy conducted the first-degree ordinations in his private chambers at the Chancellery.

Ordained on Tuesday, October 10th, in respective order:
Jane S. Sabin of Norman, OK, enrolled in the Clergy studies extension program since June 1966;
Delwin F. Downs of Belton, MO, enrolled in the Clergy studies program since August 1967;
Yukinori Matsushita of Middlesex, United Kingdom, enrolled in the Clergy studies program since January 1977. ♦

COMMUNION SERVICES**CHANCELLERY COMPLEX*****The University Chapel***

Saturday 10:00 A.M.

Officiating Minister**The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy**

1989	Assisting Ministers	1989	Assisting Ministers
Aug. 5	Carol Salverson* Vickie Hewlett (R)	Oct. 14	Roger Weld (L) Donald Crook (C) Edith Forgy (R)
12	David Arden* Tom Rees (R)	21	Nelson Duchesneau (L) Clare Mead (C) Robert Roy (R)
19	Lawson Crabb* Belinda Chauvin (R)	28	Reano Castell (L) Gail Fosbury (C) JoAnn Hainline (R)
26	Robert Petrovich* Mark Lord (R)		
Sept. 2	Donald Crook* Dr. Arline Peace (R)		
9	Ileana Isfan* Albert Edgecomb (R)	(L)=Lector (C)=Cantor (R)=Reader	
16	Roger Weld (L) Jacklynn Lord (C)		
23	Amanda Buchanan (R) Nelson Duchesneau (L) Gary Buchanan (C) LaCynda Gibson (R)		
Oct. 7	Reano Castell (L) Lawson Crabb (C) Jacklynn Lord (R)		

* Presiding Minister during Bishop's absence.

NCCJ Dinner Held

The National Conference of Christians and Jews of the Northern Nevada Region honored Secretary of State Frankie Sue Del Papa and Philip G. Sartre, president and C.E.O. of Harrah's Hotels and Casinos, during the NCCJ's 1989 Humanitarian Awards Dinner on Tuesday, September 12th at the Robert A. Ring Convention Center, Harrah's, Reno. The award, presented each year for the last sixteen years to individuals whose lives have demonstrated the goals and aims of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, was presented this year to two members of the Northern Nevada community for their outstanding leadership.

The Second Advent Church was represented at the event by The Reverends Reano Castell, Lawson Crabb, Kjell Sveen, Robert Petrovich, Belinda Chauvin, Rebecca Willis, LaCynda Gibson, Edith Forgy, Victoria Skinner, and Albert Edgecomb. ♦

Kiwanis Invitation

Bishop Gene Savoy, speaking for the Andean Explorer's Foundation, gave a one-hour presentation to Kiwanis Club members at a dinner held in his honor Wednesday, October 25th at the Bordeaux Room of the El Dorado Hotel in downtown Reno.

Rev. Savoy's opening comments included further background information on his exploration work, including the background of his recently completed expedition to Gran Vilaya and an update on his new findings. The two-hour presentation included the full-length video "Lost City of the Andes". His closing comments were followed by a short question and answer period. Bishop Savoy had delivered a report on his recent work before the Kiwanis in February. Kiwanis coordinator Steve Voss contacted him to speak again after news of his return from Peru this fall with new discoveries. ♦

COMMUNION SERVICES

CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

The University Chapel

Wednesday 12:00 Noon

1989 *Officiating Minister*

Aug. 2	Gail Fosbury
9	Reano Castell
16	Vickie Hewlett
23	Clare Mead
30	Robert Petrovich
Sept. 6	LaCynda Gibson
13	Kjell Sveen
20	Barbara Snyder
27	Nelson Duchesneau
Oct. 4	Roger Weld
11	Elizabeth Reece
18	David Arden
25	Carol Salverson

INVOCATIONS AND INTERCESSIONS

CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

The University Chapel

August		Sat. 26 (cont'd.)	Taumie Roberts
Wed. 2	Andrea & Diana Snyder	Wed.30	Yolande Roy
	Don Opdyke		
	Taumie Roberts	September	
	Ralph Hewlett	Sat.30	Myrtle Sawyers
	Ralph Hewlett, Jr.		Theresa Andronis
	Linda Hewlett		
Sat. 5	Ralph Hewlett	October	
	Don Opdyke	Sat. 7	Patricia Aversano
	Bernard Staver †		Francis Cook
Wed. 9	Don Opdyke		Brice Douglas Roberts
	Taumie Roberts	Wed.11	Edna May Warne
Sat.12	Bernard Staver †	Sat.14	Ralph Hewlett
	Ralph Hewlett		Kenneth Wright and family
	Don Opdyke	Wed.18	Martha & Art Gould
	Taumie Roberts		Francis Cook
Wed.16	Ralph Hewlett		Victims of San Francisco earthquake
	Daniel Boone	Sat.21*	Emanuel Sawyers
	Juanita Hamilton		Carmella Sawyers
	Frank Jacobson, Jr.		
Sat.19	Ralph Hewlett		
	Taumie Roberts		
	Brice Douglas Roberts		
Sat.26	Theresa Andronis & children		
	Daniel Boone		
	Don Opdyke		

† *In Memoriam*

* All Consociates, their families, and other friends of The Church in the Bay Area have been reported uninjured during the recent earthquake.

These appeals are made upon request.

LAMENTATION SERVICE

NEW MT. ZION SANCTUARY

Officiating Minister

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy

Assisting Ministers

Roger Weld	Nelson Duchesneau
Reano Castell	Robert Petrovich
David Arden	Kjell Sveen
Gary Buchanan	Lawson Crabb
Donald Crook	Ileana Isfan
Carol Salverson	

1989	Saturday, 12:00 Noon	1989	Saturday, 12:00 Noon
Aug. 5	Private Prayer*	Oct. 7	High Service
12	Private Prayer*	14	High Service
19	Private Prayer*	21	High Service
26	Private Prayer*	28	High Service
Sept. 2	Private Prayer*		
9	Private Prayer*		
16	Private Prayer*		
23	High Service		
30	High Service		

* Private Prayer held due to Bishop's absence.

Lamentation and Prayer is held every Saturday at 12:00 noon on New Mount Zion in protest of Washoe County's denial of a Special Use Permit.

CHRISTENING

The son of James Gerald McDermott and Caron McDermott, James Joyce McDermott, was Christened on Saturday, October 14, 1989, at 11:30 A.M. in The University Chapel.

The Christening was performed by The Reverend Nelson Duchesneau, assisted by Acolytes Bradley Buchanan and DeEtta Fosbury. The Reverend Carol Salverson and Mr. Robert Roy avowed themselves as godparents of James Joyce during the service.

The Reverend Gary Buchanan accompanied the service on the organ, playing the liturgical compositions *A Baptismal Hymn* and *Music for a Christening*.

Jim McDermott has been an extension student of the Clergy study program from Austin, Minnesota, since August 1978. ♦

SUNDAY OPEN-AIR SERVICES

RED ROCK CONSECRATED SANCTUARY

Sanctuary of Revelation

1989	Church	Time*	Officiating Minister
Aug. 6	New Mt. Tabor	7:30	Belinda Chauvin
	New Mt. Carmel	8:00	Edna Gottemoeller
	New Mt. Hebron	8:30	Edith Forgy
13	New Bethany	7:30	Belinda Chauvin
	New Qumran	8:00	Edna Gottemoeller
	New Mt. Carmel	8:45	Edith Forgy
20	New Mt. Carmel	7:30	Belinda Chauvin
	New Mt. Tabor	8:00	Edith Forgy
	New Qumran	8:30	Edna Gottemoeller
27	New Mt. Hebron	8:15	Belinda Chauvin
	New Mt. Tabor	8:45	Edith Forgy
	New Qumran	9:30	Edna Gottemoeller
Sept. 3	New Damascus	8:15	Donald Crook
	New Mt. Tabor	9:00	Bruce Kanzelmeyer
	New Mt. Carmel	9:30	Michael McIntyre
10	New Damascus	8:15	Bruce Kanzelmeyer
	New Bethany	9:00	Michael McIntyre
	New Qumran	9:30	Donald Crook
17	New Damascus	8:00	Michael McIntyre
	New Bethany	9:00	Robert Roy
	New Qumran	9:30	Bruce Kanzelmeyer
24	New Mt. Carmel	8:00	Robert Roy
	New Mt. Carmel	8:15	Bruce Kanzelmeyer
	New Mt. Carmel	8:30	Michael McIntyre
Oct. 1	New Philadelphia	8:20	Elizabeth Reece
8	(NSS)		
15	(NSS)		
22	New Ephesus	8:15	Elizabeth Reece
	New Laodicea	8:45	LaCynda Gibson
29	New Philadelphia	7:45	Vickie Hewlett

* Daylight Saving Time in effect through Sept.

(NSS) = No Service Scheduled

Sanctuary of Prophecy

1989	Church	Time*	Officiating Minister
Aug. 6-27	(NSS)		
Sept. 3-24	(NSS)		
Oct. 1	To the Christian Churches Of the End Times	9:10 9:30	LaCynda Gibson Vickie Hewlett
8	To the Races of Man Of the New Covenant	8:15 8:45	Elizabeth Reece Vickie Hewlett
15	On the Golden Age of Light & the Nation of Nations Of the Universal Theocracy	8:15 8:45	Vickie Hewlett LaCynda Gibson
22	(NSS)		
29	To the Christian Churches Of the End Times	8:45 9:15	Elizabeth Reece LaCynda Gibson

* Daylight Saving Time in effect through Sept.

(NSS) = No Service Scheduled

SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE

RED ROCK CONSECRATED SANCTUARY

Officiating Minister

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy

1989	Church	Time*
Aug. 6	Temple Mount+	6:09**
13	Temple Mount+	6:18**
21	Temple Mount+	6:26
27	Temple Mount+	6:30**
Sept. 3	Temple Mount+	6:36**
10	Temple Mount+	6:43**
18	New Pentecost	6:51
24	New Pentecost	6:54**
Oct. 1	New Epiphany	7:02**
8	New Epiphany#	7:12
15	New Epiphany	7:19
22	New Epiphany	7:25**
29	New Epiphany	6:31**

* Daylight Saving Time in effect
through September

** Exact sunrise horizon time

+Low Service during Bishop's absence

Communion and Divine Service

RABBAN SERVICE

CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

The University Chapel

Saturday 11:00 A.M.

Each Saturday following Chapel Communion, officiating Chaplains, together with the Bishop's Acolytes, attendants, and musicians, join Bishop Savoy in silent prayer.

This silent rite of the Sabbath is accompanied by music based on ancient Hebrew sacred chants specially composed for the service and performed on the organ by Church composer and musical director, The Reverend Gary Buchanan. ♦

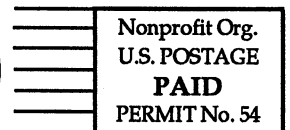
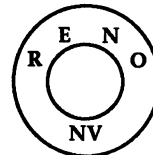


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