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MEMORIAL CHAPEL OF THE HOLY CHILD COMPLETED: DEDICATION SERVICE PLANNED

The Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child was completed on July 15th, 1980, with only minor additions and final touches remaining to be accomplished in the weeks ahead. This Chapel, attached to the Chancellery at 643 Ralston Street, Reno, has a maximum seating capacity of two hundred persons, with a normal seating of one hundred, and serves the present liturgical needs of the Community in Reno. It also serves as Sacred Chambers for training of Ministers in the Seminary and Divinity School of the Sacred College of Jamilian Theology.

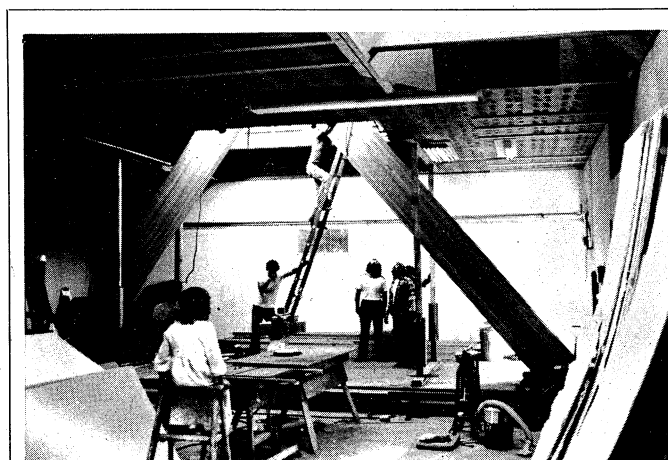
This very beautiful Chapel is unique and original, designed for the specific needs of the Church of the Second Advent of Christ. The interior was planned and designed by Right Reverend Gene Savoy and Associate Nelson Duchesneau, who was also the Church Construction Supervisor. Jack Opdyke, a building contractor from California, also contributed his expert knowledge and assistance, as well as some building materials. His firm was also instrumental in the acquisition of the mahogany pews which now grace the structure.

The building of the Chapel was a memorable experience shared by all Reno members. Special mention should be made of the assistance given by Phillip Snyder, Stan Fortmeyer, Roger Weld, Gary Buchanan, Robert Petrovich, Bob Chauvin, Randy Rogers, Richard Floyd, Nub Mahan, John Miller, Gary Drake, Ted Staver, Gary Huss, and Pieter Van Klaveren.

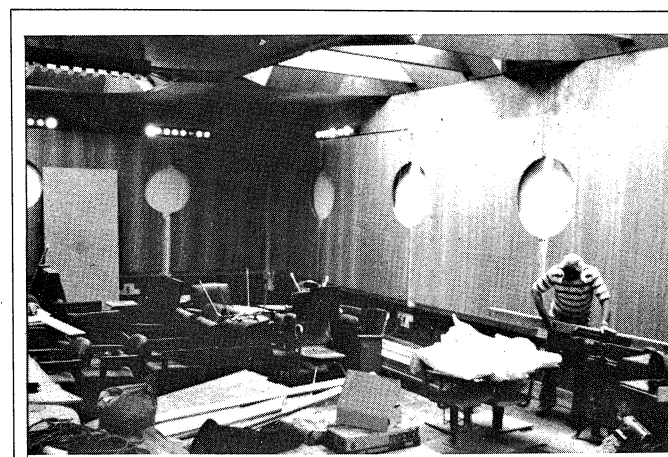
All during the project food and refreshments were provided by women of the Community. On many occasions work continued in twenty-four and forty-eight hour shifts. Outstanding in this area were Elena Baugh, Sylvia Savoy, Jackie Carrothers, Clare Mead, and Penny Floyd.

The job of changing a 55-by-32-by-12-foot former art gallery, a dark room without any opening for daylight, into a Chapel dominated by light was indeed a challenge. Old materials were stripped away, 260 square feet of skylights were installed, a new roof was added, the floor and part of the walls were tiled, and the ceiling and walls were enriched with beautifully designed mahogany paneling.

In the Chancel area, a tremendous triangular arch of beams 6½-by-24-inches supports a "floating" communion table and reaches to the center of a 10-by-10-foot skylight. On the apse of the Chancel is a 14-foot white granite cross on which is mounted a 5-foot bronze Community cross especially made and donated by Brian Davidson from Canada.



Roger Weld



Roger Weld

No church has ever been built with greater love and devotion. During the greater portion of the work period, men of the Community worked long and exhaustive shifts, and especially on weekends. The women, in addition to supplying the aforementioned food and refreshments, also assisted in the cleaning of the tiles and floor, polishing of panels and beams. All who participated in the project shared in a special love, pride, and joy of accomplishment.

A carillon, with automatic bells and hymn tapes, has been installed. The Church has also acquired an organ. Further details concerning these musical instruments are given in the section on music herein.

The Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child has been made possible by many contributions, both large and small. Stan Fortmeyer made one of the first large contributions in memory of his beloved mother. The names of the contributors and the loved ones they wish to immortalize will be engraved on a plaque placed in the Chapel.

An eternal light, set in a solar monstrance, gilded with gold, will burn before the plaque. Lights for perpetual prayers and flowers will constantly grace the table before the plaque and monstrance, and with the daily devotions, be a lasting tribute to the many we remember with love. The Chapel will honour both the departed and the living.

The Chapel will provide a necessary image for the Community in Reno. Business men in Reno and elsewhere assisted the Church with special discounts on all materials and with professional advice. The official building contractor for the project was Orlando Celucci, a benefactor of the Church.

The Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child, Christ Jamil, will be formally dedicated in sacred ceremony in September. The ceremony will include special music and a Communion service, as well as selections on the carillon.

We believe the entire body of The International Community of Christ will be proud of this Chapel, our very first, created through a beautiful and unified endeavour.



West end of Chapel of the Holy Child, with Communion Table and Community Cross.

COMMUNITY ACQUIRES LAND AND BUILDINGS

Since publication of the last Communique, The International Community of Christ has made several additions to Church properties in the State of Nevada.

The major additions are as follows:

(1) A parcel of 615 acres of land, located about thirty miles from Reno, future home of the Community's Sanctuary and Monastery. This land is known as our Red Rock Retreat, and the initial stages of development are already underway.

(2) Two new buildings across the street from the Chancellery's Production facilities discussed in the April edition of the Communique. One of the buildings will house the Parochial School of The Community (elementary and secondary grades), to serve the needs of Ministers in-residence. Plans are also being formulated for use of the upper level of this same building in connection with the Community Monastery.

The second building will be the new home of the Publishing Department charged with the responsibility of printing the Community scripture and materials.

These facilities are in addition to the newly completed Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child and the two Chancellery

NEW MEMBERS IN-RESIDENCE, RENO

The Spring of 1980 saw the arrival of several Associates in Reno, where they have now taken up residence.

John Miller, Associate from Memphis, Tennessee, arrived just in time to become actively involved in the construction of the Chapel. His help in the building program was a timely and valuable contribution to the Community. Though he has been in the Community for only a short time, John has committed himself totally to the Great Work of the Church of the Second Advent, and is a member of the Clergy Training Program.

Pieter and Miep Van Klaveren, originally from The Hague, Netherlands, are joined by two of their children, Ruby, 15, and Pieter Jr., 26. Pieter also arrived in good time to make a valuable contribution to the Chapel building project. All the Van Klaverens are active members of The International Community of Christ.

Pieter's background involved an education in Holland where he attended the Sea Academy and graduated as a Radio Communications Officer, Second Class. Upon graduation he went into Hospital Church Work.

Following immigration to North America in 1952, he was ten years an industrial engineer. From 1962 he and his family have been practicing Christian Scientists. Now, as members of the Clergy Program, they are also committed to the Ministry of Light.

structures. All buildings are located within the same area on Ralston Street in Reno, which will greatly facilitate the inter-communication of departments within the Community structure.

Moreover, these additions to the Community's material foundations represent a dramatic increase during the time span of but one year. Reverend Savoy reminds us that we are attempting to build an "ark," figuratively speaking, to cope with the coming events that are destined to change the world as we know it.

All Associates of The International Community of Christ may take great satisfaction in knowing that there is a strong nuclear base of operations for the Ministry of Christ in the United States of America.

MUSIC IN THE COMMUNITY

Associates in the field may be pleased to know that The Community is making progress in the area of liturgical music, i.e. the litany. A Department of Music has been established and is under the direct supervision of Right Reverend Gene Savoy and Reverend Gary Buchanan.

It is envisioned that in time a Sacred Litany and Liturgy will become part of the Community's daily, weekly, monthly, and annual cycles of worship. The processes of composing-arranging, compiling and the like, will be part of a gradual evolution as students in Seminary, Divinity School, Pastoral Training, and University come forward to take their places as Ministers of The Church of the Second Advent, and as such needs present themselves, for example: weddings, Christenings, funerals, Communions, etc.

With the completion of The Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child, two musical instruments were acquired by the Church: a J.J. Verdin-Paramount 4000 Carillon, and a Gulbransen Series 400 Spinnet Organ. These are in addition to other musical instruments already possessed by the Church, such as a piano and vibraphone, which are kept at the Rectory-Abbey.

The Carillon is used to toll the hours of the day, both with pre-selected bell canons and various melodic settings of bells with organ. The Carillon does much to heighten the atmosphere of the Chapel, Chancellery, and surrounding neighborhood, as speakers have been mounted on the roof, as is traditional.

The organ is a most welcome addition to the Church, as Community members have looked forward to having music for worship services. Special times are being set aside for rehearsals and the preparation of materials, including work with the Children's Choir, which has performed in the past. These performances were mentioned in previous Communiques.

Music, as a compliment to Community Worship, will greatly enhance the lives of Ministers, Associates, and their families in the Reno Community.

THE SACRED COLLEGE OF JAMILIAN THEOLOGY, SEMINARY, AND DIVINITY SCHOOL

The International Community of Christ has received proper Nevada State authority for the establishment of The Sacred College of Jamilian Theology, Seminary, and Divinity School. The College offers a four-year Ministerial Training Program for Graduates of the Academies I and II.

The program, briefly, is as follows:

First Year—Seminary

Student Status: INITIATE. This is the Clergy Program's first year, and, though the In-Residence Training Program is ultimately required, special arrangements for study may be made for this year by Associates in the field.†

Second Year—Theological School

Student Status: NOVITIATE. The Clergy Program's second year of study, with further emphasis on Theology. As with the Seminarial Training, this year may involve a Special Dispensation for study by those in the field.

Third Year—Divinity School

Student Status: POSTULANT. Training In-Residence is required. As with previous years, specialization studies may be undertaken during this term of postulancy; i.e., membership in one of the Guilds or like undertakings.

Fourth Year—Pastoral Training

Student Status: INTERN—MINISTER. In-Residence Training attached to the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child, Christ Jamil.

This four-year program prepares the Ordained Minister of The Church of the Second Advent of Christ for the licensed pastoral duties he or she will face, and to fulfill the functions of teaching, preaching, and administration of the Church Liturgy and Sacraments. For those who require specialized training, such as for service in a foreign country, an additional year of training may be required.

Our Church represents a new knowledge, a faith-knowledge given by Christian revelation, a knowledge impossible to know or understand without the involvement of a person's spiritual self. All professional schools teach a basic theory, provide practice in skills, and shape the person into his or her professional identity and role. But in the Minister's preparation in our Church, this self-shaping is a most important factor: the development of a mature selfhood as a person of faith and spiritual knowledge whose competence is determined, not solely by the Christian concepts of the First Advent of Christ, but by the Teachings of the concepts revealed in the Second Advent of Christ as held in trust by this Church. Furthermore, this maturity requires not only Seminarial training, Theological study and training in the Divinity School, but Pastoral Training as well. This is the purpose of The Sacred College of Jamilian Theology, Seminary, and Divinity School of The International Community of Christ, a unique religious institution of religious education where no secular or state accredited academic studies are taught.

†Note—In certain cases, Special Dispensation may be granted to students in the field for correspondence study.

Since such students would be missing portions of the In-Residence Training of the Clergy Program, refresher courses would be made available to the student — at the time of the eventual required residency in Reno.

PROJECT X SEMINAR ON SOLAR CULTURES OF CHINA PRESENTED

During the week of June 21 through June 28, 1980, The International Community of Christ held Seminars and sponsored other activities at the Chancellery and Rectory-Abbey in Reno. The schedule of programs and functions was varied and most inspiring to all of those involved.

The week opened with a dinner at the Rectory-Abbey on Saturday evening, the 21st. Both Saturday and Sunday were spent by Associates at the Chancellery participating in the In-Residence Training Programs. These meetings, as all other formal lectures, were held in the newly completed Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child.

Monday, the 23rd, Associates attended make-up Seminars of Advanced Program I and the Adept Program II, Color and Sacred Imagery. Recordings of the original Seminars given by Gene Savoy were accompanied by a teacher and assistant to Reverend Savoy who was available for questions and precepting at the conclusion of each meeting.

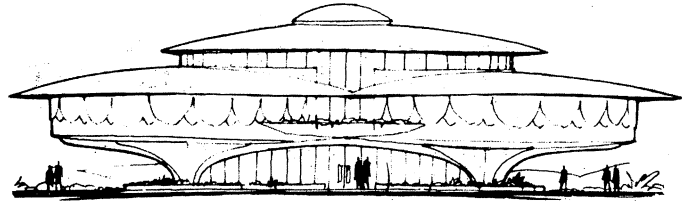
Tuesday, the 24th, Project X Seminars of Advanced Program I and the Adept Program II, Solar Cultures of

Israel—The Holy Kabbalah and Secret Symbolism, were presented as additional make-up sessions. Transcripts of these Seminars will be available in the near future.

The highlight of the week, and a fitting follow-up of the three previous programs, was the Project X Seminar on The Solar Cultures of China, held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. This Seminar was given in person by Reverend Savoy. The week's activities concluded on Saturday, the 28th, with the Master Adept ORAL TEACHINGS of CHINA, which concerned, among other topics, the Book of Changes I—CHING, and the classical Chinese text, The Secret of the Golden Flower. The transcript of this Seminar is presently being prepared for printing and distribution to Associates.

A final dinner was held at the Rectory-Abbey on Saturday evening, and this marked the end of a tremendously rewarding week of study and fellowship among Reno residents and visiting Associates. As always, there were other activities, such as Communion Services, Sunrise Services, and the like. Such experiences greatly contribute to bringing together the Community in terms of learning, sharing of the Light and the blessings of Metanoia.

THE SACRED JAMILIAN UNIVERSITY



Proposed University building

The Community wishes to announce the establishment of The Sacred College Jamilian University of the Ordained for Advanced Studies in the Arts, Sciences, and Technologies of Cosolargy, and The International Community of Christ.

Upon successful completion of the four-year college program of The Sacred College of Jamilian Theology, Seminary, and Divinity School, Ordained Ministers of the Church of the Second Advent may apply their knowledge in the Arts, Sciences, and Technologies of Cosolargy in advanced studies of higher learning in Specialized Information Science at the University. Ordination is mandatory for this undertaking; i.e. only those who have devoted their entire lives to the Great Work are admitted into the University, which is neither secular nor orthodox by definition.

The University is a unique school representing a Third Force in the World. Various Orders, within a nuclear Christianity, which is adding Supplemental Revealed Teachings to and fulfilling present Christianity, will allow for unmarried, married, and family participation in training for various posts and offices at the Chapel, Chancellery, Monastery, and Sanctuary.

It should be made clear that those who may not have a calling to the active Ministry, as such, may use their credentials as Ministers to work in other areas, such as research, administration, membership in the Guilds, or other projects more suited to their talents and abilities. The Church of the Second Advent is a modern one in which everyone can express oneself.

Associates are reminded that religion often finds itself hampered by those in authority who push secular systems of education. Confronted with secularism and aggressive non-Christian systems of thought and conduct, the Christian churches are unifying in a general effort to formulate a philosophy of education from the Christian standpoint. However, because of the separation of state and religion, it becomes essential that churches maintain the right to educate their ministers and members in theology without interference from secular-minded authorities.

The church's ministry of teaching, in particular that of The Church of the Second Advent, is wider than that of school, college and university from the secular standpoint. In view of this, religion must have the right to maintain its own schools, colleges and universities, free from State control--so long as these schools, colleges and universities, confine themselves to non-secular teaching; i.e., religion, theology, cosmology, and similar studies. The spiritual and cultural wants of man far outrun his material needs. Spiritual education is a part of the church's mission; teaching is a function of its ministry in which the Ordained Minister is given a distinctive training in scriptural and theological studies, including the Religious Arts, Sciences, and Technologies of Cosolargy in the case of The Sacred College Jamilian University. While corporate worship is in itself a training of the mind and spirit, there is room for definite guidance

in private prayer, meditation, and spiritual expression, which requires special training administered in a religious school.

There is both a liberty not to have religious training forced where it is objected to, and a liberty to have it provided where conscience feels it is essential for the education of citizens of the State.

Churches have found it difficult, owing to their limited financial resources, to maintain schools on a level comparable with that of state institutions of learning. Colleges and universities precluded by the basis on which they are founded from maintaining a divinity faculty or providing theological courses on religion, as well as from holding services of public worship for their members, cannot hope to provide religious education as required by the church. The State frequently insists on maintaining all education in its own hands, and today we see small Christian schools being closed or discouraged. In our own case we are threatened with the right to use the name college or university, even when these institutions are restricted to non-secular religious studies. This policy we find unfortunate because it would prevent an enriching variety of education in religion and to some extent limit the work of The International Community of Christ.

The Sacred College Jamilian University is a religious body exclusively created to train its Ministry and membership in the Sacred Scripture and Teachings of The Church of the Second Advent. The religious teaching offered in the University, that of Specialized Information Science, is not taught in any other institution of learning. On the otherhand, we are small and unique, and certainly offer no challenge to State Universities or Colleges.

Other states allow churches to maintain colleges and universities specifically created to teach religion. There is a need for this kind of instruction, otherwise it would not exist. In any free society where there exists freedom of religion, or where there is separation of Church and State, the State should not interfere with religion instructing its own members in its own institutions of learning, whether they are called Seminaries, Theological Schools, Divinity Schools, Colleges or Universities, so long as no secular instruction is given over which the State has control.

The International Community of Christ, The Church of the Second Advent, has every intention of continuing its religious instruction in The Sacred College Jamilian University, and this in addition to its other appropriate means of disseminating the Teachings of Light, because The Community believes that it is exempted automatically from State regulations applicable to secular institutions, except in the parochial school of the Community where accredited courses are given in compliance with State regulations. Therefore, The International Community of Christ maintains that any attempt on the part of the State to proscribe or limit a purely religious function, such as the one in question, would violate the due process provisions of both the Constitution of the United States of America, and the Constitution of the State of Nevada, home of the parent Church.

UPCOMING SEMINARS IN SEPTEMBER

Associates are at this time receiving invitations to attend Seminars scheduled for the week of September 20 through 27, 1980, to be held at the Chancellery of the Community in Reno. The varied week of activities will follow the outline given below.

September 20 & 21—

IN-RESIDENCE TRAINING PROGRAM

September 22 & 23—

COLOR & SACRED IMAGERY

September 24, 25, 26, & 27—

SYMPOSIA X, XI, & XII

Both the In-Residence Training Program and the Seminar on Color & Sacred Imagery for Adeptship in the System are make-up sessions for those who have been unable to attend previously. However, all Associates are invited to

attend the lectures again.

The unique four-day Seminar to be conducted by the Right Reverend Gene Savoy on September 24, 25, 26, & 27 is a presentation of Symposia X—XII:

SYMPOSIUM X: CHRISTO—THERAPY

SYMPOSIUM XI: CHRISTO—PHYSICS

SYMPOSIUM XII: CODE BOOK OF PROPHECY

The week promises to be a very full and exciting one, and it is hoped that many Associates will be able to attend the entire week's proceedings. It should be kept in mind that these highly sophisticated techniques, given orally from teacher to student, offer the individual special benefits that can only be received in person and in an atmosphere of spiritual fellowship, such as that afforded by the facilities of the Community. With this in mind, opportunities to share in this fellowship will also be extended to Associates by way of two dinners at the Rectory-Abbey, one on September 20, and one on September 27.

Other very special events will be occurring during this time in Community sharing of the Light.

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