

# COMMUNITIES OF JOY

MONTHLY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES STAKE

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## \*\*\* CALENDAR \*\*\*

**Feb 10 - Buckhorn Meeting**

**Feb 11 - GLAS Called Conference**

**Feb 12 - Endowment Board Meeting**

**Feb 16-18 - Children's Retreat Buckhorn Camp**

**Feb 17 & 18 - Forefront Conference Los Angeles**

**Feb 19 - Presidents' Day - Stake office closed**

**Feb 28 - Ash Wednesday**

**Mar 9-11- High Priest Retreat**

**Mar 18 - High Council Meeting**

### **CALLED GLAS CONFERENCE SET**

One of the actions of the November 5, 2000 GLAS Conference was to approve a motion of referral for the Temple City site/civil work to the Stake presidency with the stipulation that they report back to a GLAS conference within 90 days. The Stake Presidency has set **Sunday, February 11, 2001 at 2:30 PM** for the called conference. The new date will avoid communion Sunday and some other scheduling conflicts, but will respond to the spirit of the motion of referral. The only topic of business to be considered at the called conference will be the possible completion of the Temple City site/civil work and the various factors that financially impact the decision. Orval Fisher a member of the Presiding Bishop, will also be attending the conference.

### **YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM LAUNCHED**

GLAS is in the process of beginning a special educational scholarship offer for young people who are willing to be involved in significant leadership roles within their congregation or the stake. Funds for the scholarships are included in the Leadership Development budget of the stake.

Contact will be made shortly with pastors in an effort to identify opportunities for youth to serve in their congregations. Applications to apply for the program will then be made available. The program calls for a mentor to be assigned to each young person selected.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Bill Dodds, director of the leadership development office.

### **GLAS CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTER**

The Greater Los Angeles Stake is accepting

applications for the position of executive youth minister. The role will include training, support, and supervision of congregationally based children/youth ministry programs and some stake wide functions. Progressive responsibilities and salary will be offered to the successful applicant. The priesthood office of priest or elder, a bachelor's degree, and 3 - 5 years of experience are expected. Additional desirable skills are, counseling and/or teaching experience, outreach skills, administration skills, recreational leadership and bilingual capabilities (English and Spanish). Please send resumes to Scott Sinclair, 9468 Broadway, Temple City CA 91780, (626) 285-4500.

### **STAKE MELCHESIDIC AND AARONIC PRIESTHOOD RETREAT SET**

There will be a Stake Melchesidic and Aaronic Priesthood and spouse retreat on **April 27-29, 2001** at Buckhorn Camp, Inc. World Church Peace and Justice minister, Andrew Bolton will be the guest minister. Shirley Dodds and Sherry Southland will be the retreat directors. The retreat theme will be "A Journey Toward Peace." Additional information will be forthcoming, but plan now to attend this event.

### **HAPPY VALLEY FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MAY 18-20**

Put the date for the BIG Happy Valley fiftieth anniversary celebration on your calendar now and plan to attend. Presiding Bishop Larry Norris will be our guest for the weekend. Details of the celebration will be published later.

In the meantime, Marci Burdick and I will be writing a history with photographs of the fifty years of Happy Valley. We are hoping to incorporate photos into a video. We need memories and photographs of the past to compile this history. Please share these with us.

For the **memories** please write, as briefly as possible, the information including dates (or approximate), who was involved, what was the event, and other pertinent or interesting information. What are the significant events that happened to you at Happy Valley? What are the funny things that happened? Who was with you? Did you have specific music used or written for Happy Valley? Topics will probably include: purchase of the property; care takers; cooks; special guests; special events; and board members, as well as the many personal events. Please type or write on pages that are 8 1/2 by 11 inches. We will probably divide the stories into the five decades.

For **photographs** please indicate if you are willing to donate the photographs or if they are on loan to us to copy. Please note the date names of people, the event and memories

surrounding the event.

We need names and addresses of persons who have been associated with Happy Valley who no longer would see this notice so that they can contribute memories and photos and also be invited to the celebration.

Please get all memories and photos to be by **February 28** to allow time for compiling. Mail items to: Ila June Brunner, 852 W. Cortner, Hanford, CA 93230; Phone 559-582-8642; E-mail [ibrunner@cnetech.com](mailto:ibrunner@cnetech.com); Fax 559-585-8931. Please include your name, address, phone number, fax number and E-mail if you have them.

Thank you for your help with this project.  
Ila June Brunner

### ***FOR SALE***

If anyone is interested in buying an Interpreters Bible and other religious books. Please contact Jean Sorenson at (818) 842-2942 for more information.

### ***TECHNICAL HELPERS NEEDED***

GLAS needs a few older youth/young adults who would like to get involved in our technical efforts. We need persons to train as camera and video switch operators, video editors; sound technicians and computer network support. Call Bill Dodds, 626-285-4500 if you have an interest.

### ***WINTERCAMP AT CAMP BUCKHORN***

Wintercamp at camp Buckhorn is coming on February 16 - 18 for grades First - Sixth. CEPA funds available through your congregation. Registration due Monday, February 12. For further information please contact Wynn Maile at (909) 657-5879.

### ***LEADERS RETREAT: EVANGELIST DANNY BELROSE TO ATTEND GLAS***

The annual GLAS Leader's Retreat will be **March 30 - April 1, 2001** and will host Presiding Evangelist Danny Belrose, as the guest minister. The event is being organized by Jack Cave and Mary Lou Bruington and will be at the Oxnard Radisson. Additional information will be forthcoming.

### ***JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH RETREAT SET***

On March 16-18, 2001 there will be a Junior/Senior High Retreat at CCM Temple City directed by Terry Norwood. A separate bulletin insert will provide additional details for the retreat, but contact Terry or the stake office for additional information.

### ***HIGH PRIEST RETREAT AT SANTA BARBARA***

A west coast high priest retreat will be at Santa Barbara on March 9-11, 2001. Richard Hughes, Peter Judd, Gary Logan, and Ken McLaughlin will be the guest ministers. All High Priests, Evangelists, Bishops, and their spouses are welcome. Contact the stake office for additional information and registration costs.

### ***MIS-SHELBY TRAINING***

An additional MIS-Shelby training weekend has been set for February 24-25, 2001 at CCM Temple City. All pastors, stewardship commissioners, and recorders are urged to attend, unless they have already received training at a previous session. Contact Dale Hunzeker at the stake office for additional details and registration.

### ***"CALLED BY A NEW NAME"***

A booklet entitled "Called by a New Name" is being mailed to all church families during February as a preparation resource for the change of our denominational name to **Community of Christ**. We urge all members of the stake to utilize this material for personal devotional purposes for forty days prior to April 6 when the new name will take effect. There are also worship, children/youth, family, evangelist, and congregational resources in the booklet that we believe to be very helpful. May we not miss the opportunity for renewal that may come through our prayerful and thoughtful consideration of how the new name will affect our sense of identity as a community of faith. Congregations have been asked to provide "Listening and Sharing" sessions through which members may share their *various* feelings about this event in the life of the church.

### ***NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES***

By now you have experienced the new system for distributing offering envelopes. Instead of distributing boxed sets of envelopes for the entire year, a small packet of personalized envelopes is mailed to the contributor's home just prior to the beginning of each month. The mailing is done by the same company that has produced the boxed set for us in the past. This method of distribution has been successfully tested for over one year in the Tri-Stake Mission Center and Central Missouri Stake. Their experience was smooth, timely operation and an increase in the number of givers. Members and friends of the Church tend to be more consistent in their giving due to the regular reminder provided by the monthly mailing. Additionally, there is less waste since only the needed envelopes are sent. Under the old method the Stake would purchase several extra cases of envelopes for people moving into the Stake and contributors would throw away unused envelopes should they move to another jurisdiction. One other benefit is the Stake or congregation can include flyers or letters in the monthly mailing. This enhances communication with the contributors. Also, as financial needs change with the World Church, Stake, congregation, or campground, new funds may be added or removed from the envelope. In summary, this new method works efficiently, reduces waste, guarantees timeliness, reduces work for the congregational stewardship commissioner, increases communication, and promotes higher levels of response. I trust you will find the new envelopes helpful in our effort to gather resources to promote the kingdom of God.

***STAKE OFFICE CLOSED***

The office will be closed on **Monday, February 19**  
**Presidents' Day.**