

Communities of Joy!

Southern California Mission Center

July 2003

Southern California Mission Center Begins

Greater Los Angeles Stake met in conference for the last time on Sunday, June 22nd. The conference

the Canoga Park Congregation.

After lunch the inaugural Mission Center Confer-

ence was convened. The conference first sustained Paul Davis as President and Financial Officer, then sustained the new Mission Center Council, with members pictured at left. Denise Leichter and Hiroshi Matsushita were sustained to serve with Paul as the Mission Center Leadership Team. The Conference approved an operating budget for the second half of 2003, with projected income of \$175,000 and expenses of \$154,000.

approved ten priesthood calls for five congregations, recognized eight outstanding youth from three congregations, shared a cake in honor of Gary and Edith Beebe's 45th wedding anniversary, and worshiped with the preaching of Apostle Ken McLaughlin.



Front: Apostle Ken McLaughlin, Betty Ryan, Paul Davis. Middle: Jim Seeley, Denise Leichter, Glenn Johnson, Carrol McCans, Cynthia Beebe, Brian Woodson. Back: John Winkler, Hiroshi Matsushita

Outstanding Youth Honored

The Stake Conference honored the following Outstanding Children and Youth: Ashley Simpson of Costa Mesa, Caitlin and Nick Meehan of Canoga Park, and Melissa Miller, Jessica Peel, and Nick, Juliette, and Cheyne Austin of Simi Valley.

This is a special event in the life of these young people and our Community of Christ. Please remember to send your recommendations for the next conference to Denise Leichter@earthlink.net.

Please check with your youth to make sure they are getting direct mailings on camps & retreats. If not, please send their name, address, phone, and birth date to Tonia Cooper at the Mission Center Office to update our files.

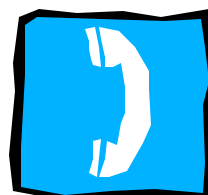


Simi Valley youth receive Outstanding Youth Award at conference



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Mission Center
staff

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We Celebrate our Youth in La Nueva Esperanza

It is graduation time and we have had some students that we would like to honor for their perseverance and dedication to scholastic achievement. Sarai Juarez graduated from Roosevelt High School with an academic excellence medal, Governor's scholarship, and Boy Scouts of America scholarship. She also got an A in Advanced Placement calculus for receiving the highest grade on the final. Sarai will be attending USC this fall and we wish her the best in her continuing education.

Sergio Juarez Jr. graduated from John Adams Jr. High and played the tuba in the school band at graduation. Ociel Garcia also graduated from Adams Jr. High with honors. Cynthia and Adriana Corona graduated from Malovar Jr. High with honors. We have two youth, Vicky Casares and Alvaro Gonzales, attending Graceland Spectacular in July. These will be the first to attend Spec with sponsorship by La Nueva Esperanza. We wish to honor all our youth.

The congregation and the Young Peacemakers Club have been instrumental in getting a Neighborhood Council approved by the city of Los Angeles. This is a city-funded program which will help to solve some of the problems in the South Central neighborhood where the Peacemakers meet.

About 15 people attended the Stake/Mission Center Conference in June. We were able to provide some translation and share together with our sisters and brothers in the Community of Christ. We are hopeful some members of the congregation can attend the SCMC reunion and are looking forward to the Hispanic retreat on Labor Day weekend.

Support the Youth Program Year Round with Online Shopping

Go online and participate in our year-round "SCRIP Direct" program. Spend what you would normally spend on food, gas, meals out, and gifts and let us reap a percentage benefit. Please go to www.scripcenter.org and set up your own account for "Scrip Direct". The account number is 8189386, and supporter password is CofCLA2003.

Don't spend any more money...just shop differently and we will reap HUGE rewards!

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Mission Center Youth...it really makes a difference.

Contact Denise Leichter with questions.

Our SPEC Delegation Grows to Sixteen!

A **SPECTACULAR** group of 16 from the Southern California Mission Center will join the entire CALIZONIA Delegation of 70 on July 25th for a week of "Reaching 4 Peace" in a variety of leadership, arts, and sporting events at Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa. Stay tuned for more details on congregational visits to "Tell our Story" in the fall. Please keep our youth, leaders, and this event in your prayers. Jeremy Fletcher, Hiroshi Matsushita, John Hatton, Jack Cave, and Denise Leichter will all be part of the Delegation or SPEC staff this year.

MANDATORY and FINAL SPEC meeting on July 13TH at the Leichters, 2-6 PM.

Contributions to the Southern California Mission by Congregations, Jan 1 to Jun 30

Anaheim	\$2000.00
Burbank	2105.00
Canoga Park	3675.00
Costa Mesa	400.00
Covina	1800.00
Gardena	2280.00
Hemet	5002.50
Lakewood	1525.00
La Nueva Esperanza	588.00
Long Beach	20.00
San Luis Obispo	200.50
Simi Valley	1404.24
Temple City	792.00
Total from congregations	\$21,792.24
Other individuals	5450.00
Total from all contributors	\$27,242.24

Upcoming Events

July 19-25	Reunion with Grant McMurray, Buckhorn	Sept 13	Temple School: The Elder
Jul 25-Aug 2	Spectacular at Graceland University		Basic First Aid/CPR class
Aug 9-12	Children's Camp at Buckhorn	Sept 20	Temple School: Intro to Understanding
Aug 14-17	Junior/Senior High Camp at Temple City		Scripture
Sept 13	Temple School: Intro to Caring Ministries	Oct 4	Temple School: Aaronic Ministry of Presence



Buckhorn Camp
August 9-12, 2003
West side of camp
Children 1st-6th grade
(Call Wynn Maile for
information at 909-657-5879
or mailebox2@aol.com)
Counselors and C.I.T.s needed

Cost: \$100.00 per child

CEPA funding information is available in your congregation.
All registrations must be in by August 4, 2003, to Tonia Cooper
6441 Meadow Crest Dr, Huntington Beach 92647-5575

Long Beach Congregational Retreat at Camp Buckhorn, May 2003



Mission Center Operating Budget for 7/1 to 12/31/2003

	Approved 2003 Budget	Actual 5/31/2003	Approved 2nd Half 03 Budget
INCOME			
Stake Conference Offerings	3,000		1,500
Miscellaneous	3,000	2,437	2,500
Bank Interest	2,000	197	200
Contributions		5,702	6,600
Congregational Support	100,000	20,520	75,000
Transfer from Agency Funds	38,000	2,177	35,500
Allocation from Storehouse for CCM Loan	83,000	34,440	41,500
Allocation from Storehouse	20,700	6,900	12,420
TOTAL INCOME	\$249,700	\$72,373	\$175,220
EXPENSE			
Administrative Expense :			
Audit	3,000		3,000
Ministerial Information System	2,000		2,000
Equipment Repair and Maintenance	1,000	2,101	1,000
Equipment Lease	5,600	3,413	4,294
Equipment Purchase	1,000		1,000
Miscellaneous Administrative Expense	2,000	173	1,000
Office Supplies and Postage	4,000	2,786	2,000
Postage	4,000	719	2,000
Telephone	6,000	2,648	3,000
Data Communications	1,000	148	250
Flowers	300	107	200
Total Administrative Expense	\$29,900	\$12,095	\$19,744
Human Resources :			
Salaries and Benefits	78,600	40,817	51,690
Benefits	14,600	4,023	9,800
Ministerial Reimbursement	10,000	3,635	5,000
Total Human Resource Expense	\$103,200	\$48,475	\$66,490
Congregational Support Expense :			
CEPA/Camp Staff Support	3,000		3,000
Older Adult Ministry	2,000	209	1,800
Hispanic Outreach Ministry - Program	3,000	1,200	1,800
Children and Youth Ministry	8,000	768	7,000
Spectacular	2,000		2,000
Leadership Development and Education	2,500	307	1,000
Education and Training		561	
Music Program	600	602	
Printing	2,000	610	1,000
Stake Conference Expense	2,000	58	1,000
Community Outreach	500	500	
MEADS West		305	
Total Congregational Support Expense	\$25,600	\$5,120	\$18,600
Temporal Expense :			
Insurance	3,000	114	3,000
Facility Rental	3,000	1,361	1,614
Automobile Expense	2,000	6,308	3,000
CCM Loan Repayment	83,000	34,440	41,500
Property Taxes		678	
Total Temporal Expense	\$91,000	\$42,901	\$49,114
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$249,700	\$108,591	\$153,948
NET RECEIPTS		(\$36,218)	\$21,272

Children and Youth Workers Workshop a Success at CCM

On Saturday, June 28, sixteen participants from seven congregations participated in a Children and Youth Workers Workshop at CCM in Temple City.

We gathered at 8:30 AM for refreshments. After a cordial welcome and group introductions at 9 AM, Denise Leichter opened the workshop with creative get-acquainted icebreakers, followed by morning worship. Mike Ehlers offered a Power-Point presentation on "Child Abuse and Legal Aspects" for California and World Church. Denise Leichter presented insightful "Counseling Techniques For All Ages." Mary Farley shared her professional experiences as a home economics teacher and heartwarming personal testimonies of being a church school teacher and participant at the recent "Launch Out2003" held in Independence, MO. Wynn Maile provided information about both being a Counselor-in-Training and stages of child development.

Denise wrapped up the day with ideas of how to create your own "Brown Bag Resources" for worship and classes that will appeal to all ages. Each was given a brown grocery bag and shared his or her ideas for what to put in the bag. Wynn, Cindie Ivory, Henrietta and Dave Kaleikau, and Jim Chapple created a worship setting for children and resource tables with some give-away items. Child and Youth Worker Registration forms were available for those who needed to start the registration process. Carolyn and Jim Chapple fed us well with healthy snacks and a delicious lunch. Denise led us in worship with a memento and reading of "The Cross In My Pocket." It was a lovely spiritually-filled gathering with nourishing food to share over meaningful conversations throughout the day. Heartfelt thanks to all who attended as well as to our dedicated presenters and helpers. Submitted by Wynn Maile and Hen-