



Greater Los Angeles Stake

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## New Web Site Format Emphasizes Congregations

The Greater Los Angeles Stake web site ([www.CofChristLA.org](http://www.CofChristLA.org)) has a new format. The format calls primary attention to the congregations of the stake while also providing stake information.

The home page displays a map of the stake with each congregation and major freeways noted. When the user's cursor is placed on a congregational name the name is highlighted and by doing a left mouse click, the site goes to information about that congregation.

The congregational information includes time of services, location, driving directions, pastor, etc.

**Charlotte Jones** did the initial work on the map and Webmaster **Meredith Bischoff** converted it to a web interface. We are grateful to both for their work and making this available to us.

During the next couple of months we will attempt to update congregational sites with pictures of their buildings and pastor.

Across the top of the home page are tabs to other menus which provide access to

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further information. The tabs include: Stake News, Stake Leadership, Camps & Retreats, Youth, Guest Ministry and Links.

## Christmas Programs Planned

The following congregations within GLAS are offering Christmas programs and invite all to share:

**Costa Mesa Congregation** Christmas Dinner and program on Sunday December 8 at 12:15 following the Worship Service.

**Conaga Park** Christmas Musicale December 22 at 11:00 with an orchestra composed of LA musicians, strings, horns and the Canoga Park Congregation

**Long Beach** choir's Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 8 at 6:00. Refreshments following.

**Long Beach** children's play/musical titled "Operation Baby King" on Sunday, December 15 at 6:00. Refreshments following.

**Orange** annual Christmas dinner and program "Live from Bethlehem" Sunday, December 15 at 6:00. Make reservations by calling **Jeanie Kensler** (714-544-4554) or **Beth Richards** (714-974-7436).

## The Purpose of the Stake Ministries Team

*As we have met together over the last two months, many people have expressed an interest in knowing what services and ministries our staff provides for our worshipping community. We will provide short descriptions of what each of us does over the next few months, but we thought it would be good to begin with a list of what we all do on behalf of our members and congregations.*

<b>Leadership support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide ministry to congregational leaders</li> <li>• Plan and direct stake-wide meetings of congregational leaders</li> <li>• Support congregational officers, including selection, training, and supervision</li> <li>• Support stake officers, including selection, training, and supervision</li> <li>• Support our priesthood, including calling, training, and offering retreats</li> <li>• Identify, encourage, and train future leaders</li> </ul>
<b>Ministry Programs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grow our outreach ministry in the Hispanic community</li> <li>• Grow our youth, young adult, and older adult ministry programs</li> <li>• Plant new churches and grow our existing congregations</li> <li>• Seek out new opportunities for ministry</li> </ul>
<b>Congregation Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help congregations to build effective programs of ministry for worship, outreach, community improvement, education, fellowship, and peace and justice concerns</li> <li>• Promote sharing of resources, worship, and fellowship among congregations</li> <li>• Provide for meetings of congregations in clusters for communication and planning</li> <li>• Provide youth ministries, including camps and retreats, Spectacular, International Youth Forum</li> <li>• Provide continuing education for all members through Temple School promotion and coordination</li> <li>• Manage real estate, including property purchases, real estate taxes, new building programs, and property maintenance</li> <li>• Manage risk, including insuring properties, program, and events against loss and liability, and identifying appropriate activities</li> <li>• Protect members and the church from ministerial misconduct, by training, supervision, youth worker registration, and appropriate response if misconduct occurs</li> <li>• Provide consolidated budgeting and management of financial affairs, including stake-level and congregational income and expenses, oblation aid, and accounting for World Church funds</li> <li>• Provide central logistical support, including clerical tasks, daytime telephone contact, records retention, and purchasing of offering envelopes, bulletins, and other supplies</li> <li>• Provide periodic conferences where stake business may be conducted</li> <li>• Schedule visiting preaching ministry</li> <li>• Provide a directory of stake leaders and a calendar of activities</li> <li>• Manage the member database</li> </ul>
<b>Camps and Retreats</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan and implement camps and retreats, including identification and supervision of leadership and financial management</li> <li>• Assist in the direction and promotion of Buckhorn Camp, Inc., through participation on the Board of Directors and communication with the stake</li> </ul>

<b>Links to Others</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Link the stake with other organizations which recognize the worth of persons and live out the Gospel, including the Southern California Ecumenical Council and the California Council of Churches</li><li>• Collect and communicate information of interest to the stake</li><li>• Communicate and interpret the policies of the church</li><li>• Provide ministry to all those who call or visit the office</li></ul>
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