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CALENDAR

Dec 9 - Called Stake Conference

Dec 25 - Christmas Holiday—Stake Office Closed

Jan 1 - New Years' Holiday—Stake Office Closed

Jan 14 - Martin Luther King Holiday –Stake Office Closed

Feb 18 - Presidents' Day—Stake Office Closed

Feb 15-17 – Children's Winter Camp

WORLD CONFERENCE DELEGATE RESULTS

At the November 11, 2001 GLAS Conference the following persons were elected to be the delegates for the 2002 World Conference in Independence, MO: Jan Albin, Jim Albin, Greg Barentine, Edith Beebe, Gail Biller, Earlene Campbell, Tom Campbell, Carolyn Chapple, Jim Chapple, Tonia Cooper, Tom Cooper, Craig Crownover, Bill Dodds, Shirley Dodds, Linda Espiritu Santo, Carl Gunter, Dean Hamilton, Fred Hamilton, Joseph Hammer, Sr., Shirley Hammer, Mary Hampton, Paul Hampton, Cheryl Hansen, Eldon Hart, Dale Hunzeker, Bob Johnson, Glenn Johnson, Sara Juarez, Sergio Juarez, David Kaleikau, Henrietta Kaleikau, Arla Martindale, Keith Martindale, Daniel Muhlenkamp, Denise O'Neil-Leichter, Richard Prechtel, Sandra Prechtel, Scott Sinclair, and Frances Stienon. In addition, the following persons, listed in the order of their vote ranking, are the delegation alternates: 1) Elaine Stienon, 2) Doris Breeze, 3) Donna Calderon, 4) Jo Gunter, 5) Albert Calderon, 6) Bob Nichols, 7) Evelyn Sora, 8) Don Garwood, 9) Beverly Pickens, 10) Jim Seeley, and 11) Dennis Sorenson.

There will be a meeting on **March 17, 2002** at Temple City CCM from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for all delegates and alternates to review the World Conference resolutions, that are known at that time, and any other information that would be helpful in preparing for the conference week.

CALLED STAKE CONFERENCE SET FOR DECEMBER 9, 2001

As announced at the November 11, 2001 GLAS conference, there will be a Called Stake Conference on Sunday, **December 9, 2001** at Temple City CCM between 2:00 and 4:00 PM, to consider a resolution from the Orange congregation that would provide for the building usage, building addition, and possible building loan from the World Church, so that the Aspen Education Group, Inc. may enter into a long term lease contract with the congregation. The legal, construction, contractual, and administrative approval details are still in process, but they will be finalized in time for the called conference. The "pre-legislative packet" distribution of materials for the conference will be made available for congregations through email as much as possible, and as early as possible.

NOVEMBER 11 GLAS CONFERENCE RESULTS

Great thanks are extended to those many persons who helped make the fall conference and proposed world conference resolutions hearing sessions such a success. Attendance at the hearings sessions ranged from forty-five to thirty on Saturday. Attendance at the Sunday's conference worship service is estimated to have been 250. We give special thanks to the Long Beach adult and children's choir and Lori Hunzeker who all provided outstanding ministry of music during the worship service. The world conference resolutions on the NCCC-USA, WCC, and Standing High Council Policy on Homosexuality, as revised after the hearing sessions, were all approved for submission to the 2002 World Conference. The resolution on Communion Prayers was not approved. The 2002 GLAS budget was approved, along with a loan from the El Segundo congregation, that was not dependent on congregational assessments. The GLAS endowment fund board was directed to continue to develop additional ways to finance the operation of the stake. Denise O'Neil-Leichter, Cynthia Beebe,

and Tim Christenson were set apart to leadership roles in the stake presidency and high council. Members of the Temple City congregation provided their usual excellent support of the physical and meal arrangements and Bill Dodds continued to improve the Audio-Video portions of the conference. The stake is greatly blessed by the many capable persons who commit themselves to this effort.

STAKE EMAIL CAPABILITIES

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PREACH CLASS VIDEOS AVAILABLE FOR USE

Video tapes of the "Power of Positive Preaching" class presented by Presiding Evangelist Danny Belrose are now available for congregational use. Arrangement for use of the tapes can be

arranged by calling Bill Dodds at the leadership office.

There are five tapes in the series, each running from 1 hour to 1 and a half hours. Four of them are the actual classes and the fifth is the sermon that Brother Belrose preached at the Saturday Stake-wide worship service.

If the tapes are going to be used in a short time frame the entire set can be borrowed at one time. If they are going to be used over several weeks or months, they should be checked out one at a time.

Copies of the tapes must not be made. We ask all congregations and persons to honor this arrangement that we made with Brother Belrose.

Bill said, "These are not broadcast quality – we did "editing on the fly" and did not reedit them. This means that there are some camera, switching, etc. flaws in them, but it did allow us to get them out quickly."

If this resource proves to be helpful in the congregations we will endeavor to do more of this kind of production. Therefore, responses from those who use the materials will be very helpful.

GRACELAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT TO BE SHOWN AT TEMPLE CITY

Graceland University will present its annual Christmas concert on Sunday, **December 9** and members and friends of the Greater Los Angeles Stake can participate at the Temple City Center for Christian Ministries.

The event will be held in the Independence Temple and broadcast via satellite. The program begins at 4:45 p.m. and will conclude by 6:30 p.m. It will be shown on the big screen in the fellowship hall.

Details about the concert are in the Saints Herald or can be obtained on the churches web site, **www.cofchrist.org**. Those attending stake conference that afternoon may want to plan on staying for the concert.

CHRISTMAS

We yearn, our Father, for the simple beauty of Christmas-for all the old familiar melodies and words that remind us of that great miracle when He who made all things was one night to come as a Babe, to lie in the crook of a woman's arm.

*Before such mystery we kneel, as we follow
the Shepherds and Wise Men to bring Thee the gift
of our love—a love we confess that has not always
been as warm or sincere or real as it should have
been. But now, on this Christmas Day, that love
would find its Beloved, and from Thee receive the
grace to make it pure again, warm and real.*

*We bring Thee our gratitude of every token
of Thy love.*

Peter Marshall