

Communities of Joy

Greater Los Angeles Stake

May 2002

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Coming Events:

- ◆ Summer Children's Camp, June 27-30 at Buckhorn Camp, Inc. with **Wynn Maile** and **Sergio Juarez** directing.
- ◆ Summer Jr/Sr High Camp, August 15-18 with **Jeremy Fletcher** and **Terry Norwood**.
- ◆ Spectacular July 28th – August 3, 2002 at Graceland University (See bulletin insert)

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Coming Events:

- ◆ "Foundations for Effective Ministry" continues in Hemet-San Jacinto congregation on Sunday's through May 26.
- ◆ At Santa Barbara congregation, **Mary Lou Bruington** will be teaching Stewardship on May 4 (8:30 AM to 3:30 PM), and **Keith Martindale** will be teaching Spiritual Gifts on May 18 & 25 (8:00 AM to noon).
- ◆ Training for persons to be involved in camp and reunion children/youth staffs will be on May 11 at CCM. Training will be presented by **Tim Dodds**, camping specialist for the World Church.
- ◆ Regional pastor meetings at CCM on May 18.

Goals Set Forth at World Conference by President McMurray

2002 – 2006 Discipleship Goals

Share your witness and resources.

- Each one, reach one.
- Honor God's call to tithe.

Allow the Spirit to fill you.

- Commit yourself to a covenant discipleship group.
- Prepare for and experience vibrant worship.

Extend the hand of Reconciliation.

- u Learn and use conflict resolution skills.
- u Work in cooperative endeavors with other faiths.

Learn and Teach the sacred story.

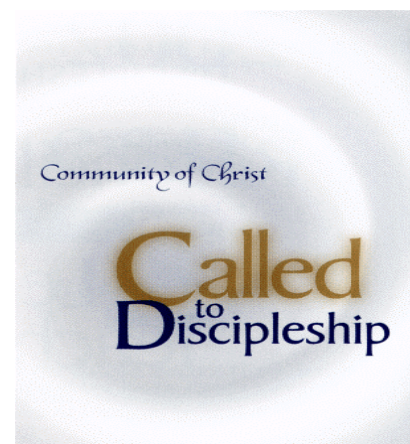
- u Help revitalize church school and become scripturally literate.
- u Engage in learning programs to enhance ministerial effectiveness.

Embody Justice and proclaim Peace.

- u Find ways to help the poor
- u Support neighborhood transformation and justice projects.
- u Seek peaceful solutions.

Create diverse Communities.

- u Strengthen family relationships.



- u Establish congregational partnerships.
- u Help expand WoRLDService Corps.

HISPANIC MINISTRIES

Coming Events:

- ◆ **Sergio Juarez** and **Linda Espiritu Santo** will provide translation ministries at the June 9 GLAS Conference.
- ◆ The 8th annual GLAS/San Diego Hispanic Retreat at Buckhorn will be August 31 through September 2.
- ◆ **Apostle Ken McLaughlin** will be the guest minister at the September 20-22 Tecate (Mexico) Youth Retreat.
- ◆ La Nueva Esperanza en Cristo is in need of a large projection screen. Contact **Sergio Juarez** if you can help.

FINANCIAL AND BISHOPRIC UPDATES

- ◆ An exciting vision of Tithing as an opportunity to share in response to God's generosity was shared by the Presiding Bishopric at World Conference. We will be sharing this new vision, guiding principles and definitions with congregations and members of the stake during coming months. Helpful materials have been mailed to homes throughout the stake.
- ◆ The stake is developing a list of artists who would be willing to display their work at Community of Christ events and in our church facilities. At this point we wish to consider all forms of expression. If you are interested or know of another adult, young adult, or child who would like to display, please contact Dale Hunzeker at the stake office (626-285-4500; dhunzeker@CofChristLA.org).

Income to the Stake	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Budgeted YTD</u>
Membership Contributions	5,075	-
Interest	567	-
Miscellaneous (Including Albertsons)	881	-
Stake Expenses		
Administration	22,606	13,300
Human Resources	72,426	98,667
Congregational Support	13,953	17,700
Temporal Expense	39,906	40,700

ADDITIONAL STAKE HELPS AND MINISTRIES

Coming Events:

- ◆ **Apostle Ken McLaughlin** will be the guest minister at the **June 9, 2002 GLAS Conference**. **Al Cohen**, executive director of the Southern California Ecumenical Council will also be present to bring greetings. The conference will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Gary Logan**, World Church Congregational Ministries Coordinator, will provide guest ministry at the **GLAS reunion July 13-19** with **Cynthia Beebe**, **Glenn Johnson**, and **Diane Shirota** tri-directing.
- ◆ **Richard Foster**, Central Pacific Regional Administrator, will provide guest ministry at the **GLAS reunion July 19-21** with **Denise O'Neil-Leichter** directing.
- ◆ Several congregations have applied to participate in the "Foundations for Effective Ministry" effort in the stake. Initial plans are to expand the pilot program to some of these congregations if the response to the program in Hemet warrants further implementation.