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CONFERENCE HEARING SESSIONS SET

There will be four resolutions considered at the November 11 stake conference, which if approved will be forwarded to the April 2002 World Conference. At the June 10, 2001 stake conference it was stated that there would be a "hearing session" for each of the resolutions to provide more time for members of the stake to become informed about the issues prior to voting on November 11. All of the hearing sessions will be on Saturday, November 10, 2001 at Temple City CCM. Listed below is the schedule:

8:00 AM Introduction to Hearing Sessions

8:15 Session 1: Resolution to Set Aside 1982

Standing High Council Policy: Convener -Frank Woodson, Legislative Sponsor - Glenn Johnson

10:00 Session 2: Membership in World Council of Churches (WCC): Convener - Jim Albin, Presenter - representative from WCC, Legislative Sponsor - Scott Sinclair

1:15 PM Session 3: Membership in National Council of Churches of Christ – USA (NCCC-USA): Convener - Norm Gunsolley, Presenter - Bob Edgar, Legislative Sponsor - Scott Sinclair

3:30 Session 4: Communion Prayer Resolution: Convener - Gail Biller, Legislative Sponsor -Denise O'Neil-Leichter

The hearing sessions are designed to facilitate the raising of questions and sharing of helpful information, rather than being debates or "impassioned sermonettes." The convener of each session will be in charge of the event and will be assisted by a secretary/time-keeper. The legislative sponsor will have up to fifteen minutes to explain why the resolution is helpful and there will be an "interlocutor" for each session who will have up to fifteen minutes to raise significant questions about the resolutions. Since the WCC and NCCC-USA are organizations that may not be familiar to members of the stake, time will be provided for representatives of these organizations to give a

presentation to familiarize members with them. We are very pleased that Bob Edgar, who is the general secretary of NCCC-USA, has made himself available to share with us. Although the person representing the WCC has not yet been designated, WCC was also anxious to provide a person to represent them and respond to questions. The rest of the time period for each hearing session will be given to members of the stake to raise questions and gain more information. A non-binding "straw vote" will be taken at the conclusion of each session and a brief report will be provided for each session at the November 11 stake conference.

Coming for the entire day is certainly desirable, but it is also possible to come for only selected sessions. The scheduled times are approximate since different sessions may take slightly more or less time. So if coming for selected sessions, please plan for some variation in the scheduled times. A meal is not planned for the event. Although probably none of the sessions will be "perfect" in answering all conceivable questions, we do hope that they will be very helpful and we urge all members to **come and participate in this important day.**

ROUND TABLE MEETING CANCELLED

The stake round table meeting, originally scheduled for Saturday, October 20 with Apostle Ken McLaughlin, has been cancelled. October is a busy month for stake wide events that include the Power of Positive Preaching event with Danny Belrose, the Women's Retreat, and the Older Adult Fall Fiesta. It was decided that the cancellation was an appropriate action since Apostle McLaughlin will be at the Fall Fiesta and the World Church has requested appointees to be cautious in the scheduling of flights along with the expenditure of finances. A possible future session for Apostle McLaughlin to meet with leaders of the stake has not yet been rescheduled. Stake leaders are encouraged to use October 20 as a day for "quality time" with family and friends.

NOVEMBER 11 STAKE CONFERENCE

The theme for the November 11, 2001 fall stake conference at Temple City CCM will be "Give Thanks to the Lord." There is a busy conference agenda which includes sustaining of the stake presidency and bishopric, consideration of priesthood calls, election of world conference delegates, presentation of Mayme Blakeman Awards, consideration of 2002 stake budget, consideration of a resolution on building construction from the Santa Barbara congregation, election of members to the Buckhorn Camp, Inc. board, and consideration of four proposed world conference resolutions (whose hearing sessions are scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 2001). Scott Anderson, executive director of the California Council of Churches (CCC), will be present to provide greetings and recognize our formal membership in CCC. The conference schedule is as follows:

8:30 AM	Gathering and Fellowship
8:45	Pre-Legislative Discussion on 2002 Stake Budget/Assessments
9:45	Morning Business Session
11:00	Worship Service
12:15 PM	Catered Lunch
1:15	Afternoon Business Session

There will be children and youth ministries, a nursery, and the opportunity to share with many friends around the stake. We invite all to make the Saturday Hearing Sessions and Sunday Stake Conference **a time of renewal, faith, and thoughtful conferring as we Give Thanks to the Lord.**