

(r-l) barbara hawksford, blake puckett and steve pomeroy were among those who represented the community of christ gpnw mission center as they joined with clergy and members of many denominations at the prayer for christian unity at st. james cathedral in seattle, wa on january 21, 2009. see story, page 5.

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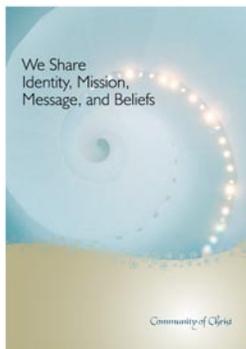
Community of Christ

SPRING 2009

strengthened by spirit and fellowship, together we can

by Mission Center President Kathy Sharp

The account of Holy Week found in the Gospel of Mark depicts a very human, suffering Jesus facing betrayal, humiliation, physical torture and ultimately crucifixion: friendless and alone. Jesus cries out to God, “Why have you deserted me?”



In stark contrast, the leaders Jesus chose to carry on his work also exhibit very human qualities. Under pressure, most of them cowardly disassociate themselves from Jesus. Praise God! The story doesn't end there. God brings the amazing surprise of Easter Resurrection, followed by the Holy Spirit's descent at Pentecost. Spirit and fellowship transform the timid, confused disciples into a united group of enflamed evangelists equipped to spread the Good News of Jesus throughout the world.

Together, Spirit and intentional community make personal sorrows bearable, overwhelming obstacles surmountable and optimistic visions somehow achievable. Our Community of Christ members and friends live this out everyday: hope-filled and carrying out the mission of Jesus Christ. Here are a few recent examples of Spirit and fellowship working together:

“we share” document shares our common faith

Over a period of listening and sharing, the expanded World Church Leadership Council—with input from field ministers from around the world—re-stated our Community of Christ Enduring Principles to document our identity and aspirations. “We Share Identity, Mission,

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PLAN ON IT! upcoming mission center events

APRIL 2009

- 15 — Financial Peace University series begins, Tuality (13 weeks, Wednesdays)
- 24-26 — Fine Arts Retreat, Samish
- 24-26 — High Priests Retreat, Tuality
- 26 — Intro. to Scriptures, Portland

MAY 2009

- 1 — Deadline for DGR Video Contest
- 2-3 — Samish 50th Anniversary Celebration
- 4-9 — Samish Island Work Week
- 11-15 — Lewis River Spring Work Week
- 16-17 — MAYAs trip to Lincoln City
- 17 — SPEC Rally, Richland, WA
- 17 — YAPS at Puyallup & Pt. Defiance Zoo
- 23-25 — NW Singles Retreat, Lewis River
- 30 — Worship Workshop, Garden Grove

JUNE 2009

- 5-7 — Camp Genesis, Samish Island
- 13-19 — Samish Adult Reunion
- 19 — YAPS Weekend at Skoor cabin
- 20-28 — Remote Caravan
- 27-July 3 — Remote Family Reunion

welcome to...

new interim mission center mission coordinator

John Smallwood, Redmond, OR

new volunteer congregational support ministers

Bob Dobkins, Myrtle Point
Bev and Stan Corrington (with Liza de Guzman), Bremerton, WA



John Mills, Tuality, OR
Dave Polly, Albany, OR

new pastors

Jack Donnelly, Co-Pastor, Bend, OR
Shawn Sahlberg, Co-Pastor, Bend, OR
Chris Steinel, Fairbanks, AK
Eric Lasley, Pastoral Team, Garden Grove, WA
Laurie Sharpe, Pastoral Team, Garden Grove, WA
Jim Major, Highland Park, WA
Dwight Coppock, Group Leader, Mat-Su Valley, AK

Message and Beliefs” shares our commonality and differences within the Christian tradition. Church leaders explain our vision, mission, basic beliefs and church history principles when we tell Community of Christ’s sacred story.

The mission center printed several copies of this positive and illuminating document and sent them to your pastors. Ask your pastor for a copy you can use to hone your own witnessing. Share it with a friend who wants to know more about Community of Christ. You can download the document yourself at <http://www.cofchrist.org/discernment/weshare/weshare.pdf>.

salem’s food pantry grand opening

I was fortunate to join the Spirit-filled Grand Opening ceremonies on February 21 of the new food pantry housed within Salem Congregation. Talk about community! This project is possible through:

- a Tangible Love Grant from World Church
- the vision and labor of Salem Congregation
- the experience, contacts and logistical support of their county food pantry organization, and
- the cooperative participation of a Spanish-speaking church that now rents and worships in the Salem building.

The Spanish-speaking church was an unplanned for “God-send.” Their members are a vital part of this feeding ministry since more than 80

percent of the pantry clients speak Spanish. (See photos, below and page 4. See pages 4-5 for other effective ecumenical partnerships.)



faith advocacy day puts people first

As members of small congregations, it’s often hard to find a way to make a sustainable difference in peace and justice issues. That’s why uniting with other faith-based organizations is so powerful and necessary. On March 17 about 300 Faith Advocacy Day participants from faith organizations around the state descended on Washington’s legislators to advocate continued or new funding for healthcare, housing, better rehabilitation of criminals, and protection of the environment. You were represented by Mission Center Financial Officer Bill McFarlin, Volunteer Congregational Support Minister Michele Torrey and me.

We received training on the issues and attended a House committee meeting considering stronger actions to reduce global climate change. In the afternoon we met in small groups with our individual legislators to advocate for the poor and the voiceless.

samish campgrounds 50th anniversary celebrates community, generations

Sometimes our community spans decades and generations, and we remember and honor the visionary spirit of those who came before us. On May 2-3, the Board of Directors for Samish Campgrounds facilities invites all users of our campgrounds to celebrate this wonderful place of gathering and renewal for so many organizations, including Community of Christ. Intergenerational activities will appeal to all ages. The weekend ends with an inter-faith worship, with ministry from Apostle Susan Skoor. (See page 7.)



pacific field training encourages doable, effective witnessing

Members from Alaska, Washington and Oregon attended Wowee, a missionary-training event at Happy Valley Conference Center, near Santa Cruz, CA the last weekend in March.

Underwritten by a World Church grant submitted by Apostle Susan Skoor, the weekend included three tracks

of missionary approaches. Our mission center had members in each one. In fact, Evangelist Dean Wight, with Deacon and Young Adults leader Sean Langdon, led one track. They taught and demonstrated how to lead cross-generational, heart-to-heart sharing to propel the Community of Christ legacy into the future.

study, consider, discern conditions of membership

Reconsidering past practices can divide us or unite us and deepen our spiritual growth. We choose which one.

President Steve Veazey invites the church to enter a period of collective spiritual discernment regarding "Conditions of Membership." He asks the church to study historical Christian traditions and practices regarding baptism, pray mightily, and be open to God's direction on this question: Should we require re-baptism for Christians who want to become members of Community of Christ?

Study and facilitation guides for all congregations or small groups will be available by May 1 on the World Church website, www.cofchrist.org. We will convene optional discernment and discussion groups at each reunion. Pastors also may choose to use the materials within their own congregations, as they see fit.

All people planning to attend World Conference in 2010 should become knowledgeable about this issue, since the Conference is expected to take action on it then.

world church, mission center experience financial losses

Over the next few months, you will have many opportunities to hear about the financial condition of the World Church and Mission Center, caused by the global economic recession. No one is spared in our planet-wide community. Perhaps your family or neighbors are already personally affected by job loss, reductions in government or non-profit services, threatened home foreclosures or frightening drops in retirement savings.

In such times of need, the Spirit, fellowship and pastoral ministry of the church are even more critical. Our community networks help us make it through difficult times, knowing we are not alone. The Spirit prompts those who are secure to be especially generous on behalf of those who are struggling. If it is possible for you, please maintain or increase your giving to operating funds for your local congregation, oblation, World Hunger and World Ministries, and our affiliated ministries through Graceland University and Outreach International.

Within our Mission Center, we will do our best—working within reduced resources—to make wise staffing and programming decisions to provide the best ministry possible to you and your family.

In fellowship, let us pray for the Spirit to inform our decision-making and response to the mounting needs among us. God is with us!

Email story ideas, articles and photos for the next issue of The Chinook to kshort@cofchrist-gpnw.org by June 1, 2009.



fred pearson holds up his certificate of superannuation during a special service on march 15, 2009

6 mission center ordinations

1st quarter 2009 gpnw ordinations

- Cynthia Ellwanger**, Auburn – Priest
- Dan Ellwanger**, Auburn – Priest
- Jean Jones**, Klamath Falls – Priest
- Barbara Karnis**, Southridge – Deacon
- Rhonda Murphy**, Southridge – Deacon
- Catherine Peter**, Auburn – Elder

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In addition, 3 members have been granted Superannuation:

Priest **Fred Pearson**, Garden Grove, WA Congregation, celebrated his Superannuation at a special service on March 15, 2009 (see photo above).

Evangelist **Dick Hawes**, Tuality, OR Congregation and Evangelist **Pearl Edwards**, University Place, WA Congregation, will both celebrate Superannuation at a special service on **Sunday, June 28 at 4:00 pm** at Lewis River Campground, during Lewis River Reunion. Mark your calendar and be sure to attend!



community open house and dedication event at salem on february 21, 2009

ON MISSION: gpnw members join with others

Many congregations and members in the Greater Pacific Northwest Mission Center are not only discovering their unique mission, they are joining with other faith organizations to pursue their mission. Read on and be inspired!

salem vision

“The Salem Community of Christ is the church that feeds the hungry—Physically, Emotionally, Spiritually.”
The Salem, OR Congregation, together with United Apostolic church, opened the Good Samaritan Food Pantry in their building on January 8, 2009. Read all about it in the March *Herald*, pages 20-21.

get involved

Following are some ecumenical organizations in the GPNW Mission Center of which Community of Christ is a member or participating organization. Check them out and learn more about what we’re doing outside of our congregation walls!

Church Council of Greater Seattle
206-525-1213
www.thechurchcouncil.org
Serving the greater Seattle area

Interfaith Works
360-357-7224
www.oly-wa.us/interfaith
Serving the Olympia, WA area

Associated Ministries
253-383-3056
www.associatedministries.org
Serving the Pierce County, WA area

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
503- 221-1054
www.emoregon.org
Serving the State of Oregon

Greater Vancouver Interfaith Association
360-693-4761
www.gviaonline.org
Serving the greater Vancouver, WA area

jericho road ecumenical ministry

by John Smallwood

The Redmond, OR Community of Christ has joined an ecumenical community ministry program call “Jericho Table.” This program provides free meals for the homeless and needy in Redmond two evenings a week. The program is hosted by four local congregations: Lutheran, Presbyterian, Church of Christ and Community of Christ. The Redmond Senior Center is the location where all the meals are served, and the senior center staff cooks the meals in conjunction with their “Meals on Wheels” program. Each congregation is responsible to serve the meals, and the congregations pay for all the food that is served. Over 3,400 meals were served in 2008 through this program. Two more congregations will be joining the Jericho Table program in March 2009, which will allow the program to provide three meals per week with an estimated 5,200 meals served annually.



The Redmond Community of Christ is a member of the Board of Directors for the Jericho Road ecumenical community ministry program. Along with the community meals program hosted by “Jericho Table,” Jericho Road also sponsors transitional housing in Redmond. This housing is a two-year program where needy families are allowed to stay in the housing with increasing responsibility to pay the rent and utilities. The families are taught how to manage their finances, obtain employment, and provide a safe and healthy home environment for all family members.

Through the participation in this ecumenical program, connections are being created with other faith groups in our community which will aid all of our efforts to be advocates for peace and justice in Central Oregon.

BEND COLLABORATES WITH SALVATION ARMY

by John Smallwood

The Bend, OR Community of Christ has been working on plans for a signal community development for over four years. The church property (29 acres) now is on the border of the city of Bend urban growth boundary (UGB) and will soon be annexed into the city as part of a large UGB expansion.

To prepare for this annexation, the Bend congregation has been planning how best to develop their property so that it may become a signal community. Part of this site development is a collaboration with The Salvation Army. The church has a purchase option agreement to sell 2.5 acres (including their current church facility) to The Salvation Army for the purpose of providing transitional housing for women and children. This type of housing is currently not available anywhere in central Oregon. The Salvation Army will also provide a “Day Use” facility where

people can take showers, wash their clothes and obtain basic living needs. Both The Salvation Army and the Bend Community of Christ want to provide some type of community center for youth and adults in the nearby community. Preliminary discussions are beginning on how the two organizations may partner together to provide this type of facility and ministry.

Once the sale of the church property is able to be completed (after the UGB expansion process is concluded), there will be a period of time where The Salvation Army and the Community of Christ will co-habitate in the same building until the new church facility can be built. The two faith groups are excited in learning how this may be accomplished and in building a long-term relationship together for the ultimate benefit for the community.

christian prayer for unity

by Francine Inslee

Community of Christ members of the Greater Pacific Northwest Mission Center participated in the 101st annual Prayer for Christian Unity at St. James Cathedral on January 21, 2009 in Seattle, WA. The service, hosted by the Catholic diocese and the School of Theology and Ministry, an ecumenical school at Seattle University, was prepared jointly by the churches of North and South Korea and was celebrated all over the world during the eight days prior to the observance of the conversion of St. Paul. Members of the Community of Christ from five northern congregations proceeded into the sanctuary behind



a banner of the church flag, joining with more than 180 others from 12 other denominations who gathered for worship and the celebration of Paul's call for reconciliation and unity.

Steve Pomeroy, Renton, remarked, "As we carried the church flag as a banner in the opening procession, I was struck by its simplicity in that grand cathedral setting and yet how universal was its message of Peace—for the denominations represented and for the world. With no denominational name emblazoned across the flag, it seemed really fitting for it to be leading a procession in a service dedicated to unity."

The sermon, brought by Dr. Michael Kinnamon, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, USA, emphasized parallels between Paul's challenge to the churches to focus on Jesus Christ, to forget and forgive petty differences, and to admit their preoccupation with institutional issues at the expense of doing the healing, reconciling ministry of Jesus. Kinnamon stated that his passion for Christian unity is so great that,

in order to attend this ecumenical event, he turned down an invitation to participate in the Inaugural Prayer Service attended by President Obama.

Blake Puckett, Crystal Springs, voiced a Community of Christ confession for some of the ways in which we have fallen short of seeking unity with these words, "We, the Community of Christ, confess that we have worried too much about who we aren't, rather than who we are, at the expense of doing the healing and reconciling work of Jesus. We confess that we have spent too much time defending and justifying our own existence as an institution instead of giving our life to bear and share the peace of Jesus Christ, and we ask forgiveness, Lord."

Following all others' confession statements, denominational leaders poured water brought in vessels from their respective congregations into the baptismal font, illustrating Paul's statement in Ephesians: "One Lord, one faith, one baptism..."

Mark Murphy, Cedarcrest, commented on the Community of Christ's participation in this ecumenical event: "I realized how much has changed as we sat with clergy and members of other denominations that a relatively short time ago would not have accepted us or our confessions, as authentically Christian. But here we were, actively participating in the tearing down of walls that have divided brothers and sisters in Christ and praying that we may be one. It is a testament to the work of the Holy Spirit as it continues to make us all one in Christ."



shelby reed of roseburg, or congregation hard at work at a sutherlin high school basketball game.

3 very special life events

1 ian campbell: special blessing

Ian Ray Campbell, Cedarcrest, WA Congregation, was blessed during a special service on Sunday, March 22 at Cedarcrest. Parents are Dwayne and Christine Campbell. Ian was born on December 11, 2008.



2 marisa meinke: special baptism

MaRisa Meinke, Cedarcrest, WA Congregation, was baptized by Elder Erik Skoor during a special service at Crystal Springs Congregation on Sunday, January 25.



3 shawn sahlberg: set apart

Priest **Shawn Sahlberg**, Bend, OR Congregation was set apart as Co-Pastor in a special service on January 18. Mike Bessonette gave the prayer, assisted by Jack Donnelly.



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RAH! RAH! GO ECO-DEACONS!

greening our churches

by Michele Torrey

“The earth, lovingly created as an environment for life to flourish, shudders in distress because creation’s natural and living systems are becoming exhausted from carrying the burden of human greed and conflict. Humankind must awaken from its illusion of independence and unrestrained consumption without lasting consequences.”

—Doctrine and Covenants 163:4b

greening your congregation

- Provide recycling bins.
- Insulate the church building—the attic, the crawlspace, the water pipes and heating ducts.
- Install a tankless hot water heater.
- Replace single-pane windows with double-pane; install weather stripping around doors
- Use eco-friendly products: dish soaps, hand soaps, cleaning supplies, lawn fertilizers...
- Use shade-grown, organic, fair-trade coffee.
- Keep temperatures cool in winter (no more than 65 degrees) and warm in summer (no cooler than 75 degrees). Adjust the temperature accordingly when the building is not in use.
- Do not use disposable items such as paper or Styrofoam plates and cups, plastic forks, paper napkins, paper towels, etc. Replace them with reusable items such as cloth towels, ceramic dishware, and silverware.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with energy-saving fluorescents.
- Turn off lights and equipment when not in use.
- Buy “green” energy. Check with your local PUD. Many are now offering “green,” or renewable energy, such as wind or solar power.
- There’s more you can do, of course... just ask your eco-deacon!

There’s no doubt our planet is in a tailspin. The earth’s vital statistics are disturbing: glaciers and polar ice caps are melting at unprecedented rates; our global weather patterns are erratic; the ten warmest years on record have all occurred since 1990;ⁱ plant and animal species are becoming extinct at 1,000 times their natural rate.ⁱⁱ There’s more, much more, but you get the dismal picture.

The majority of Americans profess to be Christian, yet the lifestyle of “unrestrained consumption” is indirectly responsible for much of the world’s environmental woes and social injustices. The consumption patterns of people in the industrialized nations leads to increased pollution. More manufactured goods means more resources are depleted and more waste is generated. Though having only 4.5 percent of the world’s population with 306 million citizens, the U.S. consumes more and generates more waste than any other country, including China, making the U.S. the most populated nation on the planet in terms of per capita consumption.

ⁱⁱⁱ America’s unrestrained consumption comes at a time when one-fifth of the world’s poor don’t have adequate housing, enough to eat, clean drinking water, and have little more than a rudimentary education, if that.^{iv}

I don’t know about you, but for me, it’s much simpler if I just put my hands over my eyes and hum loudly. For when I do remove my hands, when I truly look upon our planet in distress and my own complicity, I not only wail and gnash my teeth, but am tempted to lose hope altogether. To say, “That’s it. We’re toast.”

But covering my eyes is not the way of the disciple. Indeed, the Spirit calls us to awaken! We are called to be in the forefront, to be the instruments of healing and reconciliation for a

distressed planet and a distressed humanity. Our response must be deeply personal, spiritual, and flow outward in ever-widening ripples to incorporate our households, our churches, and our local, national, and global communities.

As a community of disciples, the Community of Christ, we are responsible for what happens in our churches. We are accountable for the consumption levels of our church buildings, of its people, and its programs. Gone are the days when we could consume without regard.

So what do we do? How can we make a difference? Well, there’s a movement underway in other denominations that just might work in ours...

Enter eco-deacons! Ta-da! (An eco-deacon is rather like superman or superwoman, except with a green cape, green boots, and the ability to reverse planetary distress.) Each congregation needs its own mighty eco-deacon or team of mighty eco-deacons. Eco-deacons are either self-appointed, or are voted into office by the membership, as is a music director. Eco-deacons are mini-environmental activists, learning about the issues and raising awareness within the congregation, calling congregations to accountability as well as providing avenues of action.^v

I like the idea of having dozens of eco-deacons each doing his or her part, knowing they are a part of a larger community of eco-deacons all doing their parts as well. Many people doing the various little tasks add up to huge accomplishments. Many people doing their parts add up to a global community of consciousness that becomes infectious.

At your next congregational meeting, stand up for planetary justice and create the office of eco-deacon. Perhaps you will be the one willing to be at the forefront, the one who is willing to be transformed and to be transformative.

“Rah! Rah! Go eco-deacons!”



ⁱ Worldwatch Institute, *Vital Signs, 2005: The Trends That Are Shaping Our Future* (New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2005), 40.

ⁱⁱ John De Graaf and others, *Affluenza: The All-Consuming Epidemic*, 2nd ed. (San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc., 2005), 95.

ⁱⁱⁱ James A. Nash, *Loving Nature: Ecological Integrity and Christian Responsibility* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1991), 47.

^{iv} Ruether; Rosemary Radford, ed., *Women Healing Earth: Third World Women on Ecology, Feminism, and Religion* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1996), 5.

^v Susan Power Bratton, “Response to Daniel C. Maguire: The Church Should Call not Just Prophets but Environmental Deacons,” in *Christianity and Ecology: Seeking the Well-Being of Earth and Humans*, ed. Dieter T. Hessel and Rosemary Radford Ruether (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2000), 431.

'09 events at a glance

Our mission center is always busy with events for a variety of people and special interest groups. Following is a listing of a few of those upcoming events:

fine arts retreat

April 24-26: Register now for the 2009 Fine Arts Retreat at Samish Island! There will be optional classes in the areas of music, dance, drama, visual art, culinary art and other creative endeavors; children's classes; opportunities to share your talents; and impromptu jam sessions. Cost is \$75/adult, \$50/child, \$250/family maximum and includes two nights and four meals. To register or for more information, visit www.finearts.cofchrist-gpnw.org.

high priests retreat

April 24-26: The Greater Pacific Northwest Mission Center is hosting a retreat for High Priests and spouses at Tuality Congregation in Tigard, OR (just south of Portland). The retreat will focus on the role of the High Priest in the 21st century and how their ministry can be applied in the mission center. Our guest ministry will be Terry Read, President of the Southern California Mission Center. Registration information is available on the mission center website, www.cofchrist-gpnw.org. Contact **Mike Bessonette** at **541-923-3660** with questions.

samish 50th anniversary celebration

May 2-3: Register now! Come to Samish for a day or the weekend! Enjoy fun workshops, storytelling, activities and a great campfire for the ages! Sunday brunch is followed by an interfaith worship/celebration involving our wider community. Guest ministry provided by Apostle Susan Skoor and Mission Center President Kathy Sharp. For more info or to volunteer, contact **Mark Chapman** at **360-766-8125**. Register from the Samish 50th Anniversary website at www.campsamish.org/50.

nw singles retreat

May 23-25: Why singles? Singles is an opportunity for you to share your time, association and connection with other singles. Northwest Singles Retreat will be held at Lewis River Campground. Theme is, "Hide Yourself by the Brook Cherith" 1 Kings 17:1-Kings 2:14 (NRSV). Guest ministry provided by Apostle Dale Luffman; facilitator Dawn Simpson. To register, contact **Norma Murphy** at **360-666-6110**.

celebrate-remember-fight back by Melissa Fery

June 19-20: The Cottage Grove, OR Congregation is joining community members and friends in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The relay and corresponding fundraising events offers opportunities to support and celebrate cancer patients and survivors and fund research in hope of finding cures for cancer. We are all affected by cancer, more now than ever. If you'd like to join in the relay or help our congregation meet our fundraising goal, contact Melissa Fery at 81613 Balm Lane, Creswell OR 97426 or by email at melistletoe@yahoo.com.



everyone

November 7-8: Mission Center Conference 2009: Mark you calendar now!

Email your events, announcements and photos for the next issue of The Chinook to kshort@cofchrist-gpnw.org by June 1, 2009.

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lewis river reunion 2008

18 opportunities for camping '09

Your 2009 Camping booklet is on its way, with full details and registration information on all of our GPNW Mission Center 2009 camps and reunions. You can view it all now online at the mission center website. New this year is online registration for youth camps! Check it out at www.cofchrist-gpnw.org/camp.

lewis river campground

Lewis River Reunion: June 28, 3 pm to July 3, noon

Jr. High Boys Camp (Hosmer Lake):

July 5, 10 am to July 10, 6 pm

Camp Israel: July 5, 3 pm to July 11, noon

Camp Zarahemla: July 14, 6 pm to July 18, 3 pm

Jr. High Girls Camp: July 19, 3 pm to July 24, noon

samish island campground

Camp Genesis: June 5, 7:15 pm to June 7, noon

Samish Adult Reunion: June 13, 3 pm to June 19, noon

Camp Mungai: July 5, 4 pm to July 11, noon

Samish Family Reunion: July 12, 2 pm to July 18, noon

NW Singles Reunion: July 26, 3 pm to Aug. 1, 12:01 pm

Camp Chimacum: August 2, 4 pm to August 8, noon

Camp Kimtah: August 9, 4 pm to August 15, noon

Camp Klwane: August 16, 4 pm to August 22, noon

camp remote

Remote Family Reunion: June 27, 2 pm to July 3, noon

Jr. High Camp: July 6, 3 pm to July 11, noon

Sr. High Camp: July 11, 3 pm to July 18, noon

Kids Camp: July 18, 3 pm to July 21, noon

alaska

Alaska Family Reunion: July 12, 4 pm to July 17, noon

did you know?

The World Church has an **Earth Stewardship Committee**. As a standing committee of the church, it holds as its primary concern the identification and promotion of human accountability and responsible behavior toward the earth and its resources in individual, church and community life. Check out all of the great resources the committee has put together to help your congregation be green at www.cofchrist.org/earthsteward. See what ideas might inspire *your* congregation!



CHINOOK PRINTING: SAVING \$ AND RESOURCES

Have you ever looked at the full-color *Chinook* on glossy paper and wondered if the mission center is spending more on printing these days? Well, rest easy—we're actually **SAVING MONEY AND RESOURCES**. That's right, the mission center takes advantage of something called online "digital printing." Digital printing is the reproduction of digital images on a physical surface. Printing plates are not required, as in traditional printing methods. There are **less wasted chemicals and paper**. The ink or toner does not permeate the substrate, as does conventional ink, but forms a thin layer on the surface. Because there is less initial setup and we print in high quantities, it is very cost effective. Thanks to online digital printing, our *Chinook*, in color, costs a fraction of what it did in black and white using traditional printing methods!

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