

caravan youth perform at remote reunion in 2009



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## youth venture for christ: missionary outreach

by Jody Barnhart

The Oregon Youth Venture for Christ, "Caravan," has been busy preparing for their upcoming trip June 19- 27 in our very own mission center. This year, they will travel to Northwest Washington, sharing ministry and missionary outreach.

### caravan performances

#### sunday, june 20

Bremerton:  
Program 11 am  
Potluck following  
Auburn:  
Potluck 6 pm  
Program 7:30 pm

#### tuesday, june 22

Samish:  
Potluck 5:30 pm  
Program 7 pm

#### thursday, june 24

Renton:  
Potluck 6 pm  
Program 7:30 pm

#### friday, june 25

University Place:  
Potluck 6:30 pm  
Program 7:30 pm

#### saturday, june 26

Garden Grove:  
BBQ Dinner 6 pm  
Program 7 pm

#### sunday, june 27

Remote:  
Final Program 4 pm

**T**he Venture trip will leave Eugene, Oregon on June 19 and visit the Bremerton, Auburn, Samish, Renton, University Place and Garden Grove congregations in Washington, ending at Remote Campground during the Remote Family Reunion week. Look for your congregation or one near you to catch the Caravan and the wonderful ministry they bring.

Not only have the youth been busy practicing their music and plays at each huddle, they have been bringing a non-perishable food item to share with the local food banks. At the April huddle, Caravan youth had the opportunity to assist at Bend's food pantry, stocking shelves, weighing and boxing up items for the clients, and more. At the first huddle in Medford, the Caravan youth collected over 65 pounds of peanut butter and around \$50 for Haiti. In February, we brought our favorite soup; at the March huddle, the theme was Mac and Cheese. We added over 35 pounds of chili to Bend's food pantry in April. I'm so very proud of the youth and staff and their dedication.

While on the trip, we will be working at a food distribution center, as well as a food warehouse stocking and sorting shelves. We are also hoping to work with Share House, feeding the clients in Vancouver.

Thank you all for your generous support of the Youth Venture this year. Our Auction in March raised well over \$4,000, and the bus this year was totally funded by generous donations of the saints in the area. Our youth and staff are very blessed to have such giving members. See you in June!

## PLAN ON IT! upcoming mission center events

(See Page 7 for a listing of Youth Camps)

### JUNE 2010

5 — Lewis River Campground Work Day  
12 — Samish Island Campground Work Day  
12-18 — Samish Adult Reunion  
19 — YAPS Green River Float  
19-27 — Caravan trip to NW WA  
26-July 2 — Remote Reunion (including Special MC Conference to be announced)  
27-July 2 — Alaska Reunion  
27-July 2 — Lewis River Reunion (including Special MC Conference on June 27)

### JULY 2010

11-17 — Samish Family Reunion  
24 — YAPS Fundraiser  
24-31 — SPEC, Independence

### AUGUST 2010

8 — Legacy Seminar, Eugene  
13-15 — CWU Conference, Portland  
15-21 — Northwest Singles Reunion  
29 — YAPS Service at Crystal Springs

## new world church assignments

### scott murphy, apostle

On Thursday, April 15, it was announced at World Conference that Scott Murphy has been assigned as our new apostle to the GPNW Mission Center.

From World Church: *“Scott’s ministerial gifts, spiritual sensitivity, education background, and organizational leadership skills equip him to serve effectively in this calling... His sense of call to move the church into mission through spiritual awakening and transformation will be a blessing to the church in his field assignments and to the overall evangelism strategies of the Twelve.”*

A native of the state of Washington, Scott provided ministry as a member of the previous Seattle Stake Presidency and High Council, Elder’s Quorum President, and Senior High camp director. At the congregational level, Scott served as pastor, counselor, and worship coordinator.

Scott’s previous assignments with World Church have included Director of Human Resource Ministries, President of Lamoni-Heartland Mission Center, Des Moines Stake President, Lamoni Stake Acting President, and Advanced Leadership Studies.

### david nii, apostolic assistant

Bishop David Nii was named as Scott’s Assistant to the Apostle. Dave has been serving as Assistant to the Apostle/Field Bishop for the West Central USA Mission Field. He and his wife, Pam Brunner Nii, live in Colorado and attend the Greenwood Congregation. His daughter, Rachel Nii, is a young adult in our own Bremerton Congregation.

### robin linkhart, western usa field missionary coordinator

President of Seventy Robin Linkhart has been named Western USA Field Missionary Coordinator, replacing retiring Gina Norton.



# 2010 WORLD CONFERENCE MODELS PEACEFUL DIVERSITY

by Kathy Sharp, Mission Center President

*In stark contrast to strident, divisive speech that characterizes so much political and religious debate today, the 2010 World Conference was newsworthy for its peaceful, humble, gentle self-restraint and authentic listening by its delegates and leadership. Though frank, contrasting views on controversial issues were shared, the peace of Jesus Christ prevailed.*

Actions taken by the 2,800 delegates from 50 nations include:

- Approving the Counsel to the Church from President Steve Veazey as Section 164 in the Doctrine and Covenants;
- Approving new church by-laws authorizing field, national or cultural-area conferences;
- Sustaining new apostles and presidents of seventy, including the new apostle for our Western (USA) Field, Scott Murphy, and Robin Linkhart, as President of Seventy for our quorum (see sidebar);
- Asking the First Presidency to provide annual updates on the progress and results of their consultations on human sexuality (WCR 1294);
- Authorizing the church to oppose human trafficking (human slavery) and assist victims (WCR 1295).

## What Changes Come with Doctrine and Covenants 164?

### Baptism

Section 164 creates room to recognize the baptismal covenant of those baptized in Christ in other denominations without necessarily requiring rebaptism, as is current practice. Instead, membership in Community of Christ may be received through the sacrament of confirmation.

Church leaders will provide more information and priesthood training concerning new policies after they are developed. For example, the First Presidency says that Section 164 does not comment either way about whether or not infant baptisms will be recognized. Further interpretation, policy clarifications and training will take time. Until then, current baptism and confirmation practices remain in effect.

### Resolutions Concerning Homosexuality and Inclusion

Approving Section 164 created a “middle path” or “third way” for addressing issues of human sexuality and relationships and other

issues in a venue other than World Conference. Once Section 164 passed, the First Presidency ruled that all previously submitted resolutions on these topics would not be considered at World Conference. Instead, the topics raised by the resolutions will be considered at appropriate non-legislative field, national and cultural-area special conferences, as called by the First Presidency.

Section 164 acknowledges that discussing certain sensitive topics in public is taboo and harmful to our members in some nations. In contrast, avoiding these topics is unacceptable to church members elsewhere.

Recognizing that cultural context and sensitivities provide different and valid prisms with which to consider such issues, Section

164 and the newly approved church by-laws authorize the First Presidency to call special national, field or cultural-area conferences to discern, discuss and build consensus within fields, nations or distinct cultural areas. This means that church policy and practice may vary across the church over time.

Within the USA church, homosexuality will receive continued attention and discernment at an upcoming national conference, along with other pressing issues affecting our mission. The particulars of this national conference are not yet worked out. Apostles in USA fields asked delegates about their preferences for a spring or summer national conference in 2012. The bylaws, as amended, require at least 12 weeks’ notice of these conferences to members.

Thank you to all GPNW delegates to World Conference and members who prayed, discussed and shared on issues facing the church prior to World Conference. You helped create an atmosphere of trust and openness to the Holy Spirit so that prophecy and tradition and unity and diversity can peacefully and richly co-exist. We shall all be blessed by your faithful response.



delegates vote on legislation

# evangelists are available to hear your concerns

by Barbara Hawksford

Members of the Greater Pacific Northwest Mission Center have gathered in the past weeks to consider the words of counsel provided through President Steve Veazey. Mission Center President Kathy Sharp has asked that evangelists and teachers be available to counsel with those who have concerns about issues of importance to Community of Christ.

Many of us worked through our concerns at workshops and attendance at

various meetings and World Conference. Of course there is much to be considered in the days ahead, as procedures are developed to move forward in the future.

Evangelist/teacher teams are available for an in-depth discussion of the issues before us. You will be welcomed by those who are prepared to hear your concerns. As evangelists, our prayers are that we may all grow together in our understanding of God's will for our church. Contact Kathy Sharp at [ksharp@cofchrist-gpnw.org](mailto:ksharp@cofchrist-gpnw.org) or 425-488-8202 for a referral.

## DEBORAH JOHNSON: COWLITZ VALLEY POLICE SERGEANT & PRIEST

by Sharon West

On December 16, 2009, the Longview, Washington Police Department officially promoted Deborah Johnson, a ten-year veteran of the force, to the office of sergeant. The promotion made Debbie the highest-ranking woman in

Cowlitz County law enforcement history, a story that made the front-page of the local newspaper. During the swearing-in ceremony, Debbie stated she was humbled and deeply moved by the support she received from family and her "brothers and sisters in blue."

In an interview with *The Daily News*, Police Chief Alex Perez and Captain Dan Jacobs stated that Deborah is well-respected in the community and is highly regarded by her peers. Captain Jacobs noted that Debbie distinguished herself as a detective while serving in the Criminal Investigations Unit from 2002 to 2006. Debbie also served as patrol officer and school resource officer at a local high school and middle school.

Debbie graduated from Central Washington University in 1995 and left soon after to serve 27 months in the Peace Corps in West Africa. She returned to the Longview area, working as a corrections officer at the Cowlitz County

Jail until she applied for a position with the Longview Police Department in 1999.

Debbie is married to Josh and has three children: Owen, Emma and Rosie. Debbie is an active member of the Cowlitz Valley Congregation and has taught children's

classes and taken responsibility for Outreach International activities at several of the Lewis River Campground Reunions. Debbie was recently ordained a Priest (see sidebar) and looks forward to serving both her community and her congregation in her dual role as police sergeant and priest.



debbie and her family

Check out The Daily News article about Debbie by visiting the mission center's "In the News" webpage. Find it at [www.cofchrist-gpnw.org/inthenews](http://www.cofchrist-gpnw.org/inthenews).



(l-r) kathy bowman, nancy mcmanus, dorothy shera and carol coppock are ordained on sunday, march 28

# 11 very special sacraments

## 1-10 January-April 2010 gpnw ordinations

- Kathy Bowman, Mat-Su Valley-Priest
- Carole Coppock, Mat-Su Valley-Elder
- Stella Dadson, Eugene-Elder
- Deborah Johnson, Cowlitz Valley-Priest
- Sean Langdon, Puyallup-Elder
- Nancy McManus, Mat-Su Valley-Priest
- Rachel Mills, Portland-Elder
- Allison Richardson, Puyallup-Priest
- Laura Schmidt, University Place-Elder
- Dorothy Shera, Mat-Su Valley-Teacher



sean langdon and allison richardson, shown with apostle susan skoor, are ordained on sunday, march 28

## 11 January-April 2010 gpnw baptisms

Jennifer Lynn Knobel, Redmond-March 19  
(See related story, page 6.)



a wsc volunteer cleans grain in malawi

## gpnw young adults serve in world service corps this summer

by Dianne Webberley

**W**e are proud that several of our mission center young adults will be participating in World Service Corps (WSC) this summer!

- **Andrew Nilsen** will be going to two South American countries and will work with youth there. Andrew is graduating from Graceland this spring. His home congregation is Tuality.
- **Tia Wornick** will be heading to Canada. Tia lives in Longview, Washington and attends Cowlitz Valley Congregation.
- **Paige Webberley** will be working with Outreach International in the Philippines. Paige is just completing her sophomore year at Graceland. Lacamas Heights is her home congregation.

### what is world service corps?

From World Church: "World Service Corps is a ministry of Community of Christ. It is an international volunteer service program, taking individuals from around the world, and sending them to other countries to serve. The program recruits, trains, places, and supports the volunteers, while identifying and preparing host sites. World Service Corps is one of the most effective ways of serving, sharing and connecting with others. Through World Service Corps you live as others live, eat what others eat, worship as others worship and much more. This is more than just a chance to give, but also to receive, learn and grow."

## MAT-SU VALLEY: A NEW CONGREGATION EMERGES

by Kathy Sharp, Mission Center President

**M**at-Su Valley Expansion Group was reclassified as an emerging congregation by Apostle Susan Skoor this spring. The change in status was announced at a special mission center conference, March 28, called to approve and ordain four ordination candidates (see page 3). Mat-Su Valley has operated as a group for many years, while it grew and put organizational and leadership capacity in place to be more self-sufficient. Dwight Coppock, recently group leader, is now pastor.

Apostle Susan Skoor's letter announcing the change included these comments:

*"In accordance with the recommendations of Mission Center President Kathy Sharp and Mission Center Mission*

*Coordinator John Smallwood, I am pleased to confirm a change of status from group to emerging congregation. Your consistent attendance, committed priesthood, stable*

*leadership, and program of services and discipleship formation meet the qualifications necessary to become the emerging congregation to be known as the Mat-Su Valley Community of Christ.*

*"... The leadership councils of Community of Christ look forward with antici-*

*pation to your efforts to provide ministry and outreach in the Mat-Su Valley. May you be blessed as you seek to grow in discipleship, witness and outreach.*

*Blessings, Susan Skoor  
Apostle, Pacific Field"*

Congratulations to our new congregation!



special mission center conference in alaska

## GARDEN GROVE: ASH WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY

by Maria Keesee

**O**n Wednesday, February 17, I had the chance to participate in the Ash Wednesday service hosted by the Garden Grove Congregation.

The evening began with an open time to prepare for the Lenten Season. Many opportunities were available to all: oil and ashes, prayers for peace, administration, tables for studying and journaling, as well as meditation music in the chapel.

All activities led up to a unified worship, in the style of Taize. Taize is a form of singing and chanting, where you repeat phrases several times for effect. It gives you the chance to listen more deeply and focus on the words.

The evening was led by Elder Laurie Sharpe, while Shari Amos and Ashley Whitham took turns accompanying the choir on the piano. The Taize worship was full of

beautiful music, scripture, and poetry, all designed to prompt cleansing of the mind and soul for Lent. The chapel was beautiful yet simply decorated with various crosses, depictions of Christ and candles.

I was very moved by the music; as we were singing, I just felt my spirit being lifted up and held by the love of Christ. Following the worship, I had the opportunity to journal about the "fasting" I would participate in during Lent, and my family joined me in lighting candles and praying for loved ones who are sick. The entire evening was a wonderful experience for me, and I know that others in attendance were also touched. I hope you will consider joining us next year.



# portland: growing ministry and outreach

by Jerome Simpson with Kathy Sharp

**P**ortland Congregation is focusing on quality ministry and healthy community. From the kids and adult classes, to the Wednesday prayer service, worship services and everything in between, we are seeking to ramp up our “intentional” course of operation.

Last fall, more than 30 members completed a course over two weekends in Interpersonal Peacebuilding, led by Sandee Gamet, World Church Peacebuilding Ministries, and Sue Ann Allen, GPNW Teacher and professional mediator. Students raved about the quality and useful application of this instruction and skillbuilding.

Priesthood and members alike were challenged to a commitment of service. All have stepped up in response and have given excellent ministry. As a result, our worship service attendance and activity over the past two months has increased.

We recently held an ordination service for **Rachel Mills** to Elder; we had a baby blessing a month ago and are planning for three more soon; we hosted a wedding and reception with a full house. Six eight-year olds recently started pre-baptismal classes, and one adult has asked for baptism.

Outside of church walls, we have visited our members and others in their homes in an accelerated rate of ministry, with offerings of communion and administration. With that is the ministry of presence, communication and prayer.

We have also become more involved with the other organizations that use our church facility, reaching out to assist them. **Phame Academy** works with mentally challenged people through the arts of song, dance and theater. We also have a new **Native American**

**ministry (AIM)**, led by High Priest David Burns, that meets weekly at the church. A long-time tenant is **Folktime**, which provides help for physically handicapped/challenged people. Our congregation helps them with meals and provides a place individuals can increase their computer skills and more.

The local chapter of **Church Women United**, a Christian ecumenical women’s movement, meets here and will hold a regional conference in our gym on August 13-15, with their former national chairperson and Community of Christ’s former apostle **Gail Mengel** as keynote speaker (see page 7).

**Providence Montessori School** (elementary) and **Gately Academy** (middle school) also use our educational buildings—we are talking with Gately about the possibility of a joint sports program to reach out into the adjoining neighborhood.

Whatever successes we enjoy, it is because of the people. We have been blessed, and we feel the urgency to be and do the best we can in God’s name.

## portland member profiled

**Eleanor Fagg** of the Portland Congregation was recently featured in the Volunteers of America Oregon 2009 Annual Report for her volunteer work teaching arts & crafts for the Women’s Residential Center. Find it on the mission center’s “In the News” webpage at [www.cofchrist-gpnw.org/inthenews](http://www.cofchrist-gpnw.org/inthenews).



portland congregation

Check out the *Portland Congregation’s re-launched website. Find it at [www.portlandcofchrist.org](http://www.portlandcofchrist.org).*

# Community of Christ



Jim and June Johnson celebrate 70 years of marriage

## 4 very special life events

### 1 Jim and June Johnson: special anniversary

**Jim and June Johnson**, University Place, WA Congregation, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on January 1 (see photo above).

### 2 Mary Ellen Turner: 100th birthday!

**Mary Ellen Turner** of the Bremerton, WA Congregation, celebrated her 100th birthday on March 10 with a big party thrown by her family.

### 3 Declan Cooper King: special birth

Jess and Heather King, Roseburg, OR Congregation, welcomed their first child, a son named **Declan Cooper**, on March 18. Declan was 7 lbs. 12 oz. and 20 inches at birth and is a very healthy baby.



### 4 John Worlund: special birthday

Church family helped **John Worlund**, Samish Island, WA Congregation, celebrate his 90th birthday on March 20.





cottage grove members cheer on walkers in front of their booth at the 2009 relay for life walk

## celebrate, remember, fight back: supporting cancer patients & research

by Melissa Fery

The Cottage Grove, Oregon Congregation and friends will again join our community and walk in the Relay for Life on **June 18-19**. We are busily starting our fundraising campaign to help the American Cancer Society give support to cancer patients and survivors and fund research to find cures for cancer.

Cancer has touched each one of our lives. If you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one, or would just like to contribute to this worthy cause, we would appreciate your support. You may donate online at our congregation's team website,

[www.relayforlife.org/cottagegroveor](http://www.relayforlife.org/cottagegroveor) or contact our team captain, Melissa Fery, at 541-942-5878 or [melistletoe@yahoo.com](mailto:melistletoe@yahoo.com).



# SOUTHRIDGE: REMODELED SANCTUARY RECEIVES A "SPECIAL 5" BLESSING

by Elva Eliason

The Southridge Congregation was five-times blessed on Sunday, May 2, when five children were baptized and confirmed. This was a group with

diverse church backgrounds, but there was one common thread: supportive families who have encouraged the children's participation in Sunday School, pre-baptismal classes, church camp and many other church activities.

**Micah Baylous, Samantha and Taylore Candilora, Sophie Carlson and Chanse Gilbert** excitedly helped to plan this special morning... they chose hymns, decided who they wanted to officiate, and all decided they wanted to join the church on a first Sunday so they could join in on taking communion. In the photos, you may not see the heartfelt commitment we at Southridge know is there, but you will see the resulting joy in the faces of this "special five," a joy they will continue to share

as they grow up together in the Community of Christ.

This was the first baptismal service to take place at Southridge following an extensive remodel that included a new, welcoming entry way and a variety of loft and floor level improvements to the sanctuary. New restrooms on the Chapel level were a gift to our members and guests who had been having difficulty navigating the stairs to the lower level facilities. A remodel of the front of the Chapel and new lighting throughout

had already been completed. The outside of the facility had also received attention. A landscaping project had taken place in the fall—in pouring rain and knee-deep mud, resulting in some very disheveled-looking members but also

in attractive grounds to showcase the building improvements. We can only pray that the years to come will allow this improved sanctuary to see many more opportunities in sharing the joy of sacraments such as this "Special 5" baptism, and in the joy of sharing the building with the community in efforts to help others.



l-r: micah, chanse, samantha, taylore, sophie



l-r: micah, chanse, sophie, samantha, taylore



view of interior remodel

## GRANTS PASS: FREEING UP RESOURCES

by Karen Short with Mike Bessonette

The Grants Pass Congregation made the final payment on their church building in October 2009 and now own it free and clear. The congregation set a goal to increase contributions to pay off the mortgage so they would have more money for mission. They successfully accomplished that goal.

The congregation held a dedication service for the church building and cel-

bration on Sunday, January 24, 2010. Apostle Susan Skoor was guest minister. The Medford Congregation joined the celebration. Testimonies and pictures were shared about the building of the church and the people who helped with it. There were about sixty in attendance. Congratulations to the Grants Pass Congregation on this wonderful achievement!



# '10 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 through August 2010:

## campground work days

Our campgrounds are gearing up and getting ready for the 2010 camping season. Mark your calendar and help out at the campground nearest you.

**May 29-31:** Remote Campground Work Days

**June 5:** Lewis River Campground Work Day

**June 12:** Samish Island Campground Work Day

## young adults summer activities

**June 19:** Young Adults of the Puget Sound (YAPS) Green River Float

**July 24:** YAPS Fundraiser to defray costs of fall Samish Young Adults Retreat

**August 29:** YAPS Service at Crystal Springs Congregation

## youth camping

Register now for 2010 youth camps. Check it out all the details and register online at [www.cofchrist-gpnw.org/camp](http://www.cofchrist-gpnw.org/camp).

### lewis river campground

**Camp Zarahemla:** July 6, 6 pm to July 10, 3 pm

**Jr. High Boys Camp (Hosmer Lake):** July 11, 10 am to July 16, 6 pm

**Camp Israel:** July 11, 3 pm to July 17, noon

**Jr. High Girls Camp:** July 18, 3 pm to July 23, noon

### samish island campground

**Camp Genesis:** June 4, 7:15 pm to June 6, noon

**Camp Mungai:** July 4, 4 pm to July 10, noon

**Camp Kluane:** July 25, 4 pm to July 31, noon

**Camp Chimacum:** August 1, 4 pm to August 7, noon

**Camp Kimtah:** August 8, 4 pm to August 14, noon

### camp remote

**Jr. High Camp:** July 5, 3 pm to July 10, noon

**Sr. High Camp:** July 10, 3 pm to July 17, noon

**Kids Camp:** July 17, 3 pm to July 20, noon

## reunions and special mc conferences

**June 12-18:** Samish Adult Reunion

**June 26-July 2:** Remote Family Reunion, with ordination of Jim Lloyd to High Priest (date to be announced)

**June 27-July 2:** Lewis River Reunion, with special mission center conference on June 27, 4 pm, to sustain Erik Nilsen's call to Evangelist and Christie Ostendorp's call to Seventy. Ordination service to immediately follow.

**June 27-July 2:** Alaska Family Reunion

**July 11-17:** Samish Family Reunion

**August 15-21:** Northwest Singles Reunion

## church women united (cwu) conference

**August 13-15:** Portland Congregation will be host to the Church Women United (CWU) regional conference on August 13-15. Among the guest speakers will be Gail Mengel from Independence, MO. Gail is a former Community of Christ apostle and past President of CWU. Cost is approximately \$40, including registration and meals.

To attend, call Elaine Linne' at 503-598-

7552 or Neta Nelson at 503-650-

4750 by **July 13**.



*l-r: george sanberg, president of douglas county livestock association; craig reed*



*l-r: senior shelby reed with her best friend, tessa knight, enjoying senior night at sutherlin high school*



*sisters caroline shultz and nora treadwell are recognized for their long-time service*

# 8

## special moments in congregational life

### roseburg, or:

- **Craig Reed** was recently honored at the annual Douglas County Livestock Association for his journalism coverage of agriculture and ranching. Craig writes for the Roseburg, OR News Review and for the Capital Press, headquartered in Salem.
- **Scott McFarlane**, a Roseburg High School senior, has been accepted by Eastern Oregon University, where he will start classes this fall.
- **Shelby Reed**, a Sutherlin High School senior, has been accepted by the University of Oregon. She recently enjoyed a Seniors Recognition Night at an SHS basketball game.
- The Roseburg Congregation recently collected 25 backpacks and boxes of school supplies for needy children in the community.

### cottage grove, or:

- Sisters **Nora Treadwell** and **Caroline Shultz** were recognized for their long-time service to the congregation. In January, both ladies were applauded and given tokens of appreciation. Nora had served as Historian for over 40 years. Caroline performed the tasks of Recorder for 29 years in Cottage Grove and in Springfield for many years prior. We thank you, Nora and Caroline, for your contributions over the last several decades. Enjoy retirement!

### eugene, or:

- Nineteen people participated in the Temple School Course "Ministry of Shalom" recently at the Eugene Congregation.

### tuality, or:

- The Middle School class has been using the World Church resource, Peace 24/7, learning about many ways to help in our world. In January, they learned about an organization called Soles 4 Souls, then gathered and donated 23 pairs of shoes.
- For more than 10 years we have collected Teddy Bears on the Sunday nearest Valentine's Day. This year we donated them to NW Children's Outreach and Shepherd's Door.

We proclaim Jesus Christ and promote communities of joy, hope, love and peace.

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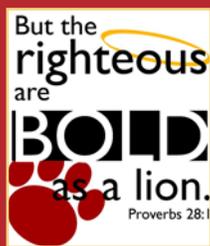
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## bold moves update

by Steve Pomeroy

**T**he Bold Moves Grants Committee will meet on Thursday, May 20, to review the five grant applications received in the Spring 2010 cycle. Watch for an awards announcement in late May. Thanks to those congregations who submitted applications this time around. It is never too early to begin thinking about those Bold Moves ministries that can be considered in the fall. **The next application deadline is October 15.**



## YOUNG ADULTS RAISE FUNDS FOR ORPHANS

by Sean Langdon

The Young Adults of the Puget Sound (YAPS) raised over \$17,000 at the dinner/auction we sponsored to benefit Orphans Africa on Saturday, February 27 at Puyallup, Washington's Liberty Theater. Additionally, five people signed up to be monthly donors. There were 170 people in attendance at the event. One intention was to reach beyond the Community of Christ demographic, so I am very pleased that 42 percent of those in attendance were from outside the church. Thanks to everyone who attended and to everyone who donated items for the auction. If you would like to donate to Orphans Africa or learn more about them, visit their website at [www.orphansafrica.org](http://www.orphansafrica.org).

