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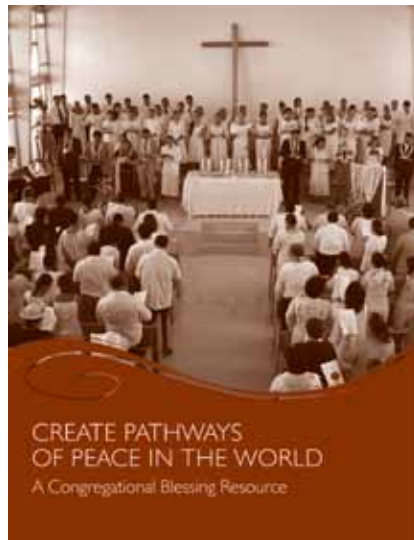
Anatomy of a Congregational Blessing

By David R. Brock,
Presiding Evangelist

This issue of the newsletter is one I've anticipated for a couple years now! Since the publication of *Create Pathways of Peace in the World: A Congregational Blessing Resource* I wanted to share wisdom of those who recently participated in the blessing experience in a variety of settings. In these pages you'll get a close and multifaceted look at a blessing in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, as well as glimpses into blessings in Spokane Valley, Washington, USA; Atlanta North, Georgia, USA; Hot Springs, Arkansas, USA; Victoria, British Columbia, Canada; and Poá, Brazil.

As congregations embrace the five mission initiatives introduced to the church by President Veazey on April 10, 2011, some may be at a *kairos* moment in which the blessing preparation and process would be key to understanding "what matters most" for their mission as the body of Christ. I believe there is a strong link between the blessing experience and discerning and engaging in mission.

I invite you to read this issue, and then review *Create Pathways of Peace in the World* available online at www.CofChrist.org/evangelist/congBlessing.asp or through Herald House at www.heraldhouse.org/cart/edit.asp?p=129125. You may also want to review the chapter on congregational blessings in the Temple School course, PA222 Evangelists:



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Sharing a New World of Blessing, and check out additional materials on blessings on the evangelist page at www.CofChrist.org/evangelist.

Is now the time for your congregation to consider a blessing? If so, contact and share your reflections with the pastor and pastoral leadership team. The pastoral team can discern with the congregation if it is a good time to initiate the sacrament of blessing.

Share with the rest of us what you learn! How does the sacrament of congregational blessing link with the mission initiatives? How can the process and the prayer truly be an integral part of the congregation's response to what matters most? The blessing can support mission!

Congregational Blessing, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, April 3, 2011

By Gloria Stanton, co-pastor,
Saskatoon Congregation



Preparation for the congregational blessing began about three years ago when three of the evangelists from Saskatoon prepared to provide a blessing to the Regina Congregation.

We were blessed in Regina and we were blessed in Saskatoon. We cannot begin to tell you how many different ways we were blessed, but we know that God loves us. When Jesus calls us we can do nothing more than respond. Read how two of the evangelists and the co-pastor captured the journey and the spirit of the blessing.

Reflection on the Days Leading up to Our Congregational Blessing

By Evangelist Clarissa McLean, Saskatoon,
Saskatchewan, Canada

As I reflect upon "blessing," my thoughts go back to a visit I made to the chapel in the Temple during Conference week. I had felt the need to be alone, and to my surprise, I opened the door to an empty chapel. As I sat there quietly, trying to make some sense of my life, my eyes were drawn upward to the beautiful pictures of the sacraments that surrounded me. As I studied each one, my heart opened to God's healing and transforming presence. I saw myself in each of those pictures, first as the recipient of the blessing, and then as the channel



of blessing. "You are loved!" It was not an audible voice, but a warm ripple of assurance that traveled through every fiber of my body. I was filled with gratitude!

As I contemplated the upcoming blessing for Saskatoon, my thoughts went back to the awesome experience in Regina's congregational blessing. I eagerly anticipated the experience that our congregation would have as we prepared to receive God's blessing for us.

I rehearsed the words that came to me as I prepared the opening prayer I was to offer at a priesthood meeting:

"Loving and Eternal God, you have called us to a great and marvelous work. Help us to see that! Lead us by your Spirit into a better light! We meet this morning seeking truth and understanding and knowledge of your will for our congregation. We need not ask, 'What matters most?' You have already told us: It is the mission of Jesus Christ that matters most for the days and years ahead. Help us to get a sense of awe and faith! Will you bring to life a vision of what we could become if we would align ourselves with the leading of your Spirit? Oh, to be Spirit-led! To feel the excitement...the adventure! May your Spirit fall afresh upon us, making us, molding us, filling us, and using us. I ask this in Jesus' name, Amen."

As priesthood, we must lead by example! It was agreed that we would meet together often for prayer, study, and planning. We looked for ways to promote peace and harmony among us, and we invited the congregation to experiment with the "Spiritual Practices" suggested in *Daily Bread*. (These were compiled and placed in the mailbox of each one in the congregation.)

We asked each member of the congregation to prepare for the blessing as follows.


- Seek the spirit of unity as a congregation. Envision how you will be a blessing to each other and the larger community of the city or neighborhood in which you are a part;
- Seek the spirit of reconciliation through repentance and forgiveness among family members or between individuals or families in the congregation;
- Help the children and youth to understand the blessing experience, making them full participants in the total blessing;
- Reach out to friends and family who need to hear and experience more of the message of the church.
- Serve in the community as a congregation;
- Trust God to bless.

We encouraged our members to look for ways to promote peace among us, and among family members and neighbors. We encouraged them to reach out and share


their faith stories with friends and acquaintances. The importance of daily prayer was stressed—prayers for direction; prayers for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our people. We shared stories of our faith journeys with each other. We set up teams to do home-visiting and share conversation about the blessing of our congregation. Every home was contacted. We shared rich fellowship in potlucks and other informal visiting.

A highlight was the retreat held at Cedar Lodge two weeks prior to the blessing. In this quiet setting our lives were affirmed and motivated. The final event leading up to the day of our blessing was held at the church with the evangelists who had come to provide this ministry.

Personally, my experience leading up to the blessing was filled with spiritual highs and lows. In my moments of prayer and meditation, some of my faults surfaced in uncomfortable ways; and yet, at other times, I was made aware of my giftedness and the blessing it has brought others. At times I felt overwhelmed by the needs that surrounded me; at other times I was made aware of where my footsteps had taken me and how I had served others. In the weeks leading up to our congregational blessing, I had some difficult decisions to make: How do I deal with a confidence that had been shared with me? How far do I go in meeting a request for financial assistance? There were questions concerning matters of life and death! I was humbled as I recognized my own inadequacies; yet, filled with deep gratitude for God's grace!



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“You are loved!” Just like that day in the chapel at the Temple, it was not an audible voice but a warm ripple of assurance that traveled through every fiber of my body. “We are loved!” That same assurance came to me as I listened carefully to the prayers offered by the three evangelists the day of our blessing. “. . . The path will not always be easy, the choices will not always be clear, but the cause is sure and the

Spirit will bear witness to the truth, and those who live the truth will know the hope and the joy of discipleship in the community of Christ” (Doctrine and Covenants 161:7) right here in Saskatoon!

Discerning God’s Will for the Congregation

By Evangelist Ted Navey,
Calgary, Alberta, Canada



Shirley and Ted Navey

Although the congregation began preparation for the blessing over a year before, things really began in earnest at the beginning of this year when I began an extensive study of what a congregational blessing was. The materials sent by the Office of the Presiding Evangelist and additional online resources were very helpful.

I began to know and understand the Saskatoon Congregation when Gloria Stanton, co-pastor, sent information. I also studied a “Needs Assessment of the Saskatoon Congregation.” And, I knew many members from our time together at Hills of Peace reunions.

This helped me discern God’s will for the congregation. I spent many hours in prayer and meditation, focusing on the needs and aspirations of the people. I had to visualize and sense the congregation individually and as a whole. I did this repeatedly over the days and weeks before the blessing. Each time I was able to feel the presence and influence of the Holy Spirit. I received a clearer vision of what God wanted. It was an emotional experience—I even found myself weeping for this congregation on one occasion.

One thing I found helpful was to make a note on a Post-it each time I felt inspired and directed by the Holy Spirit. I soon had a couple of pages covered with notes. In the week before the blessing, I transferred these thoughts and ideas into an outline for the prayer of blessing. But I wasn't quite finished so I left a great deal of space on the outline for additional input and insight. My wife, Shirley, and I then traveled to Saskatoon a couple of days before the blessing.

On arriving that Friday evening, we spent time with Gloria and Wayne Stanton (Wayne is an evangelist), sharing about the many different aspects of the congregation. It was confirmed to me that the notes I had written for the blessing were indeed what was needed. I still felt this was not enough. The next day we spent the afternoon meeting with the congregation. We showed the DVD, *Blessed to be a Blessing*, and all the evangelists circulated among five tables of the congregation as they responded to each segment. The focused exchange with the members was very rewarding. It gave me further insight and inspiration to complete missing elements of the blessing.



We learn that God's Spirit is present to help us as a "minister of blessing" and as a member of the congregation.



Sunday was a very beautiful time together. Both evangelists and the congregation were truly blessed by God's Spirit. As I reflect on this amazing experience of a congregational blessing, I ask myself—what meaning does it have in my life and the lives of those who were participants? Foremost is the awareness that God desires to bless us. We learn that God's Spirit is present to help us as a "minister of blessing" and as a member of the congregation. Even as individuals, we are inspired to move out in faith, called of God to be disciples of the Son, Jesus the Christ.

The experience was one of those moments in which we were blessed by God's Spirit. It will be a significant part of our life journey. My life and my ministry now continues—

better for this wonderful experience and now even more directed by God's will and divine purposes.

From the Saskatoon Blessing

- It is with this common faith **journey** that we are reminded of those who came before us.
- We are mindful of the years that we faced discouragement as we lost members. Even as we searched for a new pastor and did our best to provide ministry to the young, to individuals, to families, and the elderly.
- There were many good people that did the work of Jesus, and we are truly thankful for their years of service.
- Now we are on the threshold of the next phase of that **journey** with thee.
- Even as we have already begun the work of our own personal **spiritual** development, we now must face the task of discerning where you have called us to go in that **journey** ahead.
- May we sense and understand the leadings of thy Spirit. May thy blessing be with this congregation this morning and in those days, months, and years ahead.

The Blessing of Preparation

By Lisa Neudorf, co-pastor,
Saskatoon Congregation



As the congregation began to prepare for its blessing, each person had different ideas and thoughts about what to expect. I had it in my head the blessing itself would be the "end all and be all" which would give us some answers. As we approached the day of the blessing, I realized the blessing had actually come from the preparation itself. I expected good things would come from the actual sacrament of

blessing but many great things came from our preparation. The Saskatoon Congregation turned its focus from inward to outward and to each other. We ministered to each other through friendship, by sharing, reaching out, and visiting. We started doing what we are really good at and we were blessed. I viewed the blessing as a new beginning for the congregation. God speaks to us. We need to be open and ready to listen.

Excerpt from Congregational Blessing for Victoria, British Columbia, Congregation, June 12, 2011

Your actions show who you are and who you represent. Try to be the best witness of Christ that you can be. Your calling is to witness of Christ and to promote communities of joy, hope, love, and peace. Your joy will be found in your service to community, your hope will be found in your commitment to Christ, your love is found in your caring concern for one another, and your peace is found in your quest for justice for all in your world.



Evangelist Robin Duff

Focus on the positive and be not afraid to employ your talents in service to others. The Lord will guide you continually and bless you with an outpouring of [God's] Spirit. Be alert to the opportunities which the Lord has created for you each day. Discover those opportunities for service that will reflect God's love and bring about the peaceable kingdom. Create opportunities that will bring the touch of the Spirit to others. Trust in God to lead you into areas of service beyond what you feel is your capability. Be prayerfully responsive to the urges of the Holy Spirit and venture out into service. Everyone has a purpose in life—a unique gift, a special talent to give to others. Blend your unique gift with service to community. If you move out in faith, God will provide the way to bring blessing to community. You have abundant resources to accomplish anything because you are connected to the Holy Spirit. Go forth and witness. Be bold in service to others. It is never too late to try to share your witness of Christ with others. Give service above your expectations and you will be a blessing to your community.



Your community will be blessed because of your commitment and your creativity in service. Let the light of God's presence soak into you. Do not skimp on your time with [God]. The Lord will equip our congregation for whatever the day will bring. The right circumstances and the right people will arrive on time for any congregational need. Your hearts will be filled with the Holy Spirit to enable the congregation to make choices that will bring healing to our families, our neighbors, to our church, to our community, and to our world. The Lord will walk with us enabling us as a congregation to meet the goals he has set for us, in discipleship, in service, and in relationships. Let us use your blessing to show forth your glory in our community. We thank you Lord for your blessing and covenant to be a blessing to all people. We seek to bring healing to our families, to our neighbors, and to our community. Help us, Lord, to see ourselves in the light of your vision.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Priesthood Blessing Spokane Valley Congregation March 20, 2011

By Sandy VanDerWalker, pastor

As pastor of Spokane Valley Congregation I heard and felt the struggle and uncertainty many priesthood carried in their hearts. With prophetic counsel and guidance for increased awareness and understanding of priesthood accountability, as well as a broadening vision of what Christ's mission means in the life of the disciple and our faith movement, the pastorate felt there was a need to rethink, reevaluate, and rediscover where God is leading us as priesthood. The natural beginning point of that process was preparation for a blessing.

I found the journey to be challenging in a way I had not expected. During our time of preparation I often struggled



Pastor Sandy VanDerWalker (far right) at Spokane Valley

with the concept that I was responsible for the experience of each priesthood member on their journey. My pastoral instinct wanted each one to have that wonderful, reflective, transformative experience of oneness with God. If that did not happen, I, as pastor, messed up somehow.

Then God does what God does so well. Through God's persistence and subtle nudging I was reminded that my role was secondary. While I can be a supportive, nurturing, and affirming presence, God is in the lead. My prayers were for open hearts and minds, including my own.

The priesthood are now gathering to reflect on our blessing and to discuss and discern where God is leading us as we explore what Christ's mission means for us as spiritual leaders of the congregational community. I am excited to be a part of this shared journey as we step forward in faith and trust.

Sally Stecher Spokane Valley Congregation

Pastor Sandy VanDerWalker requested that the evangelists provide a priesthood blessing for our congregation. Sandy and I met to talk about what was expected, the direction we wanted to go, and how to involve the priesthood. Hugh Chapman, Bill Williams, and I discussed what a priesthood blessing is and how we should prepare ourselves and the priesthood. Sandy had the evangelists lead monthly priesthood meetings for the next four months. We started each session with worship. We then had several sessions to give priesthood opportunity to share what they felt a priesthood blessing is and what they hoped to receive. Several books were suggested and those interested got together for discussion. We also signed up for prayer partners who met weekly. Several partners are still meeting. A weekly scripture was provided to incorporate into personal worship time. We also studied and discussed articles on blessings. The Sunday before the blessing we had an Emmaus meal together. Dur-

ing this meal we shared scriptures, songs, silent meditations, and priesthood members shared their personal journey to the blessing.



Sally Stecher (seated in the center) with evangelists from Inland West Mission Center

Hugh, Bill, and I kept notes of impressions we received during priesthood meetings and during our personal preparations. The week before the blessing we met to combine our similar impressions and added individual impressions. We wanted the blessing to flow and not be repetitive. Hugh then wrote the blessing. We met several times to fine-tune the final blessing. The blessing was given during a special worship service that Evangelist Harriet White planned. It was quite the spiritual journey and the blessing was well received. For many it exceeded expectations. The congregation now has a better understanding of what the priesthood does and who holds what office. We pray that it will continue to be a blessing.

Jo Ann Townsend Spokane Valley Congregation



Scripture study was used while preparing for the blessing.

At a priesthood meeting in late 2010, we received suggestions of ways that we could personally prepare for the March 2011 Spokane Valley Congregational priesthood blessing. Scripture study appealed to me and suggested scriptures for 10 weeks were given.

I began with prayer. After reading each scripture, I would write them out in long hand. I then re-read the scripture and wrote a response. Some thoughts came quickly and involved several paragraphs. Other days I struggled and spent more time meditating on what the scripture meant to me. Looking back on what I wrote the previous weeks, often I had to ask myself, "Where did that come from?" I did not remember writing those words. It was like reading a letter from God to me. I recognized that God was blessing me in this journey. I strongly felt God's Spirit resting upon the congregation the day of the blessing! The following scripture sums up my experience of preparation:

"Then, as you gain ever more confidence in sensing the leadings of my Spirit, you will begin to see with new eyes, embrace the truths that are waiting for your understanding, and move joyfully toward the fulfillment of the tasks that are yours to accomplish" (Doctrine and Covenants 159:8).

**Tamryn Parker-Carver
Spokane Valley Congregation**



Evangelist Harriet White presiding at the service of blessing

The joy of celebration was palpable and the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt by all. Spokane Valley Congregation experienced a special blessing specifically for our priesthood. Having been newly called to the office of priest, I did not take part in the priesthood's lengthy preparation but was privileged to participate on the day of the blessing.

I felt that everything being said by the Presiding Evangelist was directed at me. His words expressing that our calls to priesthood and discipleship should not be taken lightly struck me deeply. He said that every minute of every day of every year we are disciples of Christ. That is not to say that we must be serious and somber all the time, but that we should always be thinking about our ministry and how we reflect Jesus Christ. I felt that so much of what was said was

appropriate for all members of our congregation, not just the priesthood.

The blessing itself was beautiful and was a testimony to the strength of our congregation. "As a congregation, we have experienced those times when the future was not clear, and doubts were evident. Through those challenges, there has been blessing and the path has been trod with confidence and assurance." I think that we need to be able to look back and see what we have been through to get to where we are now. This kind of reflection brings us all closer together. "You recognize, without doubt, that we need each other, and there can be little doubt that Jesus' greatest blessings await those who go to great lengths to be a blessing to others." What a wonderful blessing for our congregation to take with us!

Our congregation has been renewed and given the strength to move forward in a more focused manner toward the mission of Jesus Christ. Blessings for a congregation truly bring a feeling of unity, not only in our love for Christ but in our love for one another.

Poá, Brazil, Congregational Blessing, July 4, 2011

By Fernanda Corsi Carvalho

Pai amado, que o seu Santo Espirito esteja aqui nesta congregação para auxiliar estes teus filhos, que abriram mão das suas vontades, para fazerem a tua.

E estão prontos e dispostos para levarem a tua mensagem a quem necessitar, levar o teu amor, a tua palavra que é vida, para os cativos e oprimidos.

Voces teram muitas dificuldades, muitas lutas, mas voces não estarão sozinhos porque voces forão escolhidos pelo Senhor. Porque o Pai de voces é bondoso e misericordioso com seus filhos.

Que voces tenham perseverança e não desistam.... Pai querido ponho este grupo em tuãs mãos, e que eles possam serem usados por ti, e que eles sejam um grupo valoroso para ti.

Coloque—os em tuas mãos guarde—os e os proteja e que eles possam olharem para frente, e levem adiante a tua obra.

Te agradeço grandemente por estas pessoas grande Deus.

Te amamos e dedicamos as nossas vidas a Ti. Porque sabemos que tu és Soberano Deus.

Que a Paz de Cristo estejam em voces. Amém.

English Translation of Poá, Brazil, Blessing

Loving Father, may your Holy Spirit be here in this congregation to help these children of yours, who gave up *their* will to do *yours*.

They are ready and willing to carry your message to those who need it; to take your love, your word that is life, to the captives and the oppressed.

You will have many difficulties, many struggles, but you will not be alone because you have been chosen by the Lord; because your Father is kind and merciful to his children.

May you have patience and not give up...

I place this congregation, Dear Father, into your hands. May they be used by you. May they be a people of worth and value to you.

Hold them in the palms of your hands to protect them so they can look to the future and do your work.

I thank you deeply for these people, Great God.

We love you and dedicate our lives to you. We know you are our Sovereign God.

May the peace of Christ be with you. Amen.



Children of the Poá, Brazil congregation

Congregational Blessings: Preparation for Mission

By Evangelist O.J. Smith,
Hot Springs, Arkansas



To hurry a congregational blessing lessens its significance. My latest blessing took almost five months from request to presentation. It was worth it. This preparation time allowed for meetings with the pastor and priesthood to discuss their needs and the congregation's needs and expectations. We agreed on the importance of invitation and planned ways to involve members and invite friends.

I believe the congregational blessing brings enlightenment to what matters most for the congregation.

The extended time allowed me to reflect and pray. It allowed me time to enlist other evangelists to share their ministry of preaching and teaching related to the congregational blessing. In the two months before the blessing, the congregation received six Sundays of preparation by evangelists. The congregation prepared for the blessing by contacting inactive members. The congregation requested old pictures and memorabilia. As these were gathered, they were placed around the church. On the day of the blessing the Spirit was present. We were blessed with the support of evangelists. The congregation received their blessing with excitement and anticipation.

I believe the congregational blessing brings enlightenment to what matters most for the congregation. It also brings unity in service to God and God's work. Following the congregational blessing I asked the congregation to meet several times to discuss what the blessing means to them and ways to fulfill it. I encouraged them to revisit the blessing every three months or so for a year. As the congregation

responds satisfactorily it helps people in disciple formation and leadership preparation. Thus they become committed to living out their mission.

A pastor summed it up, “the blessing came at a time of great need for our congregation to be better witnesses and pulled us together to better understand ‘All Are Called’ and to be collectively working on what matters most to us.”

It is exciting for me to be a part of the blessing experience. To feel the gentle tugs of the Spirit extend thought and love for people in preparation of the blessing in written word. As the blessing was presented I could feel the thrill of the Spirit’s embrace on the congregation and myself.

Atlanta North Congregational Blessing, February 20, 2011

The blessing was the culmination of six Sunday worships that were focused on the process of preparation to receive the blessing and 40 days of individual preparation enhanced by materials that were prepared by the evangelists as daily devotionals and weekly family devotionals. These materials were also translated so Spanish-speaking members could participate fully in the process.

Initial Daily Devotional Monday, January 10, 2011

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. — Exodus 20:2–3

Sunday, Jim Melham talked to the Atlanta North Congregation, about “Clearing Away the Clutter.” Each of us needs some life-cleaning so that we can feel a closer connection to God. There are many things that take our time and energy away from being able to think about God; and to speak to God. If you are a child, some of the clutter may be school activities or expectations of the adults in your life. In your family or with your friends, it may be arguments, yelling, or unkind comments. Your time may be taken by homework, TV, video games, phone conversations, and texting.

As an adult, you may experience a bombardment of thoughts about family issues, money, health, or the myriad of tasks that remain undone.

Clutter doesn’t mean all those things are bad and should be gotten rid of. Maybe they just need to be reduced or rearranged. You may find that the simple act of clearing one area of the spaces in which you live may help you to center your thoughts on God’s love and God’s desires for you in this life. God wants to bless you with peace and the ability to experience God’s presence.

The pursuit of relationship with God should be foremost in one’s life. When that relationship is strong, all other aspects of life will be in order. Therefore, it is incumbent on us to clear away those things in our lives that build barriers between us and God so that the relationship may be strong and our lives blessed.

Spiritual Practice: Close your eyes. Say a brief prayer thanking God for the gift of Jesus and for the holy presence with you right now. Imagine in your mind’s eye, a dirty cluttered room or area out in nature. See yourself picking up and discarding the things that detract from the beauty of that place. Imagine the things you love and cherish which are dirty or strung around haphazardly. Clean off those items and place them where they can be seen and admired. As you complete your task, look around at what you have done and feel the peace of God as you have put order in your life. Now ask God to forgive the clutter in your life. Ask that God’s Spirit continue to be with you as you seek to identify the things that keep you from focusing on God.



Photo by Jim Hannah



Photo by J. Michael Strange Photography

Congratulations to our staff assistant, Nicole, who recently became covenanted marriage partner of Mark Robison (who also warrants our congratulations!). I'm pleased to now introduce her to the Order as Nicole Robison. I also invite you to write her at nrobison@CofChrist.org.

The Spirit is the self-authenticating presence and power of God; the living energy of grace, whose charter and challenge is to bring about and sustain our conversion, transformation, and salvation.

—Jay Booz, evangelist
Independence, Missouri USA

Order Updates

Recently Ordained

Sharon Clothier
Bev Corrington
Stan Corrington
Barbara Harmon
Glenna Henry
Connie Lane
Gayla McEldery
Sharon Norris

Mission Center

Central USA
Greater Pacific Northwest USA
Greater Pacific Northwest USA
Kentucky-Indiana USA
Gateway USA
Headwaters USA/Canada
Michigan USA/Canada
Central USA

Superannuations

Hubert Smith
William Dawson
Richard Bunch
Hunter Ray Brock
Helen Irby
Raymond Irby

Date

2/8/2011
3/21/2011
3/31/2011
6/8/2011
6/29/2011
6/29/2011

Deaths

Mitch Juergens
William Morris Sr.
Wardell Hinderks
Earl Lehman
Thomas Coffman
William Ballantyne

3/14/2011
3/15/2011
4/5/2011
4/20/2011
5/11/2011
6/13/2011

Couples Celebrating 50th Anniversaries

Jane and Tom Richards
Jann and John Wolf
Bill and Winnie Tepper
Danny and Penelope Belrose

4/2/2011
6/22/2011
7/9/2011
7/20/2011

Couples Celebrating 60th Anniversaries

Albert and Donna Barr
Elbert and Nancy Cole
Arvil and Janith Conk

4/13/2011
6/2/2011
6/2/2011

Statistics

Total Active	623
Male Active	471
Female Active	152
Countries	29
Superannuated	87

Errata

In the last issue of the newsletter, we indicated that Lillian Dunlap was the first woman ordained to the office of evangelist. Madeline Ostertag was actually the first. She was ordained on November 12, 1986, by Geoffrey F. Spencer, Myron R. Schall, and J. Nelson Badder at Temple City, California.