

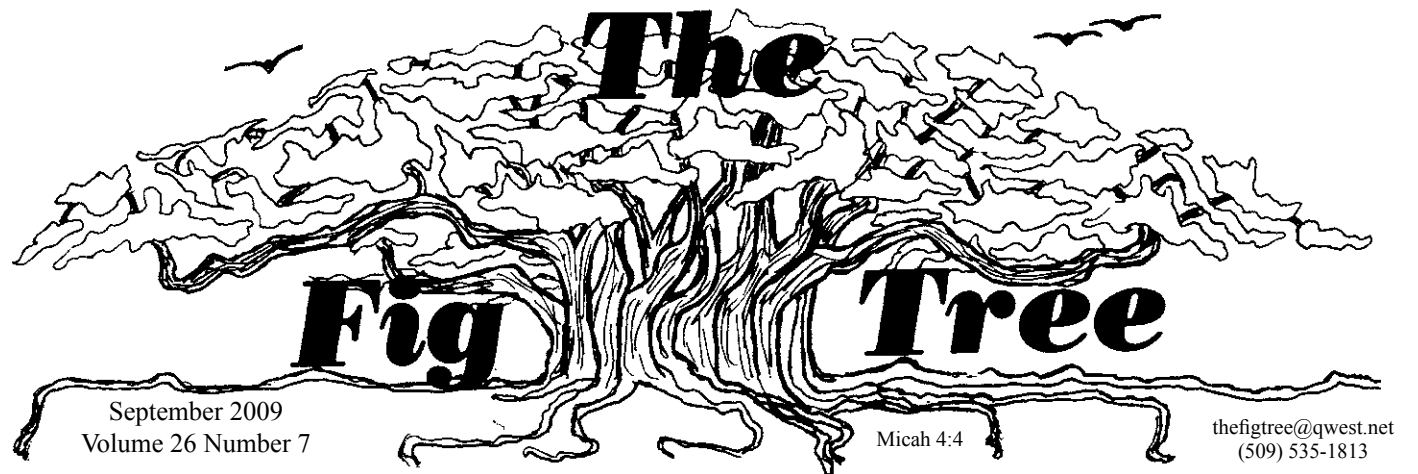
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Human connections enrich lives

By Mary Stamp

Oscar Haupt connects people and sees connections among people in Chile, his homeland, and Spokane, his present home.

He seeks to help people understand that they share the same fears, hurts, love and hopes.

In his fair-trade import business, Conosur Imports, he helps provide a living for artists and crafts people in 11 Chilean families by selling their products here.

Through his work with the Providence Visiting Nurses Association Home Health Care program, he learned that five Providence Sisters who came to the West 150 years ago later settled in Chile. Sisters there today run many programs. One is Hogar de la Providencia, an orphanage/safe home in Valparaiso. By sharing with people in Spokane about that program for girls, he has raised support for it.

Although he may not see the ultimate difference he makes in counseling/social work, importing cultural art or helping the orphanage, he knows that bringing people and cultures together enriches his life and lives of others.

Oscar, who still visits Chile



Oscar Haupt sets a painting by his niece in Chile on the wall behind the counter in Kizuri where he sells fair-trade products he purchases from families who have become his friends, as well as his trade partners.

regularly and who will be there in September, shared his background growing up there and moving to the United States, where he has spent his career.

He was 14 when planes attacked the house of democratically elected Chilean President Salvador Allende on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 1973. The president's house was 10 blocks from his home. He lived in Chile for eight years under the 17-year dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet, when people were jailed, killed or disappeared.

His mother was active in social services and the Catholic Church, which opposed Pinochet. His father was in the Air Force. So was General Bachelet, the father of today's President of Chile, Michelle Bachelet. The general and others were put in jail or killed. Oscar said that the terrorist attack on the United States on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, stirred his memories of the coup in Chile.

Oscar completed studies in marketing and advertising at the University of Santiago School of Communications, after completing a year of engineering school.

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Faiths collaborate to organize 11 days of peace prayers, activities, services

Plans are set for a September of peace activities sponsored by the newly formed One Peace Many Paths group, an outgrowth of the Unity Church Peace Group that involves people from Spokane's two Unity churches, the Unitarian Universalist Church and the Center for Spiritual Living.

September events include the following:

- From 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m., Sept. 11 and 14, at Unity Church of Truth, 2900 S. Bernard, a Tibetan Buddhist monk and sand artist, Karma, will create a sand mandala (meditative painting)

and exhibit thangka paintings. He will speak at 2 p.m., Sept 12 on thangka painting, which is done on canvas and transferred to silk. During a dismantling ceremony Sept. 14, the sand will be given to people as a representation of the Buddhist belief that everything is impermanent. Lauri Lindaman will host a Benefit Reception and Exhibit of thangka paintings for a Tibetan Children's Home. For location, call 990-4580.

- At 7 p.m., Friday, Sept 11, there will be a readers' theatre presentation, "Mother Seacole," by Bill Edge of Unity, based on

the diary of a Jamaican nurse who cared for people on either side of the battles in Great Britain during World War I.

- For 11 days, congregations of many faiths will join in "Traditions of Peace," on ways to practice inner and outer peace. Events will be posted at www.onepeacemanypaths.org.

Among events planned are "Peacemaking on the Journey, at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship, Oct. 4, at Bethany Presbyterian, 301 S. Freya; World Peace Prayer Meditation and Spiritual cinema at 6:30 p.m., Sundays Sept 13 and 20, and during regular worship at 9 and 11 a.m.; "Peace, A Choice," at the 10 a.m. worship Sept 13 at the Center for Spiritual Living; a Labyrinth Walk at noon, Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, and Dances of Universal Peace at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 17, at Unity Church of Truth.

- Beginning at 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Peace Pole at Mirabeau Park in Spokane Valley, there will be a Peace Pole

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Church council welcomes vote for full communion

The General Secretary of the National Council of Churches welcomes the decision of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to enter into full communion with the United Methodist Church (UMC).

"Every step toward the visible unity of the church is an occasion for celebration," said the Rev. Michael Kinnamon. "Differences in worship or ecclesiastical styles always pale in the light of God's redemptive power."

Michael and the NCC President, Archbishop Vicken Aykavian, sent a congratulatory message today to ELCA and UMC leaders.

"Allow us to express the delight of the wider ecumenical community at news of the overwhelming decision by the Evangelical Lutheran Churchwide Assembly to enter into full communion with the United Methodist Church. This completes the joy we felt last year when the United Methodist Church General Conference made the same decision," the message said.

"This important step is the obvious manifestation of much good will, dialogue and prayer. We will all agree that because God is the center, the closer we are drawn to God the closer we draw to one another."

By a vote of 958-51, the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopted a full communion agreement Aug. 20 with the United Methodist Church. This is the ELCA's sixth full communion relationship and the first for the UMC.

Full communion is not a merger, but it means that the

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World Council elects new general secretary

Norwegian theologian and pastor the Rev. Olav Fykse Tveit, 48, was elected 7th general secretary of the World Council of Churches during its Central Committee meeting Aug. 27. He will be the youngest general secretary since Dutch ecumenist Willem Visser 't Hooft, who had led the WCC in the process of formation and after its founding assembly 61 years ago.

Since 2002, Olav has been general secretary of the Church of Norway Council on Ecumenical and International Relations. He is a member of the WCC Faith and Order Plenary Commission and the board of directors and executive committee of the Christian Council of Norway.

Samuel Kobia ends term with World Council

The Rev. Samuel Kobia sounded notes of hope as he gave his final address as general secretary to the World Council of Churches at the Central Committee: "Courage to hope has been a central theme of my ecumenical journey," he said. "Holding together cross and resurrection, hope in Christ combines realism with the inspiring vision of God's reign to come."

He has valued the pastoral dimension of his role, walking with churches in difficult situations so they know "they are not alone," He calls for more youth and young adults to be involved in ecumenism that cares for creation, fosters interreligious cooperation and promotes transformative justice.

Western African faiths committed to peace

In July, Christian and Muslim leaders from Western Africa called on followers of their religions "to complement efforts for peace in society and peaceful co-existence" among the faith communities. The Program for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa organized the meeting in Accra, Ghana. They said religious leaders should "be politically impartial and refrain from partisan politics to ensure they are effective agents of peace, justice and reconciliation."

Young people from three faiths value diversity

Religious diversity is an unavoidable reality and an opportunity, say participants of an interfaith seminar in July at the World Council of Churches (WCC) Ecumenical Institute at Bossey outside Geneva, Switzerland. Christians, Jews and Muslims from around the world attended the three-week course on "Building an Interfaith Community." Students learned about contributions of each of the religions to peacemaking. Daily morning prayers were prepared alternately by participants, and they attended services in a church, synagogue and mosque in Geneva.

Religion is often seen as a barrier to peace, but peace is a central theme across the religions and a good basis for discussions about interfaith community-building, said Rabbi Delphine Horvilleur, one of a few women rabbis in France.

Delphine encouraged participants to think about dichotomies in religious life—such as me/other, conservative/liberal and holy/profane—cautioning about the tendency in interfaith dialogue to move towards the idea of sameness.

To think there are no differences among the religions "can be a threat," she said, adding that another common threat is the idea there is only one truth, or that "my truth is truer than your truth." She urges charting a middle road between the extremes.

The Rev. Bruce Myers, an Anglican priest from Canada and a masters-degree student at Bossey, said interfaith dialogue was of increasing importance in the Canadian context with new Canadians arriving as immigrants from parts of the world where Christianity is not the predominant religion.

Jessica Sacks, an Orthodox Jew living in Jerusalem, said she regularly sees first-hand how divisions can emerge based on religious differences.

"We can't afford *not* to engage in interfaith dialogue where I live close to people whose language is different and who read the place we live in completely differently," said Jessica.

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Resource directories are now available

The Fig Tree's 2009-2010 Directory of Congregations and Community Resources was printed in July and mailed in August. Bulk distribution is underway.

Malcolm Haworth, directory editor, worked through the spring to update data based on mailings, phone contacts and website information.

"We hope it's a tangible resource to help people in the faith and nonprofit communities connect with each other and to serve as an information-and-referral resource for people in need of services," he said. "Our goal is that it be a tool for cooperation on service and action."

This year, The Fig Tree collaborated with the Community Colleg-

es of Spokane Headstart/ECEAP/ Early Head Start program, which previously published a directory of community resources.

Malcolm explained that the directory includes a wide range of congregations and agencies to increase awareness of what is available and what different approaches there are. The goal is to foster dialogue and common action.

"This year we included more than 1,100 congregations and 2,500 agencies. We also increased from printing 7,500 copies in 2008-09 to printing 10,000 copies this year," he said.

"We continually receive updates, because we also publish the directory online at thefigtree.org/

connections-resources.html, so we encourage people to send in changes in phone, email, leadership, addresses and organization names all year, so we can keep current," he said.

Support for the directory comes through advertising and donations. Assisting with ad sales were Mark Westbrook, Yvonne Lopez-Morton and Mary Stamp. Staff assisting from Headstart/ECEAP was Ginny Terpinine. Ad designer was Kathy Olson.

Volunteers assisting with updates and editing were Ellrina Morgan, Nick CastroLang, Kathy Dellwo, Mary Mackay, Anna Marie Martin, Nancy Minard and Sara Weaver.

For information, call 535-1813.

Children of Ibillin are focus of programs

Speakers from Mar Elias Educational Institutions in Israel will speak in Spokane during September and early October.

Elias Abu Ghanima, the principal and an English teacher at the Ibillin schools, and Joan Deming, development director for Pilgrims of Ibillin, the tour's U.S. sponsor, will speak on "The Children of Ibillin" at 7 p.m., Saturday Oct. 3, for a Dessert Fund Raiser at First Presbyterian Church, 318 S. Cedar, and at 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4, at Weyerhaeuser Hall at Whitworth University, 300 W. Hawthorne Rd..

The principal will also speak at the 9:15 and 11 a.m. worship at First Presbyterian and at 3 p.m. at the church for the high school and college group.

The Presbytery of the Inland Northwest's fall peace offering also supports the schools started

by Father Elias Chacour, who is now Archbishop of the Melkite Church in Israel, part of the Orthodox arm of the Roman Catholic Church. He is also on the Pope's Commission on Reconciliation with Jews.

Larry Roberts, chair of the Living Stones of Ibillin, a Spokane group organizing the events, visited the schools with the first delegation from First Presbyterian Church in 2001.

He said the connections with Ibillin began after that trip. Several other groups have visited Ibillin, and Father Chacour and school representatives have visited Spokane several times..

Living Stones of Ibillin is a chapter of Pilgrims of Ibillin, an ecumenical group supporting the multi-faith schools.

"My passion for supporting the schools is Father Chacour's

unshaken hope for peace, reconciliation and dignity for people in the Middle East," Larry said. "He perseveres with his vision of non-violence in a difficult situation."

His involvement has opened his eyes to a "more balanced view of current events in Israel" than media portray: "What we see in the American press is not the full story. The personal ties bring balance to the story. It's otherwise easy to be swayed emotionally," he said. "Christian brothers and sisters are in dire straits."

His involvement focuses on educating people, writing government officials to support peace negotiations and to build their awareness. He believes that it will take strong U.S. leadership for peace to be possible.

For information, call 534-0835 or email raychrismiller@gmail.com.

Tele-classes include care of creation

The Faith and Environment Network is planning a series of tele-classes and its annual benefit for the fall. Because people want to care for the earth but find next steps confusing and time-consuming, the network has teamed with E-ministry to provide a series of tele-classes this fall on environmental education and action.

Tele-classes mean people can participate in a class from the comfort of their homes. All they need is a phone, said Felicia Reilly, network coordinator.

The series, "Creation Care 101,"

focuses on three topics: "Practical Advice for Greening your Everyday Life," "Congregational Tools for Environmental Sustainability" and "Building Community for a Healthy Environment."

Several 75- to 90-minute classes will run from September through November on each topic including "Food and Faith: Why It Matters What You Eat" by the Rev. Craig Goodwin of Millwood Community Presbyterian Church; "The Theology of Creation Care" by

the Rev. Tom Soeldner of Salem Lutheran Church, and "The Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition" by Claudia Michalke, director of the Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition.

For information, call 294-3922. The network is also planning its second annual Second Chance Extravaganza dinner-auction at 4:30 p.m., Sept. 27, at the Cathedral of St. John, 127 E. 12th Ave.

Proceeds benefit the network. For information, call 999-1955.

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Physicians caravan promotes reform

Spokane Physicians for a National Health Program will host a Rally for Health Care Reform with the "Mad As Hell Doctors" at 3 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the Federal Building, Riverside and Monroe.

The group is part of a caravan crossing America to tell elected officials in Washington, D.C., that health care should be "for people, not profit." They began in Seattle and will end the caravan Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 in Washington, D.C.

The doctors believe that the cost of health care is "killing our

people, hobbling our economy, crushing small business and threatening the solvency of government." Organizers say the health care industry is spending about \$2 million a day lobbying Congress and "manipulating public opinion to leave the for-profit system intact."

The rally offers an opportunity to learn about reform that will provide savings, control costs and provide universal access. While the doctors in the caravan say a single-payer plan is "socially, ethically and fiscally responsible,"

that option is not under consideration by elected officials.

"I'm sure I'm not alone in my anger at seeing the reactionary right, clearly afraid of any changes to the current health care inequities between the haves and have nots, spreading confusion and falsehoods about the current health care reforms before Congress," said Liz Moore, director of the Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane, which is publicizing the event.

For information, visit www.madashelldoctors.com/.

Martin Marty speaks at WSU symposium

Martin Marty, a prominent interpreter of religion and culture today, will speak on "Building Cultures of Trust" on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16 and 17 for the 32nd annual Roger Williams Symposium, sponsored by the Common Ministry at Washington State University.

Professor emeritus from the University of Chicago and author of more than 50 books, Martin comments that the breakdown of trust is "the story of the year(s) in government, commerce, religious organizations and universities."

Martin seeks to work on ways citizens can do "incremental, mediational and meliorist work by building cultures of trust."

He will speak at a 6 p.m. banquet at the WSU CUB on "The Myth of Christian America: What Is Trustworthy and What Is Not."

His Saturday Lectures at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1300 NE Lybecker Rd., in Pullman, will be at 10 a.m. on "How Can Citizens and Religious Organizations Help Rebuild Trust Again?" and at 1 p.m., on "What Do We Do About Religious Fundamentalism?"

Martin was a professor of religion for 35 years at the University of Chicago. He was ordained a Lutheran pastor in 1952 and has edited *The Christian Century* and *Context*.

His books include *Righteous Empire*, the three-volume *Modern American Religion*, *The One and the Many* and *America's Search for the Common Good*.

He has written more than 5,000 articles.

For information, call 332-2611 or email office@commonministry.com.

Spokane Valley food bank warehouse expands

Spokane Valley Partners recently opened a ground-level food warehouse, increasing its capacity to serve area residents, expanding from a 1,500-square-foot basement to a 4,400-square-foot facility.

The new warehouse is equipped to use volunteer labor more effi-

ciently, improve safety, and store and distribute more perishables, said Kenneth Briggs, executive director.

"We have one paid staff person assigned to the food bank, so volunteers are critical to us. Now we can unload semi trucks a pallet at a time instead of a case at a time,

and food can be prepped for the whole day," he said.

In 2008, it took more than 24,000 hours of volunteer labor for Spokane Valley Partners to provide 33,835 individuals with four days of emergency food—a total of 1,108,739 pounds.

For information, call 927-1153.

First Presbyterian begins City Forum series

Jeff Severs, chief operations officer for Greater Spokane Inc., will moderate a panel that will include Chancellor Brian Pitcher from Washington State University Spokane and other speakers from the business community for the

opening session of Spokane City Forum, at 11:45 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 23, at First Presbyterian Church, 318 S. Cedar.

In considering "The Inland Northwest Economy—Rebounding? Regional Experts Weigh

In On Where Our Economy Is Going," they will discuss local effects of the national recession and prospects for the local job, retail sales and housing markets.

For information, call 777-1555 or email info@spokanecityforum.org.

Fig Tree moves office, has new staff and plans auction

The Fig Tree has moved its office, had changes in staff and has plans for a dinner auction on Friday, Nov. 6.

This summer, The Fig Tree moved its office from Unity House at Gonzaga University temporarily to Room 203 at Manito United Methodist Church, 3220 S. Grand.

The Fig Tree is waiting for completion of construction of Emmanuel Family Life Center at 631 S. Richard Allen Ct., where it plans to locate its office eventually. The second floor construction is being completed with anticipation that The Fig Tree may be able to move in this fall.

The Gonzaga phone number—313-4037—has been reassigned, so the only number—other than staff cell phones—is 535-1813.

Changes to staff include the completion of the AmeriCorps term of Anna Marie Martin, who has served as community outreach coordinator recruiting volunteers, writing, editing, working on archives, assisting with the directory and various other tasks. She will be working through AmeriCorps VISTA with Community-Minded Enterprises.

Ellrina Morgan served three months as a volunteer through Career Path Services and The Fig Tree expects to have services of another volunteer in the fall.

Yvonne Lopez-Morton continues as associate editor, as The Fig Tree develops funding sources to continue and expand her position.

"We will look this fall at new ways to configure our volunteer and paid staffing," said Mary Stamp, editor.

"Our advertising and donor support continue to be steady, giving a base for growth," she said. "We had enough advertising for the September issue to be 16 pages."

"We are grateful for grant funding from the Sisters of the Holy Names, the Sisters of Providence, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the Catholic Foundation so far in 2009. We are inviting other denominations to share in our growth during the coming year," she added.

The Fig Tree plans a major new fund raiser, a Soirée and Auction, at 6 p.m., Friday, Nov. 6, at a location to be determined. Organizers are recruiting donors to underwrite the event.

"We need donations of auction items and services, and need people to host tables and invite guests for a fun evening that will complete our celebration of The Fig Tree's 25th anniversary," said Yvonne, inviting people to contact her at 599-1177.

Mary said The Fig Tree continues to seek volunteers to help with once-a-month mailings and delivery of bulk orders, staffing displays at community resource events, distributing copies within congregations and speaking to congregations and community groups about the role and value of this "solutions-oriented" approach to journalism.

The editor is available to speak during worship, study groups and programs at area congregations. In May, she spoke at St. Luke's Episcopal in Coeur d'Alene and at Manito Presbyterian. This month she is speaking at Salem Lutheran.

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Social worker believes people are people everywhere, in Chile or U.S.

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He said he was "more interested in what went on inside people and buildings—offices, prisons, schools or homes—than the exterior of buildings."

In the early 1980s, he went to Ogden, Utah, to study psychology at Weber State University, graduating in 1987. He went on to earn a master's in social work in 1990 at the University of Utah.

In 1992, he moved to Spokane, where he worked seven years with Spokane Mental Health and taught undergraduates at Eastern Washington University and Washington State University. In 1998, he worked with the Job Resource Center, offering stress and anger management groups at the Airway Heights Correction Facility.

Oscar chose social work, because he believes "people are people" everywhere. People in Chile are the same as people in Spokane, experiencing fear, anger, hurt, love and compassion.

For example, to reach prisoners in a stress and anger management program at Airway Heights and while volunteering in a prison in Chile, his first question was: "What hurt you?"

Having people share their stories can bring emotional connection by recognition that everyone experiences struggles, he said.

"People who have been hurt are guarded. If I crack that, I can reach them and help them move beyond fear, aware that it's okay to be scared. Men are taught not to show any feeling but just to be tough, but even tough guys break down when they connect with others," Oscar explained. "Then they can learn to express their pent-up emotions in a safe way."

He then told of the roots of his import business. Because his parents could not send money to help him with college expenses, they sent products he could sell to earn money for his education. He said



Oscar Haupt

that has helped him understand people's economic struggles.

The spark for resuming the part-time import business came in 2002 after he married his wife, Penny, a nurse at Sacred Heart Hospital. During a trip to Chile with his wife, they were admiring a painting at the home of his sister, Elizabeth. They learned his niece, Sandra Schoihet-Haupt was the artist. He bought some to sell in Spokane and found interest.

So he began adding jewelry, textiles, arts, and wood, horsehair and leather products made by 11 families in Chile.

Conosur Imports—Conosur is the name of the southern cone of South America—is about more than selling products, he said.

It's also about his relationships and friendships with families who make the products. When he goes to southern Chile to buy products, he stays with the families and receives their hospitality.

"I find that they work hard and have the same struggles and feelings we have," he said.

Oscar sells some items at Kizuri in the Community Building—at five or six fair-trade shows a year, or through special orders.

He describes his business as informal fair trade, paying up front what the artists think the products are worth, and sharing with them what he thinks will sell here.

A few years ago, when he began working as a social worker with the Providence Visiting Nurses Association, he learned about Hogar de la Providencia.

In September 2006, he visited the home and made a commitment to help the girls from two to 18 years old who live there and others who benefit from the day care, and before- and after-school programs. Some of the girls are orphans. Others are there because they have been sexually assaulted or have drug-addicted parents. A staff of 40 serves about 300 girls. About 85 live there full time.

When he told stories of the girls and showed pictures, people in Spokane asked how they could help, so he established the Oscar and Penelope Haupt Foundation, which is applying for nonprofit status.

"It's incredible how people are willing to help," he said. "Penny and I have found that people in Spokane, from attorneys to dentist, from students to teachers, are so willing to give and be part of the project. Without these people, nothing could be possible."

Along with raising money, he collects clothing, toothbrushes and toothpaste, personal hygiene products and school supplies. The foundation helped build a patio play area and a laundry facility.

In December 2007, a teacher at Greenacres Middle School invited him to tell about the orphanage and students wrote cards for the girls. Chilean Providence Sister Myrta Iturriaga, who works in Spokane, took the cards to the orphanage. The next October, he visited the orphanage. While Oscar was cooking a meal for the girls, one girl asked where he lived.

When he told her he was from

Spokane, Washington, she said, "I have family in Washington!"

"She was convinced the card from the student was from her U.S. family," said Oscar.

Oscar grew up in a Catholic home and spent time in the Newman Center during college in Utah, but is not now involved in organized religion. He admires his 84-year-old mother, whose Catholic faith inspires her compassion to care for premature

babies, working with a doctor to set up 17 homes to provide them with nutrition and therapy.

"Today I'm more connected than ever, reading, studying and trying to understand the Bible and focus on what is important in life," he said, noting that his study is partly behind his commitment to help the girls in the Providence Home gain the skills and care they need to succeed in life.

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Hosted by the Spokane Hispanic Business Professional Association and HBPA Foundation, the festival is being held in conjunction with the National Hispanic Heritage Month.

The event includes a parade of national flags, live music, children's activities, food, information and craft booths. Entertainment includes folk dancers, Latin

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Coaching, Sunday school, flex time help prevent substance abuse

When people coach basketball, teach Sunday school, sit down for family meals or offer employees flex time to be with their families, they are often involved in preventing substance abuse without realizing it.

"Prevention is simply helping young people make positive choices," said Linda Thompson, executive director of the Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council Prevention Center at 8104 E. Sprague.

She seeks to connect the community, especially the faith community, and promote use of the center's resources on the prevention of addiction, drug and alcohol abuse, and violence associated with the abuse. Congregations can request the resources any time, or specifically for Drug- and Alcohol-Free Week in October.

While many churches open their buildings for Alcoholics Anonymous groups, Linda hopes more will include outreach to people in recovery among their ministries. Part of it, she suggests, can be awareness that alcohol and drug abusers are "people who live and work among us."

The center has videos, presentations, books and speakers to help congregations make a conscious effort to provide alternative activities that encourage youth and adults to make healthy choices.

She also wants to know about programs congregations offer.

Linda felt she made good choices when she was growing up in Spokane. After graduating from Central Valley High in 1971, she attended college two years and worked as an administrative assistant before entering banking. Her life and family, however, were not protected from the bad choice of an impaired driver.

Among photos on the memory wall at the office of the Prevention Center is one of Trevor Pierce, her three-year-old son from her first marriage. He was killed in 1986 by someone who had 17 arrests for driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol.

Trevor was sitting on a pony cart before a parade in La Center, Wash., where he was visiting his paternal grandparents, when he was hit by the car. A 23-year-old woman on a bike was killed, too. His grandfather and sister Katee were injured and hospitalized.

Honoring Trevor's life motivates her commitment to prevent addiction and substance abuse, to be compassionate to people she meets and to challenge systems that made it possible for someone who was arrested so many times for DUI, but never convicted, to still have been on the road.



Linda Thompson said the center has many resources to help prevent addiction and abuse.

At first she told her story as part of a victims' panel in Coeur d'Alene. Courts ordered DUI offenders to listen to the stories of victims of DUI crashes. Eventually, she helped form Spokane's DUI Victims' Panel.

In the process, she learned about the Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council (GSSAC), which began in 1982 as a grassroots coalition of community, faith, business and school leaders who sought to reduce substance abuse because of its effects on homes, work places and crime rates.

In 1989, the federal drug bill authorized funding community efforts to mobilize against substance abuse and compile data, stories and trends to help educate the public.

Since Linda started as director at GSSAC in 1993, she has completed a degree in general studies in 1995 at Eastern Washington University and a master's in educational leadership in 2002 at Gonzaga University.

GSSAC educates people on risk and protection factors for teens, factors that also contribute to substance abuse, delinquency, pregnancy, dropping out of school and violence.

"Choices to smoke or drink may lead to other bad choices that affect teens' whole lives," she said. "The earlier a person drinks, the more likely he or she will have problems later.

"People can be addicted to anything," Linda added. "It's hard to break addictions. Life is hard."

"Our goal is to reduce risk factors and enhance protective factors," she said. "Nurturing by families, schools, communities and peers provides opportunities, skills and recognition that lead to attachment, commitment and

bonding. The goal is to develop healthy beliefs and relationships that lead to healthy behaviors."

Prevention means giving youth opportunities to make positive choices. For example, Washington Drug-Free Youth creates leadership opportunities in drug-free school and community activities.

In addition to information dissemination and prevention training, which include media literacy and the Meth Watch Program, GSSAC is involved with community coalitions, such as the Spokane Community Mobilization Against Substance Abuse, the Drug-Free Communities Support Program, and Washington Drug-Free Youth.

"We create community norms that foster prevention," she said. "For example, a norm may be to have a high school graduation kegger. To change it, we promote senior all-night, alcohol-free graduation parties. However, we found we had to discourage use of alcohol at parents' events to raise funds for the parties."

Prevention also may mean discouraging adults from buying children T-shirts that advertise beer or challenging St. Patrick's Day ads or local parade activities that promote beer drinking.

"Standards parents set send a message to children," said Linda,

who served five years on the Governor's Council for Substance Abuse. She also serves on the Northwest Alliance for Responsible Media Board, because media literacy is part of substance-abuse prevention.

"The tobacco and alcohol industries hire the best marketers and lawyers. A recent beer ad shows troops returning from Iraq with people in an airport clapping for them. Then it switches to the beer, calling it 'the American beer,'" she said.

"Similarly, Super Bowl ads suggest the alcohol company is our friend, even though people who drive impaired destroy families and communities," she said.

Media education includes meeting with local reporters and TV anchors, urging them to use the words, "crash," "wreck" or "collision," not "accident," if someone is DUI," she said.

Linda continues to educate people because she wants to make Trevor's life count by changing systems. The man who killed him was convicted of vehicular homicide and vehicular assault. He served only 13 months of a 27-month sentence.

"I decided to work on the system, rather than focus on the person who killed Trevor. It would not bring him back," she said. "I find this work healing."

Linda married again after the crash, and her son, Nate, was born on what would have been Trevor's fifth birthday.

In her work, Linda has met people who have lost family members because of impaired drivers, people who are in drug and alcohol treatment programs, people who self medicate to escape their pains and people who have experienced domestic violence.

"We don't know what the person standing next to us may be suffering," Linda said, "so we need to be compassionate. Each person has a story related to destructive forces of alcohol and drugs."

Linda, who grew up in a Baptist church and has attended a community church, calls for sensitivity toward people in recovery.

"My faith pushes me to do good work every day to make the community better," she said.

"I am grateful that God gives me the opportunity and strength to give back through my work, scouting, vigils, prayer chains and circles. I share my spirituality by being a doer, by walking the talk," Linda continued.

"I pray people will realize their blessings and how important it is to have each other," she said.

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Quick support and rebuilding gives Nez Perce church new energy, life

In two days during late April a team of volunteers did a "wall raising," rebuilding the North Fork Presbyterian Church in Ahsahka, Idaho, that had burned the afternoon of Christmas Eve 2008.

About 60 members who were eating lunch in an adjacent building before worship watched as the building burned down.

A new foundation and floor were laid in March in preparation for the wall raising and installation of the roof braces.

Work continued through the summer, and only a few finishing touches on the flooring remain.

The piano, pews, pulpit and other basic furnishings lost in the fire have been replaced thanks to gifts of labor and money from around the community, reservation, presbytery, synod, nation and world.

The building dedication is planned for 10 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 27, but the congregation has already come to funeral services and other worship services there.

"The church's rebuilding quickly has been healing," said Marilyn Bowen, the pastor. "The support for rebuilding drew together families and community members despite some rifts.

"We came together on the same page to rebuild the church," she said. "People offered ideas, resources and help."

The fire has opened discussions about keeping the status quo in the life of the church or considering making some changes, said Marilyn, who was certified as a lay pastor by the Presbytery in October 2008, two months before the fire.



Marilyn Bowen, pastor, stands by the ruins of the old North Fork Presbyterian Church



Members and neighbors watched the church burn on Dec. 24.



Fire destroyed the historic wood building quickly.

old wood stove in the church—authorized in 1884 and built in 1890—was keeping the building warm.

"We were standing around the wood stove, when a young person came inside and said there was a fire near the chimney outside," said Corbett. "We saved only a few books."

Three fire districts came, but the building was destroyed except for the front steps and a sign Corbett's 91-year-old father, Wally, had made, giving the date the church was founded. The dining hall beside the church was not damaged.

People stood in the parking lot of the fish hatchery next door watching the church burn. Even then the members resolved to rebuild the church.

When he heard about the blaze, Volkhard Graf, the pastor at Kamiah First Presbyterian, called home to Germany on his cell phone to let people there know of the loss, and immediately had a pledge of \$2,800. Someone else called a woman in Florida whose church helped renovate the Spalding church several years ago, and she sent \$1,500, enough for the Rev. Art Finney from Second Presbyterian in Kamiah to build a new pulpit and communion table.

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Church member from childhood decides to provide local pastoral leadership

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\$50,000 cost to date primarily for construction materials. Labor has been mostly volunteer.

Soon they formed a building committee. In early January, Corbett and Marilyn spoke at the Orofino Rotary Club about the church's history.

Randy Bowen, the pastor's husband, was Rotary president then. He and Lowell Wiley, the current president, have organized members to help raise money and provide labor.

Randy has put photos of the fire and the rebuilding on YouTube.

In February, work began on tearing down the remains. Maple and Steve Stuiwenga, members of Kamiah Second Church, rented a small excavator to do much of that work. The rubble filled seven dumpsters.

Clark Burnham, 83, a retired home builder in the Rotary Club, served as construction coordinator, arranging for the foundation to be poured and for connection to the sewer system at the fish hatchery next door. He supervised the complete building process.

The labor for rebuilding has mostly been provided by volunteers. People came from the church, neighboring churches, the community and churches around the region to help with the "church raising." Ascension Lutheran Church in Orofino provided funds and labor. A church in Aloha, Ore., sent people. Churches in Reardan and Davenport helped repair the dining hall, putting on vinyl siding to match the church. Shadle Park Presbyterian Church in Spokane has offered a bell.

"We are so thankful for all their help," Corbett said.

"Having had a wood stove and needing other upgrades, we had no insurance on the church, but we are insuring the new building for \$200,000, the cost of rebuilding it," said Corbett.

The new building is a similar design to the old building, but it's insulated and has a furnace, air conditioning and ceiling fans.

Marilyn, who was installed as the pastor in November, has been part of the church since her childhood. Her great grandfather was the first ordained minister there, her grandfather was an elder and her father also grew up in the church.

In 1970, Marilyn moved to San Diego, where she met Randy, who grew up in Portland. They lived along the West Coast during his years in the Navy, but often visited the reservation in the summer. Their last few years



Members, community and neighbors helped raise the walls in March.

before they came back to the Nez Perce reservation in 1991 were in San Diego.

For about seven years there, she was involved with urban Indian ministries to address needs of urban Indians in the military. She worked with a Methodist minister to start a monthly Bible study and service. Eventually, she led the studies and gatherings so they

could meet more often. The group has continued since she left.

After working 10 years as operations manager with the two Nez Perce casinos, she took a year off.

Corbett recruited her to serve on the Native American Consulting Committee of the presbytery and the American Indian Youth Council.

"I felt called to serve so that our pastors would not be missionaries from outside our communities," she said. "It's time for our people to take on leadership roles."

Marilyn and Randy's daughter, who is a church elder, lives in Kamiah and their son is in Spokane. Marilyn along with Loretta Penney started a youth group in the Kamiah area.

"We want youth to walk the right path and learn to follow Jesus," Marilyn said.

This summer, their high-school aged granddaughter led Christian

education programs and a vacation Bible school for two weeks at the Talmaks Camp Meeting.

One change in the life of the North Fork Presbyterian Church since the fire and rebuilding has been an increase in the number of people coming to worship. Recently 45 attended the 2:30 p.m. Sunday service, set at that time to draw people on their way home to Lapwai from the 10 and 11 a.m. services in Kamiah. They are stopping in to show their support as the church starts its life again.

"Many people are interested in taking membership classes, becoming members and having their children baptized," Marilyn said. "It has reopened people's interest in being part of the church after being away from church for a long time."

Services are in English, but they sing some hymns that are translated into Nez Perce and one elder, Wally Wheeler—Corbett's father—prays in Nez Perce.

"As I watched when the church went up in flames just two months after I started, it was heartbreaking," said Marilyn, adding that she feels God has been with the people in the church through the time, helping to reunite them and helping them know their strengths and weaknesses.

For her, awareness that "we are here temporarily and that nothing lasts forever" is a reminder that "eternity is with God."

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Movement in sacred dance expresses meaning of prayers, Scriptures

By Yvonne Lopez-Morton

Jolie Monasterio's dancing heart calls her to mentor and encourage others to express their faith through sacred dance.

She is the artistic director of Revelations, a sacred dance group based at St. Ann's Catholic Parish, 2120 E. First Ave.

In 1997, when she was a graduate student at Gonzaga University and an intern for the university's campus ministries program, she gathered students who were committed to bringing Scripture alive through dance and prayer.

Since Revelations formed, Jolie has been dedicated to ensuring that sacred dance continues to be a liturgical option.

"I want our dance to be reflective of the community, so I spend time in prayer and reflection," she said. "I can create incredible dance pieces, but if they are not genuine to my fellow dancers, it won't be prayerful. Group choreography comes from our working together as a community."

Revelations meets weekly—times and days vary to accommodate schedules—at Gonzaga's new dance studio. The group opens with a movement prayer, followed by an hour and a half of muscle toning and conditioning as well as choreography, guided meditation and scripture reading.

Jolie explained that the group also participates in trust exercises, where members rely on one another physically and emotionally.

"We also share laughter when we are together," she said.

Born in Wisconsin, Jolie moved with her family to Los Angeles for her childhood and then moved to Idaho for high school. During her junior year, her learning "a family secret" encouraged her to examine her relationship with God.

"Faith was always a part of my life, but that year I learned my father was Jewish," Jolie said.

Her father always said he was German, but had never told her he was also Jewish. When his parents moved to the United States, they chose to raise him and his siblings as Catholics outside the home, but retained Jewish traditions inside the home.

Jolie later learned she was the only one of the children in her family who was baptized Catholic. As a result, she started going to a Catholic church with friends during high school.

"When I was 15 my father asked me what I wanted for Christmas, and I said I wanted him to go to church with me," Jolie said. "He went to church with me and my father thanked me and



Theresa Wiederhold, Jean LaBauve and Jolie Monasterio move to represent washing.

said that it was as much a gift to him as it was to me. He died two weeks later."

Her road to sacred dance became clearer after high school when she enrolled at Carroll College in Helena, Mont., where she studied theology.

When she arrived at Carroll she didn't know anyone and soon learned there were only three women studying theology. Jolie said many asked her if she planned to become a nun, a vocation she had considered with the Benedictines.

"Bill Stanaway, who now lives in Spokane, was head of campus ministries and encouraged me to be creative by acting out the gospel story," she said.

Jolie worked summers at a diocesan camp, Legendary Lodge in Seeley Lake, Mont. She was encouraged to work with youth who wanted to move and express themselves through dance. She also choreographed dance for high school Catholic youth conventions.

"My faith life grew at Carroll and sustained me through some difficult times in my life," she said.

After leaving Carroll College, she moved to Missoula in 1990 to work in religious education. While there, she also studied dance technique in depth at the University of Montana. A friend connected her to a sacred dance guild in Berkeley, Calif.

"At Berkeley we were a combination of theologians who wanted to dance and dancers studying theology. After the first day there,

I knew that was all I wanted to do with my life," Jolie said. "So, in the winter, I went to class at the University of Montana and, in the summer, I was in Berkeley."

She left Missoula and headed for Spokane where she attended Gonzaga from 1996 to 1998, earning a master's degree in spirituality with an emphasis on dance. A highlight was gathering the Revelations dancers.

When asked about the inspiration behind the name of the group, Jolie said the name emerged from the students who felt it reflected their mission to reveal the word of God artistically.

The many people who have participated over the years have included a few men.

Besides her, members of Revelations include St. Ann parishioners Jean LaBauve, Theresa Wiederhold, Mary Farrell, Cathy Woods, Julie McConnell and Kami Kane. Jean and Theresa were original members of the Gonzaga group.

Revelations has retained strong ties with Gonzaga and actively recruits students.

The group dances on holy days and seasons at St. Ann Catholic. They also dance in other churches and at special events, such as the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service and funerals. Jolie also organizes workshops that focus on choreography and prayer and works with other community sacred dance groups.

A piece during a domestic violence healing service resulted in the group's sharing their dance at a Spokane City Council meet-

ing that focused on domestic violence.

"We are about prayer, not performance," Jolie said. "We usually don't let people photograph us because we want to stay in the realm of prayer."

Before dancing at St. Ann, Jolie meets with the liturgy committee to ensure the group provides appropriate support for movement and prayer during the Mass.

"We work to make our dance communal and encourage parishioners to participate in movements from their pews," she said. "We want our piece to draw people into their own experience of God."

In her free time, Jolie finds fulfillment working to help people with disabilities express themselves with movement. She feels that whether in a church or studio, it is the intention that makes dance sacred.

"Because I don't fit the traditional stereotype of a dancer, I was turned down for some roles. So I decided that, when I became a teacher, I would be inclusive," she said. "Everyone can dance even if they just wiggle their toes

and regardless of how they look or their skill level."

Now the mother of three children, Jolie, who has been married 12 years to her husband Kevin, explained that through some personal challenges of her own she has come to terms with her body and is committed to helping others come home to theirs.

Revelations is supported through personal money of dancers, but there are some institutional donations, as well as scholarships.

While some buy their dance attire from a dance catalogue, members also make or buy their attire on their own. She also emphasized that the group wants to focus on dance movement and not decoration, so the members keep their dress simple.

When asked about the status of sacred dance, Jolie said this form of spiritual expression has increased in the Catholic Church, but some denominations have been more proactive about incorporating sacred dance as worship.

"In the Catholic Church, sacred dance made a slow comeback in the 1900s but over the last 15 years there has still been controversial discussion among bishops who question its role in liturgy," she said. "Sometimes sacred dance seems to be a second-class citizen."

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Psychologist-minister organizes opportunities for faiths to live in peace

Believing that an important piece of finding world peace is helping people of different faiths to realize that their traditions include teachings about peace and guiding them to practice those teachings, Joan Broeckling has helped organize two International Day of Peace celebrations at Unity Church of Truth.

In addition to her work four days a week as a school psychologist for the Cheney School District, she is an ordained minister in the Beloved Community, an organization started by peace troubadour James Twyman.

In counseling, she wants young people to start their lives focusing on their opportunities, rather than on pain and conflict.

"I hope to set a tone for how they relate to the rest of the world," Joan said.

"I see that people want to be happy, to live in peace and to have joy. Sometimes children have their capacity buried. Sometimes parents lose their awareness of their commonalities in marital conflicts and overlook that each has valid points of view and needs to be met," she said.

She described her ministry with the Beloved Community as "a ministry of listening to my inner voice and following my ministry in interfaith work."

Joan is one of six members of the board of the Interfaith Council Inland Northwest, which is in the process of discerning its role. Its next meeting, she said, is at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Center for Spiritual Living on 33rd and Regal.

Her interfaith interest started early when her grandmother gave her a book about comparative religions.

"I have always been fascinated



Joan Broeckling enjoys the peace of her yard and spreading inner peace to others.

by people of other faiths," said Joan, whose Methodist upbringing, combined with involvement in Unity churches, nurtured that interest.

For 17 years, she and her husband, Hank, were active at Seattle Unity, where she was youth education director.

Then they were involved in Edmonds United Methodist Church for 12 years before moving two years ago to Spokane, where they are involved in Unity Church of Truth at 29th and Bernard.

In high school, Joan spent one summer with Up with People, an international music organization that gathers 80 to 100 youth from around the world each year to travel throughout the United States and the world.

After she graduated, she traveled with an Up with People group on the East Coast, and then from

January through June, she was one of three young women traveling through the Southwest to organize "Sing Out" groups.

"We lived by guidance and trust, not a schedule of where to go or assurance of places to stay. We had a car but no money. We were housed and fed where we went," she described.

"It was a time of spiritual growth for me, a call for me to learn to trust and surrender, unsure where the resources would come from," she said.

Joan completed a bachelor's degree in African studies in 1973 at the University of Washington, including eight months abroad.

She spent four months studying and traveling in France and Europe, and four months in Kampala, Uganda, as a volunteer bringing together young people of different tribes to do work

projects—such as digging a water hole in a village or repairing mud huts in a leprosy colony.

"It was the first time the Ugandan youth were introduced to what they shared in common as Ugandans beyond their tribal differences," she said.

In 1977, she earned a bachelor's degree in special education at Central Washington University. In 1978, she visited her parents for three weeks in Baghdad, where they lived for four years while her father worked there with Boeing. In 1984, she earned a master's degree in psychology at Antioch University and in 1995, she earned a master's degree in school

psychology as an education specialist at Seattle University.

Both Hank and Joan have been involved in organizing "One Peace, Many Paths" events, last year as part of the Unity Church peace committee and now as part of an organization of that name, working in collaboration with the Interfaith Council.

"Jesus' teachings and the love Jesus brings to the world are part of my life," she said.

Both as a Methodist and in Unity she has found that worship helps her find inner peace and freedom from becoming caught up in spiritual differences that "always exist."

For her, part of seeking peace is listening.

For Joan, a deep sense of peace she feels within herself and with the universe is God.

Having lived in Uganda before the atrocities of Idi Amin and having visited in Iraq before Saddam Hussein became an enemy, she has been attuned to the devastation and pain that war has brought to those places she knows.

"War is real, not something abstract that happens elsewhere. It impacts all of us," she said.

Despite that, she believes that peace is possible.

"I'm not willing to accept that there will always be war," Joan said, "especially with our growing contacts around the world through Internet and social networking sites such as iPeace."

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Events spread awareness of many paths to peace

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Pilgrimage and progressive dinner, visiting several peace poles in Spokane. It will end at the Clare Center at 9 p.m.

The tradition of Peace Poles began in 1955 in Japan as a vision of Masahisa Goi of poles with the message, "May peace prevail on earth," in different languages. Peace Poles came to Spokane in 1990 through Han Lo, a business owner, Hiroko, a Mukagawa student and Elaine Stevens an elementary teacher, said organizer Toni Niemic. They were responsible for 10 of the 17 poles in Spokane.

Poles are at the Center for Spiritual Living, Clare/Center for Organizational Reform Retreat Center, Finch Arboretum, HoHo Teriyaki Chicken Restaurant, Logan Peace Park, Mead High School, Mirabeau Park, the Unitarian Universalist Church, Unity Church of Truth, and Balboa, Hamblen, Logan, Regal, Saca-

jawa and Shaw schools.

• Sounds of Peace, a service of chanting, music and prayers to encourage inner peace will be held at 7:30 p.m., after a 6:30 p.m. reception on Sunday, Sept. 20, at Unity Church of Truth.

Co-hosted by the Interfaith Council, the service will include participants from the Svasti Abbey, the Spokane Islamic Center, Baha'i, Unity Church, the Hindu Community, the Spokane Tribe, the Center for Spiritual Living, the Spokane Buddhist Temple, the Episcopal Diocese, Sufi Dances of

Universal Peace and Westminster Congregational United Church of Christ.

• On Monday, Sept. 21, the United Nations' International Day of Peace, organizers ask people to share a moment of silence.

At 7 p.m., there will be a World Peace Ceremony, "May Peace Prevail," honoring all nations and paths, with people bringing forward flags of many nations. The location will be announced.

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Faith community, leaders challenge for-profit health care system

The Washington Association of Churches Faith Advocacy Network was among regional religious organizations that helped draw 140,000 people nationwide—surpassing a goal of 40,000—to a conference call with President Barack Obama and national religious leaders on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

Organized nationally by Faithful America.org and Sojourners, the call is part of the faith community's 40 Days of Health Reform, an effort to debunk many of the myths that are being promoted to the public.

The WAC encourages participation in the town hall meetings, in visits to representative's offices and calls to Senators.

There are ideas to help the faith community focus on the need for health care reform by organizing prayer vigils, signing petitions and watching for other activities to "create a health care system that is inclusive, accountable, accessible and affordable—one that holds the vision of health and well-being for all," said Alice Woltdt, transitional director of the WAC.

Nationally, Jim Wallis of Sojourners and other national faith leaders launched 40 Days of Reform for Health, calling faith communities to ask Congress to address inequities and disparities in the current system and to support legislation that creates an inclusive, accountable, accessible and affordable system.

Alice pointed out that "half truths and lies from internet websites are

distributed widely by special interests who want to continue profiting from ill health have scared seniors and created a cynical public that is unsympathetic to the plight of others."

She and other faith leaders assert that "this attitude is contrary to Gospel values and to the values of other faith traditions that believe we are all called to act for the common good—to act with compassion by sharing our abundant health resources with everyone."

The Washington Association of Churches is on record supporting universal health care through a single-payer system. Alice said that "the next best option is a vigorous public plan that has the muscle to compete with private insurers to reduce health care costs and provide accessibility."

The national campaign of faith leaders includes a national TV ad featuring evangelical, Catholic and mainline Protestant pastors expressing their concern.

The effort by Faithful America, People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO), Sojourners, Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good and diverse faith groups says that it's urgent for people of faith from across the political spectrum, committed to honest dialogue and quality health care for all Americans, to raise their moral witness for health care reform.

"Industry interests and partisan fighting are once again threatening the current opportunity for a public dialogue about what is best for our health-care

system," said Jim Wallis, president of Sojourners. "We need an honest and fair debate with good information, not sabotage of reform with half-truths and misinformation."

The conviction that health care reform is a moral issue is rooted in Scripture, as well as personal experience.

"Pastors and local churches have a key role to play in helping their members and communities to understand the issue of health care from a biblical perspective, and inviting thoughtful, reasoned discussion in how best to move forward in reforming health care," said the Rev. Adam Hamilton, senior pastor of the 13,000-member Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas.

"That the existing tragic disparities in health care have been permitted to exist so long in the world's wealthiest country means that the moral soul of our nation has been ill," said Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. "The current health reform debate gives us a chance to heal our soul by arising to the call to ensure that each of God's children has the opportunity for good health and good health care."

The sponsors of the call included the Faithful Reform in Health Care Coalition and a number of coalition members: American Muslim Health Professionals, Disciples Center for Public Witness, Disciples Justice Action Network, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Faithful Reform in Health Care, Islamic

Medical Association of North America, Islamic Society of North America, Jewish Women International, National Council of Jewish Women, Network, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Washington Office, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society.

Additional sponsors were the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME), Catholics In Alliance for the Common Good, Catholics United, Christian Community Development Association, Faithful America, Faith in Public Life, Gamaliel Foundation, Jewish Council for Public Affairs, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., National Council of Churches in Christ, PICO National Network, Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Sojourners, the Episcopal Church, the Latino Leadership Circle, the New Evangelicals, United Methodist Church and the Washington Office of Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries.

In June, more than 24,000 people signed a vision statement for health care reform. The National Council of Churches president, general secretary and Health Task Force issued a pastoral letter on the urgent need for reform.

For information, call 206-625-9790.

First recipient will be Eva Lassman

Gonzaga Institute will introduce, present first Eva Lassman-Take Action Against Hate Award

The Gonzaga Institute for Action Against Hate will introduce the "Eva Lassman - Take Action Against Hate Award" during its Annual Take Action Against Hate Dinner, beginning at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 13, in Cataldo Hall at Gonzaga University.

The first recipient of the award will be Eva Lassman, for whom the award is named. It will be given annually to honor an individual who has committed his or her life to challenge the issues of hate in the community, country and world, said Jim Mohr, director of the institute.

Eva is a Holocaust survivor who resettled in Spokane after World War II and has committed her life to fighting for justice for all. The program will celebrate her life of surviving genocide and violence, and challenging hate.

Eva is a charter board member of the Institute for Action Against Hate and she has chaired the planning committee for Spokane Temple Beth Shalom's annual Yom Hashoa Holocaust Remembrance Day Ceremony.

She has received numerous awards and recognitions for her

willingness to shed light on the effects of hatred, said Jim. In 2003, she received an honorary doctorate from Gonzaga University and a commendation from Whitworth University for her efforts to raise awareness and fight hate. The YWCA awarded Eva the Carl Maxey Racial Justice Award for "eliminating racism and empowering women" in 2006.

"Eva is receiving the Take Action Against Hate Award because she has been a tireless fighter for ending hate," Jim explained. "She has spoken out because, as she has stated, 'People who advocate hate are still out there. They did not disappear with the end of the war.'"

Jim Waller, an institute board member and an affiliated scholar of the Auschwitz Institute for

Peace and Reconciliation, has said about her "The exceptionality of Eva Lassman's experience in the Holocaust is only paralleled by the exceptionality of her commitment to use that experience in making the world a better place. Her life and work has encouraged people to lead lives that embody personal conviction and courageously combat evil."

Funds will help establish the first Hate and Conflict Studies Certificate in the country, sponsor the International Conference on Hate Studies in 2011, provide two student research grants on the topic of hate, and publish The Journal of Hate Studies.

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Mother of young woman in mission seizes chance to undo stereotypes

While Evita Krislock was excited to hear last year that her then 23-year-old daughter, Audra, was joining the Episcopal Young Adult Service Corp, she was dismayed to learn her daughter would be in Colombia.

She had stereotypes to overcome about that country, and now wants to share her insights about Colombia and her experience as the parent of a young adult mission volunteer.

Audra had studied a year in Ecuador while at the University of Idaho, but Evita had concerns about her security, traveling alone to the drug capital of the world, a place of violence, kidnappings and massacres.

"We read the news and, as hard as we tried, we were not able to fish from the depths of our knowledge, something positive about Colombia," Evita said. "Many fears and concerns surfaced.

"As the mother, the dramatic change from having our daughter a quick call away to losing easy access with one of our precious children was difficult to fathom, although these fears were balanced with wonder and pride in seeing her ability to step out and live into her own discovery process," she said.

Evita's experience sheds light on how mission experiences of young people through their churches has impact that extends to and changes their families as well as them.

Evita knew of the Episcopal Church on the wider scale, the variety of projects and missions, and the richness of possibilities they hold.

Her fears were further dispelled in January when she visited Audra, the Episcopal Church's first mission volunteer in Colombia.

Although Evita heard by emails, Skype and Audra's blog about her work teaching English to people on the streets and to children at mission schools, Evita's three-week visit gave her a chance to learn in person about the people, the church and the communities.

"I spent time there doing reflective listening, listening with my heart and just being present," she said.

What she heard was the people's desire that North Americans know that life in Colombia is more than the violence and fear that was Evita's long-distance impression.

"The fears are cultivated by the media and our own tendency to fear the unknown—in this case Colombia," Evita said. "What we have heard for the past 40 years has been the breaking news stories about hostages, drug lords and



Audra and Evita Krislock



Evita Krislock, right, visits the family of a student from Ecuador.

guerrillas—all negative.

"What we have not heard is that the guerrilla group has been nearly cut in half, that 10 years ago a family could not take a weekend trip outside the city because it was a red zone and now they can, nor how safety has significantly increased over the past 10 years."

Evita added that "we don't hear about the wonderful things about the country," the "incredible" people, its biodiversity or its quality coffee.

"These are not the stories that make it into our homes," she said, asking, "How do we change that? How do we become more compassionate and realize we need to look beyond the news to educate ourselves and others?"

"We need to consider how we perceive other countries, and how other countries perceive us, with the news and media that enter homes all over the globe. Where and by whom are our perceptions of reality created?" she asked.

Evita knows that part of the change and education will come as people like her daughter push through fears society engenders

and break down blockades with open minds and hearts to spread "the message that is it is more important to love rather than fear."

Evita felt overwhelmed by the "love and care" given to Audra by everyone she knew, everywhere she went.

Living in Morton near Mt. Rainier for grade school and junior high years Evita had attended the Episcopal church, but said everyone in the community attended everyone's church—Protestant and Catholic. In her high school years in Bellevue, she attended the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection.

While studying fine arts for the bachelor's degree she earned at Washington State University in 1976, Evita attended St. James. When she came home once and told her parents she was learning about Buddhism and not going to church, they said they felt sorry for her.

"It was my chance to grow and learn, so I could claim my faith as my own," Evita said.

So she knew that God would be with her daughter, too.

After college, Evita worked with Burlington Railroad in Yakima and transferred in the spring of 1977 to Spokane, where she married, had three children, stayed at home and volunteered at school and in Christian education at Holy Spirit Episcopal, now the Church of the Resurrection.

Involvement in youth ministry led her to become executive director of Camp Cross and youth ministries coordinator for the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane from 2000 to 2007.

She now attends the Cathedral of St. John where she is on the Cathedral and Diocesan Care for Creation Committee. She is also president of the Faith and Environment Network.

With knowledge about the "bigger church," Evita still struggled with her daughter's adventure, and with dealing with the fears and concerns of family, friends and associates.

Part of the journey for Audra, too, was to understand that the fears expressed by friends and family came from their love and concern for her.

Audra left last September and returns Sept. 10. The first few months she lived with a family and then moved in January to an apartment in the basement of the office of the Episcopal Diocese.

Seeing her work and visiting the Diocesan office in Bogota, Evita realized it was like the diocesan office in Spokane. She was also amazed at how similar Colombia was to the USA in other ways—food, culture, landscape, rich history and parents caring for children in buses, restaurants and markets, or participating in Scout awards in a park.

Although Evita's Spanish was limited, she felt welcomed and included without hesitation and often spoke "spanglish" with others.

"What gracious, warm, honest and loving people. I allowed the fear I once had to leave and what replaced it was warm and life giving," Evita said.

"Our daughter, now 24, possesses strength and courage that serve her well. She continues to teach us and break down barriers.

"Her spiritual journey is rich and filled with an understanding of God's love and presence in her life," Evita said, noting that the experience has been priceless for the entire family, because they have learned to "just love the people and allow ourselves to be forever changed."

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Church seeks to find bus transportation for people in halfway houses

The Spokane Christian Fellowship seeks busses to help it expand its ministry to people living in halfway houses as they adjust from leaving jail and entering society.

The pastor, Mark Hamilton, said that there is interest by men in the Brownstone Transitional House and women at the Eleanor Chase Transitional House to attend worship and other events at the church, which is at Grace and Maple.

The ministry began when one resident from the halfway house came one Sunday. He brought some others, but they found they had to leave early to catch the city bus to return.

Mark said the church is committed to this ministry because many of the 150 members are former criminals or addicts.

"People in the halfway houses need to transition into society," he said. "They need to come to church to do that. Jail-house religion is not realistic. Freedom can be a problem, because many do not know how to be free. We can supply reference points to help people be free."

"Most of the people in my congregation can provide reference points because they have come out of drugs, alcoholism, broken homes, unwed parenting and seek to make it for their children and for God," he said. "You can't make it if no one cares."

Mark said some members who served time in jail straightened their lives out, went to college and now work in professions. He estimates that 30 to 40 might come from the transitional houses if they have transportation.

More than the message, which may go in one ear and out the other, he believes the community and relationships can make a difference.

Before he came to Spokane 22 years ago, he had an encounter with the law and a prosecuting attorney's decision to let him go began his turnaround. That day

he met and talked with a minister in a nearby restaurant.

Skeptical, he prayed that if God wanted him, someone would invite him to church. Someone in a Foursquare church did. So he began attending church regularly and studying the Bible.

When he came to Spokane, Mark started the non-denominational church in the Spokane Valley. It was in a building in Hillyard several years before moving to 1505 W. Grace six years ago.

In the 1990s, he also served four years as chaplain with the Spokane Police Department, where he was responsible for telling family when a relative was killed, assisting victims of accidents and providing compassionate care.

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Pastor hopes people in transition from jail to society will benefit by relating to others who have made that transition.

Lutherans and Methodists explore shared ministries

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two churches express a common confession of Christian faith; mutual recognition of baptism and sharing holy communion; joint worship and freedom to exchange members; agree to mutual recognition of ordained ministers for service in either church; express a common commitment to evangelism, witness and service; engage in common decision-making on critical matters, and a mutual lifting of criticisms that may exist between the churches.

The ELCA's churchwide assembly, the chief legislative authority of the ELCA, met Aug. 17-23 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. About 2,000 people participated, including 1,045 ELCA voting members. The theme for the biennial assembly is "God's Work. Our Hands."

Before the ELCA's vote, the Rev. Gregory Palmer of the UMC said it would be "a great day" for both churches. "I am grateful

that we have come to this point." At a news conference following the two actions, Palmer, who is president of the UMC Council of Bishops, said that "God has brought both our churches to a broad place where Jesus Christ calls us to all be one and to go out for the sake of the world."

"We welcome you as you welcomed us last summer," the Rev. Mark Hanson, ELCA presiding bishop, told Palmer after the first vote, "and we rejoice at what the spirit has in store for us."

"This is indeed a day of rejoicing," said the Rev. Donald McCoid, the ELCA's executive for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations.

United Methodist and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America leaders expect by November to appoint members of a joint commission to implement the agreement. The commission's work includes joint planning for mission, developing worship materials to celebrate full communion and developing guidelines on sharing clergy. Practical applications of the new agreement include providing pastors together in areas that are under-served.

Palmer said he and the Lutheran

bishop in his part of Illinois are talking about cooperative parish ministry.

While opportunities now exist for the interchange of ordained ministers, that is not an automatic process, Palmer pointed out. United Methodist bishops will not be required to appoint a Lutheran pastor, nor would Lutherans be required to put a United Methodist name on their list of pastors.

The Rev. Sarah Heaner Lancaster, a professor of theology at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio, said the agreement should have an impact at the seminary level as the need arises to prepare those seeking ordination as United Methodist pastors to be able to function in a Lutheran setting as well. Such considerations are made at Lutheran seminaries in relation to their full communion partners, Lancaster said.

Ten ELCA bishops were among those who lined up at microphones to speak in favor of the full-communication agreement. Speakers told of cooperative and joint ministries already being conducted by Lutherans and United Methodists and noted the need for more such ministries and cooperation, especially in rural and remote areas.

Event offers training on suicide prevention

Three agencies are presenting a Suicide Intervention Skills Training event from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, Sept. 10 and 11, at the Ramada Inn, 8909 W. Airport Dr.

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YWCA turns its clothing bank from plain room to boutique atmosphere

By Brenda Velasco

For its new building, at 930 N. Monroe, the YWCA has intentionally designed its Our Sisters Closet clothing bank to look like a small clothing boutique.

Several clothing racks display designer outfits, shoes and other accessories. Staff are ready to help women who come to find suitable clothes for a job interview.

Unlike women entering a retail boutique, however, the women who walk through the doors have no money to pay for the clothes they choose.

"The women who come here are from different walks of life," said Julie Ernest, who has been managing Our Sister's Closet for almost three years. "Some come from low-income families, trying to re-enter the work force. Others come from domestic violence situations. There are also those who just want to get their lives back together."

Dependent on community donations, Our Sister's Closet gives free professional clothing and personal hygiene supplies to women in need who want something appropriate to wear for a job interview or in a work environment.

It is one of many services offered by the YWCA out of its commitment to "eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all" as their mission statement says.

What began as a volunteer opportunity at Our Sister's Closet has turned into a rewarding job for Julie.

"I had the time to give of my service and felt a motivation to find a way to make our community a better and safer place to be," she said.

While Julie was serving as a volunteer, the former manager was hired elsewhere. When Julie was asked if she wanted the manager position, she said she did.

"I love the grassroots nature of Our Sister's Closet. The YWCA offers a beautiful place for a clothing bank and works one-on-one with women. It is wonderful to give women a sense of self worth."

Julie credits her values of service to her parents.

"We were fortunate that we had a lot and they always gave to others, too," she said.

"Service to other people is important for good mental health—for both the giver and receiver. There is something special in knowing that you are loved. It can be hard for some of these women to believe that there is good out there," Julie said. "Sometimes it is hard to see."

Helping women see themselves in a positive light regardless of their challenges helps her live out her service values.

"How I help these women is where that spiritual value comes



Our Sisters Closet in the new YMCA/YWCA building was designed to look like a retail apparel shop.

alive, in helping them see there are good people out there who are there for them," she said.

Julie recalls a woman who arrived looking for clothes to wear on a job interview in the restaurant industry.

"I gave her some advice on what to choose," she said. "The woman felt so good about the way she looked and that confidence carried over in her attitude. She was dressed for the job and was hired right away."

Those stories make her enthusiastic about what she does. She is also moved by how much sharing there is among women in the community.

"Everyone has the capacity to share," she said. "It is our personal responsibility to do so. When women come here to give their clothes to our center, they are helping another woman build her self esteem."

Julie said that on many occasions she will run into some of the women she has helped, and they thank her for everything she has done for them.

"I am sometimes surprised that they remember me, but they are always so grateful for the time we gave them. We made a difference to them."

The women are referred to Our Sister's Closet by local service organizations or Work Source. They make an appointment to come and meet with Julie or another Our

Sister's Closet worker and discuss their needs. On the average, they serve about 100 women a month, with higher turnouts in the winter, averaging about 1,500 a year. After meeting with staff, the women can select an outfit from Our Sister's Closet. They can also obtain shoes, undergarments and hygiene products.

Our Sister's Closet is constantly busy, as people drop off donations or come in for an evaluation.

Julie said that while the program serves women in the community by providing them with professional clothes, they also offer opportunities for on-the-job training by working at the Closet a few hours a day.



Julie Ernest

Most of the women who work there come from social-service programs such as Career Path Services, which provides job training and life skills. Many are single mothers who want to gain retail experience. There are also work-study students from local universities and volunteers.

Our Sister's Closet is part of the YWCA's Opportunity Center, which manages a computer lab and offers free classes on how to create a resume or reach out to potential employers online. Its mission is job readiness and computer skills. The clothing is a part of that job readiness.

"There are women who don't know how to use the internet for job searches or how to use spell check for their resumes," Julie said. "Many of them have not finished high school. This is an opportunity for them to learn these skills free. Afterwards, they can stop by Our Sister's Closet to choose an outfit for their interview."

Since working at Our Sister's Closet, she has learned about many community support networks for women in need. The program works with organizations such as Union Gospel Mission, Lutheran Community Services, Hope House, and Our Place to help women find resources to put their lives together.

"What you wear counts," she said. "I know I'm not going to solve all of the women's problems, but if I can help them feel good about how they look, then I'm doing my part. The goal for them is to keep on trying."

The Opportunity Center programs are on the second floor of the new YMCA/YWCA building. They are open five days a week or by appointment.

Our Sister's Closet welcomes donations of women's professional clothes that need no repair—especially sizes 14 and up—clean undergarments, shoes, and toiletries.

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We forget that the 'public' is us and about real people's experiences

Why are so many fervently pro-American folks so ardently anti-government? They drive the public-private rift that splits the nation and assumes government's only role is war, not the general welfare, as established in the U.S. Constitution.

Once the phone, utility, postal and other basic services were "public" entities, not "private" or profit-driven businesses giving super bonuses to executives.

Public schools work beside private ones, which lack accountability to the public, but some Los Angeles schools may "privatize" and many public universities have turned over some departments to private companies, but costs continue to rise, especially administrative costs.

It's a constant sales pitch to keep us reminded through the private, for-profit "mass" media, which may wittingly or unwittingly promote the public-private rift. The lack of reasoned debate in media on the "public-private" divide on health care may leave the public fearful of public options.

What does "public" mean anyway. It's something "of, by and for" the people, a community, state or nation. It's about public service, the common good and empowering the vulnerable. It's about us.

Why do we hate a democratically elected government of, by and for the people? Do we hate and distrust ourselves, or neighbors and family of different political persuasions? Or do we distrust public officials, suspecting their complicity with private, special interests focused on profit alone?

What does "private" mean? It's about secret, privy, unofficial communication in the interest of an individual, company or "special" interest, not connected with or concerned about others. Private means not publicly known, not open, not accountable, not regulated—a private understanding. It seems like a source for distrust.

Do we have a private government, disjointed people paid by private interests to protect the private interests of private industry? Public matters are open to scrutiny,

accountability, rules, responsibilities, checks and balances. Private matters are't.

As we privatize more, are tasks done better? Has dropping government regulations that were in the "public" interest improved efficiency?

It seems more a matter of choosing which bureaucracy to trust, government or private corporations accountable only through supply and demand.

How about a real debate on public health options? We need investigative journalism that tells us real stories of real people suffering under today's private health care bureaucracies.

A recent public TV documentary on health care in America gave food for thought for critics who stir fear of euthanasia, rationing, Medicare cuts, bankrupting America or outlawing private insurance.

PBS's Bill Moyers recently re-aired a program telling the stories of people whose low incomes mean they wait for care, take less medicine or are denied coverage. It

told of people losing health care when they lost jobs, waiting for insurance companies to pay or having coverage for life-saving treatment denied for pre-existing conditions or at whim. Some of those people died.

The private system has its own forms of rationing, euthanasia, bureaucracy and heartlessness. It's also bankrupting the nation, because too many people wait too long for care and then use emergency rooms for otherwise preventable conditions, driving up health care costs for all. It's bankrupting businesses, including congregations and nonprofits that can't afford to provide insurance or who fire people who use their benefits and drive up costs.

Thanks to public TV, we saw an alternative to fear-inciting, myth-driven mantras that have filled pop digital and ad-dependent private media. Finally, we saw a credible discussion, an example of responsible media, and it was from the public sector.

Mary Stamp - editor

Health care, education, jobs and fair wages benefit society

A privileged beginning seems an unlikely source for a career devoted to alleviating the consequences of poverty, but Senator Edward Kennedy had a father who emphasized public service and a mother who often repeated the biblical exhortation that reminds us that much is expected from those to whom much has been given.

Until well into adulthood, the senator does not seem to have expected much of himself until he realized he was being a bad role model for the many nieces and nephews who depended on his love and care. He apologized to the nation for his shortcomings and set to work on what was really important.

Some years ago, I attended a Senate committee hearing on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), and Senator Kennedy was a member of the committee. At that time, the research on SIDS was solid but the syndrome was not well understood by the public, and parents who woke up one morning to find their baby dead sometimes found themselves accused of either extreme

neglect or deliberately killing the baby. The nation needed to be educated on the subject.

Senate hearings are often frustrating to watch. Senators may appear inattentive as they slouch in their seats. Aides whisper messages to them. When a vote is going on, they take turns leaving for the floor of the Senate, or the hearings take a recess for the vote. Questions addressed to witnesses are often preceded by long, self-serving preliminary remarks.

Senator Kennedy was kind to the person he questioned, and his inquiry was to the point.

There was nationwide education on SIDS soon after: for medical personnel, for law enforcement and for the public.

During his 46 years in the Senate, Senator Kennedy wrote, co-wrote or sponsored more than 2,500 pieces of legislation. Most of them related to the problems of poverty: the minimum wage, health care, nutrition, education, employment and workplace problems.

According to those who worked with him or watched him in action, developing long term relationships was a key factor in his success. He seems to have had all the social skills of a youngest child: he listened well, and he cared deeply about finding common ground. In working to pass legislation, he did not take the discussion to a personal level and demonize opponents of the bill.

It was widely known that he was a devout Catholic. However, not much was usually said beyond that.

Pat Oliphant, a journalist now retired from the Boston Globe, tells of a conversation after they had gone to mass in the middle of the week. They were in the middle of the senator's nationwide trip around the nation to give speeches and interviews on the subject of poverty. Back in the car, Pat asked him where he got his deep feelings about poverty. The senator looked at him in surprise and asked, "Have you never read the New Testament?"

He seems to have thoroughly absorbed the teachings of his church on peace and

justice, but he didn't proselytize. In some of his impassioned speeches he might be described as preaching, however.

The message was consistent through the years: health care and education profit our economy.

A healthy work force takes fewer sick days and is more productive. Safety measures in the workplace result in fewer injuries and lost days and higher productivity.

Education at all levels works similarly. Encourage high school dropouts to earn a GED. They are then able to sign up for programs that will help them qualify for skilled jobs. Better jobs yield better income for workers and increase our country's productivity.

Senator Kennedy lived a life informed by his faith, looking beyond himself to the general welfare of society, instead of convincing people that what they really needed was to enlarge and preserve the privileges of a select few.

Nancy Minard - editorial team

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Christians are caught between two worlds. On the one hand, we live in the world around us—the United States of America in 2009—with all its beauty, strengths and weaknesses. Many wonderful people give themselves freely, and some want to destroy and hurt—a few who get most of the press. On the other hand, we are called to live the Realm of God with the vision of wholeness, peace, justice, compassion, love and grace.

Throughout Christian history, there has been a struggle as to whether the Realm of God is only after we die or whether we are to live it here and now.

I believe that the focus of Jesus' ministry was not to encourage us to escape this world with all the faces of evil. Rather, Jesus called us to engage the world and live the Realm of God here and now. Jesus calls us to embody the Spirit of God and to let that Spirit shape our minds and hearts so that "thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Jesus prayed that we be "in the world but not of the world." The Apostle Paul put it clearly in Romans 12, when he said, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds so that you may know what is the will of God."

The temptation is to allow fear to control our thinking and actions, to respond to violence with more violence, to entrench ourselves and build more walls and gates. Jesus calls us to a different way of thinking

and living. Living the Realm of God is a whole lot harder than submitting to fear and violence. Jesus never promised that being a Christian would be easy. The Realm of God leads to life, fullness of life. Do we need to examine whom we really follow?

The Rev. David Helseth
Englewood Christian - Yakima

Sometimes what we think is trivial is quite sacred to someone else. I often hear adults in my age group and older bemoan the fact that face-to-face relationships filled with depth and sharing are a thing of the past. I confess I have joined that litany of regret. We don't really "get" the preoccupation with virtual quips and confessional blogging of young people today. Their world appears to us to be reduced to walking along talking on a cell phone, listening solo to personal selections of music through earphones, and sitting alone, typing—never using proper grammar, another sacred violation to many of us—at a keyboard. Are young people today really more shallow?

The students at K-House (Koinonia House) have taught me that is not at all true. In fact, they can find one another when a friend is having a tough day quicker (text: where are u now?) and get together, or if not, send words of encouragement (hang in there!). I have entered the virtual world and find it a great tool to discover whether students are depressed, sad or in pain—and when I send a message to inquire what's up,

I inevitably find them in my office engaged in old-fashioned, face-to-face conversation. Maybe they have closer relationships than they used to have.

The Rev. Gail Stearns -The Common
Ministry at Washington State
University - Pullman

Olive oil belongs in salad dressing, not daubed on your head. It's difficult for some of us to understand the full meaning of the fifth verse of the 23rd Psalm: "You anoint my head with oil." It belongs to a different culture.

The title "Christ" is from the Hebrew, "Messiah," and means literally, "covered in oil, anointed." In Hebrew tradition, a holy anointing was a sign of consecration, "setting aside for a holy or sacred use." Anointing a king was the same as placing a crown on his head.

What does it mean for us? The next time you repeat the 23rd Psalm, focus on the fifth verse. As you address whatever name you have for God, you are saying, "Wow! You have anointed me! I'm something unique! You have set me aside for a special purpose."

You are here as God's special emissary. You have a divine mission. You are anointed. The details of that mission might not be clear now, but they can be. God doesn't waste anointing oil.

The Rev. Wilbur Rees- Shalom
United Church of Christ - Richland

In an attempt to catch up with friends and be oh, so modern, I have taken the plunge and joined Facebook. It's a wonderful way to know who are eating pancakes and how hot it is in Seattle and finding old classmates from high school and seminary. Social networking it is called.

We in the church call it creating community. Often true Christian community is hard to come by. We do that when we turn around and see each other. We create community when we eat together in the backyard of a friend, when we slow down for a cup of coffee at the local coffee shop. Real Christian community is built when youth attend camp and put away the technology and once again meet face to face.

The church in the 21st century must come to realize we have the gift the world is looking for—real community, face-to-face, heart-to-heart. We are quick to say Facebook isn't real community, but there is something to be said for even a quick note, a reminder that those we care about are being remembered.

If the church is to survive in this century, it will need to find new ways to create small circles of love and faith; to find a way that all might be fed, body, mind and spirit; a way to celebrate real community in an increasingly virtual world.

The Rev. Joyce O'Connor Magee
Manito United Methodist

National Catholic Charities head speaks in Spokane

Father Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, will be the speaker for the 13th Annual Caring for Kids Luncheon to benefit St. Anne's Children and Family Center, and Morning Star Boys' Ranch. The event begins at 11:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the Spokane Convention Center.

Over the years, Caring for Kids has raised more than \$370,000 for these agencies that support vulnerable children.

Program looks at elder abuse

Faith Partners Against Family Violence will present "The Faith Community's Response to Elder Abuse" at a breakfast for faith leaders from 7:30 to 9 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Christ Kitchen, 2410 N. Monroe. Speakers are the Rev. Brad Buff, of Hamblen Park Presbyterian Church, and Pam Sloan, Elder Services.

For information, call 993-1871.

Habitat plans 'Raise the Roof'

The 14th Annual "Raise the Roof" Auction to benefit Habitat home building begins with a silent auction at 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18, at The Lincoln Center, 1316 N Lincoln St. Proceeds fund the cost of materials for another decent, affordable Habitat home.

The live auction after dinner will include art of several local artists, partnering with Habitat-Spokane for an "Art for Habitat" gallery of sustainable original artwork made from materials gleaned from The Habitat Store.

Since 1987, Habitat-Spokane has built 196 homes in Spokane County with families in need.

For information, call 534-2552.

World Relief seeks refugee sponsors

Based on the Christian mandate to welcome the stranger, World Relief Spokane seeks to empower churches to serve the vulnerable.

Part of the National Association of Evangelicals, it has provided opportunities for individuals and churches to resettle refugees for more than 20 years.

Most of the 300 plus refugees being resettled here come from Burma/Myanmar, Bhutan, Cuba, and Iraq, said Linda Unseth, affiliate director.

For information, call 232-2814.

This year is the 66th anniversary of St. Anne's, which once offered adoption services and care for medically fragile children and now provides childcare for 200 children, the support services of Catholic Charities' Childbirth and Parenting Alone Program and Cuddles & Care, sponsored by Sacred Heart Medical Center.

In its 52nd year, Morning Star Boys' Ranch has served more

than 1,300 at-risk boys through programs focused on behavioral rehabilitation, responsible living skills and transitional living skills, offering them opportunities to become contributing citizens of our community.

Fr. Larry is responsible for the direction of the Catholic Charities USA's efforts to cut poverty in half in America by 2020.

For information, call 358-4254.

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Weds</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rally for Health Care Reform, Federal Building, 3 p.m. • Futurewise Feast with Friends, Sapphire Room, 1003 E. Trent, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. • "Truth about Organic Cotton," Blue Button Apparel, 2723 E. Gordon, 7 p.m. • Senior Wellness Conference, Spokane Community College, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. • Suicide Intervention Skills Training, Ramada Inn, 8909 W. Airport Dr., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 434-7288 • Main Street Fair, Main between Browne & Division, 3 to 8 p.m. • Main Market Co-op Tours, Main & Browne, 3 to 8 p.m. • "Diversity in Workplace Training," Lincoln Center, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Whitworth University's Church and Ministry Fair, HUB Multipurpose Room, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 777-3446 • The Lands Council's Open House, Music and Art Show, 5 to 7 p.m., 25 W. Main 2nd Floor, 209-2851 • "Saving the Planet," Monastery of St. Gertrude, Cottonwood, Idaho, 208-962-2000 • Sand mandala by Tibetan Buddhist monk and sand artist, 9 to 11 a.m., 2 to 5 p.m., Unity Church of Truth, 2900 S. Bernard • "How Am I Called to Serve," The Ministry Institute Wisdom Workshop, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 313-5763 • "The Faith Community's Response to Elder Abuse," Faith Partners Against Family Violence Breakfast, Christ Kitchen, 2410 N. Monroe, 993-1871 • "You Think You Know What Is Happening in the Middle East: Think Again," First Presbyterian, 6:45 p.m. • "Raise the Roof" Auction benefit for Habitat-Spokane, The Lincoln Center, 1316 N. Lincoln St., 5 p.m., 534-2552 • Up on the Roof Benefit, One World Spokane, 25 W. Main, 6 p.m., 768-9479 • Hispanic Heritage Festival, Harmon Park in Hillyard, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 927-9012 or visit hbaspokane.com • Peace Pole Pilgrimage meet at Mirabeau Park, Spokane Valley, 4:30 to 9 p.m. • "Our Global Predicament & Path to a Post Carbon Economy, Richard Heinberg, 600 N. Riverpoint, Student Academic Center Room 20, 7 p.m. • Rosh Hashanah Jewish New Year • "Sounds of Peace" service, Unity Church, 2900 S. Bernard, 7:30 p.m. • International Day of Peace • Japanese Cultural Fair, Spokane Sister Cities, Japanese Cultural Center at Mukogawa, 400 W. Randolph Rd., 6 to 8 p.m., 328-2971 ext 223 • Eid al-Fitr, Muslim Feast of the Breaking of the Fast • "Community Sustainability Indicators," Dan Baumgarten, Downtown Spokane Public Library, 6 to 8 p.m. • Caring for Kids Luncheon, Father Larry Snyder of Catholic Charities USA, Spokane Convention Center, 11:30 a.m., 358-4254 • Spokane City Forum: "The Inland Northwest Economy," First Presbyterian, 318 S. Cedar, 11:45 a.m., 777-1555 • Cole's Organic Orchard Visit, Main Market, 44 W. Main, 7:30 p.m. • Greek Festival Dinner, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox, 1703 N. Washington, 328-9310 • Second Chance Extravaganza! Faith & Environment Network Dinner-Auction, St. John's Cathedral, 127 E. 12th, 4:30 p.m., 724-991-7752 • Yom Kippur Jewish Day of Atonement • Economic Opportunity Institute's Tax Reform Efforts, Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane, 35 W. Main, 5:30 p.m., 838-7870 • Fig Tree Distribution, St. Mark's Lutheran, 24th & Grand, 9 a.m. • Creation Care/eMinistry classes, Faith & Environment Network, 294-3922 • Fig Tree Board, Manito United Methodist, 3220 S. Grand, 1 p.m. • Dessert Benefit for Ibillin Schools, First Presbyterian, 318 S. Cedar, 7 p.m. • Menno Mennonite Country Auction and Sale, 659-0926 • "The Children of Ibillin," Weyerhaeuser Hall at Whitworth University, 7 p.m. • Manna Concert, Westminster Congregational United Church of Christ, 411 S. Washington, 3 p.m., 624-1366 • Pax Christi, Gonzaga's Tilford Center, noon • Spokane Farmers' Market, Plant-a-Row for the Hungry Collection, 2nd and Browne, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. |
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Unity in the Community celebrates region's diverse cultures

More than 10,000 people gathered Aug. 15 in Riverfront Park, to celebrate Spokane's diversity by watching multicultural performances and joining in activities to learn about cultures.

For the 15th year, Unity in the Community, which began in East Central Spokane and has expanded into Riverfront Park, has feted the many cultures in the region, said organizing chair, Ben Cabildo, director of the African American Hispanic Asian Native American Business and Professional Association (AHANA).

AHANA now operates under Community-Minded Enterprises.

For Ben this event showcases "the future of Spokane" and "reflects Spokane's increasingly diverse populations," coming together to celebrate with the whole community.

Through Unity in the Community, Community-Minded Enterprises provided thousands of dollars worth of school supplies and bike helmets for children. Proceeds also help support scholarships for students from multi-ethnic communities.

Cultural village booths included German, Filipino, Marshall Islander, Swedish, Italian, Native American, Vietnamese, Latin American and African American cultures.

Entertainment ranged from the ROAR Worship Team, hip-hop salsa dancers, Hawaiian dancers, Gospel choirs, Middle Eastern dancers, Filipino bamboo dancers, a poet, Broadway music, Chinese dancers, martial arts, break dancing and more.

At 135 booths, visitors learned about resources of nonprofit pro-

grams, higher education, holistic healers, political candidates and local businesses and how they serve diverse communities.

Unity in the Community relies on support of 75 volunteers.

"It says Spokane values diversity," Ben said.

The visionaries and founders for Unity in the Community came primarily from Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, said Ben, who has worked with the event from the beginning.

For information, call 838-1881 or visit nwnunity.org.



The German American Society dancers, background, join the audience, as many performers did before and after they performed.



Soul singers perform.



Spokane Chinese Dancers perform a fan dance.



Audience for Unity in Community performances was diverse in culture, race, age and gender.



Micronesian dancers performed despite having to wait in the rain and having technical problems with sound. The audience stayed for their performance and others, even though the program ran over about an hour.

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