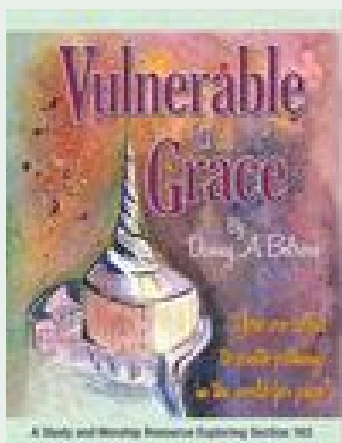


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Ironically, our security ultimately depends on our willingness to be vulnerable—to be willing to put down our arms, tear down walls that separate us, and learn to live together in peace... It is when we rely solely on our own strength and devices to achieve peace (personal and global) that we are at our weakest. Said another way, the realization of God's kingdom on earth (Zion) is humanly impossible, but it is divinely possible. We must be willing to be defenseless to God's grace.

—Danny A. Belrose
Vulnerable to Grace, 92

Danny Belrose's *Vulnerable to Grace* is recommended for the adult classes at our 2009 reunions. The daily themes—*Identity and Calling, Pathways for Peace, In Their Welfare, An Indispensable Witness, A Sanctuary of Christ's Peace, Generosity Flows*—are taken directly from chapters in Belrose's book. The First Presidency has stated that this book "guides the reunion theme and planning materials to integrate the entire reunion experience for all ages."

Registration forms and information can be found at www.cofchrist-iwest.org or call 509 220-4007.



Cascade

July 7 - 12

Contact: JoAnn Fisher

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Ministry: Dale Luffman and John Chatburn

Dale E. Luffman has been a full-time minister for the Community of Christ since 1979. He is a member of the Council of Twelve Apostles. In 2007 he was assigned to the West Central USA Mission Field with responsibilities for Singles Ministries and Theological Education Ministries.

Dale earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's of education in counseling. He has also been awarded a master's of theology degree from the Princeton Theological Seminary and a doctor of ministry degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Dale represents the Community of Christ on the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches. He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the Academy of Homiletics, and the Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality. Dale is an instructor in practical theology for the Community of Christ Seminary affiliated with Graceland University.

Dale is married to Judith Kay Wirrick Luffman. They have three children, Aaron, Micah and Paul; also two grandchildren, Anders and Brooks. Dale enjoys time with his family, reading, teaching, travel, and writing.



Red Cliffe

June 27 - July 3

Director: Glen & Jean Bruch

Ministry: John Chatburn and John VanDerWalker

John D. Chatburn, known to friends as Johnny C., is an appointee minister for the Community of Christ serving as Financial Officer to our mission center and as a Disciple's Generous Response Minister to the West Central Field. Prior assignments include WorldService Corps coordinator and Young Adult Minister in Central and Midlands Mission Centers.

John acquired a bachelor of arts degree in information technology from Graceland University, and is currently pursuing a masters of arts degree in Christian ministry from Community of Christ Seminary.

John is married to Andrea (Andi) Chatburn who is pursuing a D.O. degree and a master of arts in bio ethics at Kansas City University of Medicine and Bio Science.

John's hobbies include woodworking, distance running, cycling, and traveling. Log onto John's blogspot at <http://johnchatburn.blogspot.com/> to find out more.

Vulnerable to Grace

Echo Valley

June 19 - 25

Directors: Carol Ann & Terry Reiff
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Ministry: Bill & Barbara Gardner, Pat Moon and Frank Young

Bill and Barb Gardner have been under full-time appointment with the Community of Christ for almost 26 years. They have served in Colorado, Wyoming, and, for the past 17 years, in New England. Bill is currently the President of the New England Mission Center. In that position he supervises the 22 congregations in the six state area. Barb has developed a career as a graphic designer.

Bill and Barb met at Graceland. Bill was the chaplain of his house. In that role he was often called on to take out girls who were having difficulty getting dates. The chaplain of his sister house approached him about this shy girl who needed a date to a formal event. He agreed, and Barb called him. When they met for the date, he was so completely bowled over that he wrote his mother that he had found the one. The rest is history (or it has been for 37 years).

After Graceland, both attended the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana during the 1970s where Barb worked for the university and finished her Bachelors degree in English and Bill received his Ph.D. in biochemistry.

Their daughter Katy was born in Urbana in 1975. She is a teacher and massage therapist and is currently moving from Massachusetts to San Diego, CA.

Note: We promise to tell more stories when we get to reunion. Folks that know us will receive 10 minutes for rebuttal.



“Do not turn away in pride, fear, or guilt from the One who seeks only the best for you and your loved ones. Come before your Eternal Creator with open minds and hearts and discover the blessings of the gospel anew. Be vulnerable to divine grace.”

-Doctrine and Covenants 163:10b

Samish Island

June 27 - July 2

Directors: Mark Olson & Judy Polley
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Ministry: Jan Kraybill, Robin Linkhart and JoAnn Fisher

Jan Kraybill, Principal Organist and Director of Music at Community of Christ International Headquarters, is no stranger to the Inland West. Our 2008 mission center conference began with Jan's solo organ performances at the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, Utah. She has provided guest ministry at the Echo Valley Reunion and taught a worship workshop in Spokane Valley.

Jan earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Kansas State University, and her doctorate degree is from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music.

Jan plans and provides music for worship services, coordinates the *Dome and Spire* concert series, designs and conducts hymn festivals, teaches workshops, and serves as a resource person for church musicians and worship planners. Her extra-musical interests include antiquing, lace making, and riding her Harley-Davidson with her husband, Allan.



Robin (Kincaid) Linkhart, a minister for the Community of Christ, is the Field Missionary Coordinator for the West Central Mission Field. Previous assignments include pastor, congregational support minister, and mission center missionary coordinator.

Robin attended Graceland University, Tennessee Technological University, and the University of Tennessee. She earned a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from the University of Northern Colorado and a master of arts in Christian ministry from Community of Christ Seminary.

Previously, Robin managed a restaurant, took time to be with her children, and worked as the office manager for her husband's business.

Robin and her husband Kevin have four children: Rebecca, Andrew, Matthew, and Mollie. Robin enjoys playing the flute, quilting, and reading.