



Wyoming Association of Churches

Newsletter - December 2011



Greetings! Rejoice!

The Promised Messiah Has Come

My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior . . . He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their utmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones, but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things, but has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers.

(From Mary's Song, Luke 1:46-55)

Thank you for supporting the work of the Wyoming Association of Churches

We thank judicatories of the church denominations giving approximately \$20,000 to WAC in 2011.

We thank the following for grants to WAC received in 2011 totaling \$18,900:

- The Foundation of the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming
- The Church and Society Fund of the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church
- Resist, Inc. – for social justice work
- Wyoming Humanities Council - Civility Matters!
- Wyoming Arts Council
- Wyoming Office of Multicultural Health

Thanks to Rev. Warren Murphy for his donation of ½ of the proceeds from the sale of his book *On Sacred Ground*. WAC has received \$700 for November sales, the first month of its publication. Congratulations and thank you, Warren.

Thanks to the several church congregations in Wyoming that contribute annually to WAC. We hope that more congregations will join WAC in the coming weeks.

WAC recently has received over \$2,000 from individuals. More is needed. If you and/or your church have not recently contributed to WAC, consider joining WAC now. To join, go to www.wyomingassociationofchurches.org or mail a check to WAC at PO Box 1473, Laramie, WY 82073.

Church Unity Week – January 18-24

What is your church or local ministerial association planning for Christian Unity Week 2012? Please let us know so we can share with others. One suggested theme is to contemplate what we can do to better address poverty in our communities.

Need materials or ideas? The World Council of Churches has a website. Google “Christian Unity Week 2012” for details and a link to a PDF file.

For Discussion Groups in Your Church and Community

DVD of WAC Dialogues



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TOPICS:

Judicial Responses for Youth Offenders in Wyoming

Same Sex Marriage

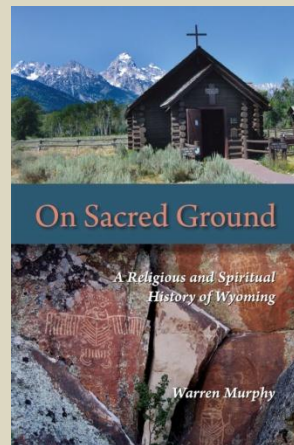
Health Care for Wyoming's Poor

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If you donate \$100 or more to the Wyoming Association of Churches, Rebekah Simon-Peter will donate to you a free copy of her book *Green Church*. The book provides the theological basis for why we should reduce, reuse and recycle and how our churches can go “green” and add a 4th “R” – Rejoice.



Warren Murphy's book is getting good reviews. I'm reading it now – and discovered that it really can matter whether we love the people we are trying to save – comparing Narcissa Whitman's work with Native Americans of the West to the work of Fr. Jean Pierre DeSmet. Too bad, more did not listen to DeSmet's wisdom. – Chesie Lee

To order the book, go to onsacredground.com or to WAC's website. ½ of the net proceeds go to WAC.