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The Peacekeepers

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TIM'S SERVICE

by Tim "K9" Kunzweiler, President

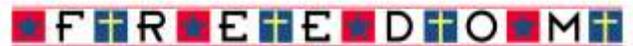
Transition Time. I need your assistance. A period of transition is before us. During the 2010 World Conference our election cycles were revised:

President 2010 – 2016 (6 yrs)	Tim Kunzweiler
Vice-President 2010 – 2013 (3 yrs) then position cycled into 6 year term. In 2013 Curt was re-elected for 2013 – 2019	Curt Heaviland
Secretary 2010 – 2016 (6 yrs)	Jennifer Redfern
Treasurer 2010 – 2013 (3 yrs) then position cycled into 6 year term. In 2013 Walter French was elected but later had to resign and Russell Godfrey has taken on the remaining term through 2019	Steve Kellogg

This means the positions of President and Secretary are up for election during the 2016 World Conference.

It has been a distinct honor and privilege to serve as an officer of this ministry for quite a few years now. However (drum roll) the time has come for me to step aside and to allow new vigor to enter the ranks.

As mentioned in a recent edition, I have taken on the role of Pastoring the Beaver creek, Ohio congregation and, between full-time military employment, pastoring and family, I'm simply finding there's not enough of me to properly cover all the bases (including getting my inputs into the



newsletter on time!). It's best to find a replacement that can truly dedicate adequate time to supporting the Church's military members and this ministry into our future.

Therefore, the call is for you to consider stepping forward, with vision, to be nominated for the role of President of the Association. I will be grateful if you will contact me to discuss your willingness.

Among the Peacekeeper matters I'd like to discuss with my prospective replacement are ways to improve web site updates and better connecting military members with congregations.

2016 World Conference Planning. I'll be contacting the other officers to begin Peacekeeper booth and banquet planning soon. I'd also recommend all of us begin spending time in prayer, increasing a portion of our focus on the mission of the Church and on the matters that will be addressed at this conference. I'd certainly appreciate your prayerful support toward volunteering time in the Peacekeeper booth during Conference too. Speaking of the Booth, I recall that someone volunteered to work on some vinyl banners for improving the visibility of the booth. I'll appreciate your contact toward making sure that's all ready in time for Conference.

Independence Day (U.S.A.). I hope that all Association members are blessed to live in independent countries and to enjoy freedom and liberty. In the U.S.A. we recently celebrated the annual commemoration of our own independence.

Coincident with the period around July fourth I took a couple days off of work — to spend time with Sheila and to support a USAF Radar Site Veterans reunion as Chaplain.

Time with Sheila had us making a day trip to Gahanna, Ohio on July 3rd. We were delighted to see the town making preparations for its own Independence Day celebrations. I found the military memorial in the town square to be a fitting tribute (see photo).



The Radar Site Veterans Reunion was a great way to reminisce about the air defense mission and the comrades I worked and recreated with during my enlisted stint. Sheila and I met some fine veterans and their spouses and enjoyed outings to Dayton's Carillon Park and to the Banquet in a downtown Dayton hotel. A highlight was also being treated to a panoramic view of the Independence Day fireworks celebration from the top floor of that hotel (and spotting a drone, hovering nearby — no doubt filming the show!).

In Christ – Victory! May God bless all Peacekeepers.

Tim “K9” Kunzweiler, President.

Kid's Stuff

by Mary Yocum

School started August 12 for both of our boys. Dominic entered the fourth grade and Ian started preschool.



Dominic and his mom had a recent discussion:

- What makes Mom happy? Telling her she's pretty.
- What makes Mom sad? Telling her she's the worst Mom ever.
- How does Mom make you laugh? Making faces.

- What was Mom like as a kid? You liked dogs and kids, you were stubborn, and sort of confusing, and argumentative.
- How old is your Mom? Thirty something, (soon to turn 35).
- What is Mom's favorite thing to do? Watch Harry Potter and Star Trek, drinking Dr. Pepper, and playing with her sons.
- What does Mom do when you're not around? Watch TV or do housework.
- If your Mom becomes famous what will it be for? Being so kind.
- What is your Mom really good at? Playing the Harry Potter game and fill it in puzzles.
- What is Mom not good at? Dancing and catching and throwing.
- What does Mom do as a job? Sell electric cigarettes.
- What is Mom's favorite food? Chinese and seafood.
- What makes you proud of Mom? Everything.
- If your Mom was a character what would she be? Chill (skylander) or Wonder Woman.
- What do you and Mom do together? Watch TV, eat, and go to the zoo.
- How are you and Mom the same? We have the same face, we both watch Dr. Who, and like boy stuff.
- How are you and Mom different? We are different genders, you like Star Trek, I like video games, you like rock and I like pop, you're a grownup and I'm a child.
- How do you know that Mom loves you? Cause you tell me so.
- What does Mom like about your dad? He works a little.
- What is Mom's favorite place to go? The zoo and RockFest.
- How old was Mom when you were born? Twenty-nine, (actually 25).

I think Mom and son are getting along fine, and I know she is a very good mother.

Ian took a late nap a while ago and when he woke up a storm was rolling in making the sky even darker.

“Momma,” he said, “turn off the dark.” Beth clicked on a light and Ian said, “now do outside.” The poor kid learned that Mom can’t really do everything.

We were driving through an old neighborhood with lots of trees just at dusk and Ian started telling a story about monsters in trees, scary monster who day (in a whisper) haaah! I guess we’ve got another storyteller in the family.

Just so you know, it isn’t only the children who make us laugh. We were all out together a few weeks ago and Don started backing out of a parking space. Beth saw a car barreling down on us and, being a gal of few words cried out, “Car, car, car.”

Well – it worked. And now her sons have something to tease her about.

Just remember – it’s easier to laugh than to cry, and frowning makes more wrinkles. I never knew what my mother was talking about when she told me that, but it’s beginning to make more sense the older I get.

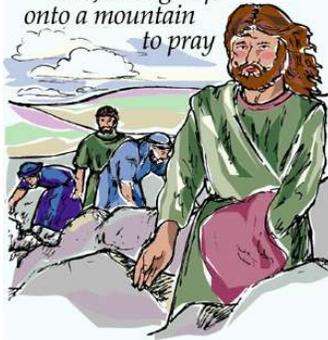
NEWS, NOTES & ANECDOTES

From Curt Heaviland

Surprise – in this envelope is a copy of the information that should have been in the last newsletter. Due to the fact that there were mail problems it was not printed. Rather than have two separate mailings the corrected copy is included with the July – August edition. It is my hope that the computers do not get fouled up again in the future but since I am at the keyboard, who can tell.

Hereafter I will not print the newsletter until I receive the printable copy from the president. When he says it is a go, I’ll do the rest. Sorry about the mishap. CWH

Jesus, Peter, John
and James go up
onto a mountain
to pray



Be Not Afraid, by Jim Poirier, Presiding Bishopric

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

—Matthew 17: 1–2

Folks in remote communities in western Canada look forward to hosting traveling ministers on their journeys between communities. A colleague and I arrived at the home of a pastor in time for dinner. Members of the small congregation began arriving. We greeted old friends and shared stories.

After dinner and companionship, we retreated to our host homes. I traveled with Merlin, a young man in his 90s, to his home. Merlin and his wife, now deceased, shared their giftedness with the congregation for many years. The church was their life.

Merlin was now alone. So, he was happy to be my host. Though it was late when we arrived, Merlin and I shared a cup of tea and spoke of his relationship with God. He shared such a wonderful testimony. We laughed and cried. We each said a short prayer. There was peace.

In the morning we rose early and shared breakfast. Following breakfast we remained at the table. Merlin brought out the *Daily Bread* and opened it to the story of the day. To my surprise, he passed the book to me and asked me to read the story. Then he asked me to open the book to a bookmarked page. It was marking a story I had written. He asked me to read it to him.

As I read the story I looked at Merlin. His face “shone like the sun.” It was as if we were reliving today’s scripture story. At that moment we felt the presence of a loving Spirit. We felt beloved. Soon my driving companion arrived. It was time to leave. Merlin and I wanted to remain in that place, though we knew God was calling us to continue our respective ministries. But without that time together and with God, we could not have discovered our true capacity to give.

I am so thankful for the blessings of moments like this. But, I am more thankful for the giftedness

of members in those remote communities who live in the Spirit each day.

Calling for your updates and stories: Peacekeepers needs you to keep us updated with your newsletter delivery information and we highly desire information appropriate for the newsletter (stories, testimonies, updates to share with other members).

Available in an E-mail and a “snail mail” edition. Active-duty military members who join the association can receive either edition for free. Non-active-duty “sustaining” members receive either edition with a paid Association membership; those dues are **\$10.00/yr, due in April (multi-year discounts available)**. Archive newsletters are also available on our Web site: <http://www.cofchristpeacekeepers.org/>

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***May God bless and
keep you from harm.***