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**Special interest:**

- Hi to all
- New videos
- Africa news
- New items of general interest
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## What a difference a year makes.....!

Hi to all,

We pray for a blessed holiday season to all of you! By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be over and the Season of Advent will be started. It has been ONE YEAR (Dec. 10) since we held the Open House for the Resource Center! It is unbelievable that a year has flown by. But now, as time rushes forward with busyness, may each of us slow down and enjoy the Advent time of waiting. If we can keep our eyes/hearts on what this time is all about, perhaps preparations will fall in proper perspective, and we can really enjoy the coming of Christ!

I need to apologize to each of you. In other issues I talked about inviting you to come to the Center, ask questions, browse and just spend some time. We have all been so busy that an organized way of doing this has just not been possible. At this point, I would implore you to come to the Center & see it for yourself. Yes, get on the internet and browse the catalog and open files; read The Union and Greg's Page in the Synod newsletter, but plan to come and see our beautiful, comfortable, inviting space. We would enjoy having you!

New in the RC: we now have membership/giving database programs for you as secretaries to try on our computers to see what works for your situation.

An exciting new video series is

"Different and the Same". Designed for early elementary, grades 1 to 3, the set of 10 videos deals with prejudice and discrimination. The award winning programs use animal puppets to present complex issues in understandable and attractive ways. We are willing to do a training session for your teachers here (or at your place). Interested? Call us!

George Parsons and Speed Leas have created an important tool for congregational leaders in application of systems theory to evaluating a congregation's life and readiness for change. We have the manual and the Congregational Systems Inventory. (Note: This instrument works best in stable situations and is not recommended for use in conflicted congregations.)

Another informative video for Councils/Committees will be the "Meet Bishop Hanson" documentary that will be arriving in the RC very soon. Get your name on the waiting list. There are some names there already.

Don't forget to send us your suggestions for resources you would like us to have on our shelves. We want to have resources folks need or would like to see/use. You help keep us current!

Again, thanks for advertising the RC in your newsletter, and for the good words about Lay School of Ministry (LSM) and Synodically Authorized Ministry (SAM).

Until (yikes!)next year—2002,

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