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Kensington Church Youth Group Reenacts 'Las Posadas' Christmas Story Second Annual Outdoor Community Production Features a Candlelit Procession with Mary, Joseph and the Donkey and a Live Nativity Scene

San Diego, Dec. 5, 2011—Kensington Community Church (KCC), United Church of Christ, celebrated the season with its second annual Las Posadas in Kensington production on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Put on by the church's Middle and High School Youth Group, the outdoor reenactment of the Christmas story featured a candlelit community procession with the angel, Mary, Joseph and the donkey as they were turned away by innkeepers at Kensington Café and Starbucks.

Throngs followed Mary and Joseph as they walked down a luminaria-lined street to a Live Nativity and Carol Sing in front of Kensington Community Church. After the event, church members, neighbors and friends enjoyed tamales, piñatas and a petting zoo. Las Posadas is Spanish for "The Inns."

"Our Las Posadas production is becoming a community tradition in Kensington, celebrating the room we make in our hearts for the peace of Christmas," said Marg Stark, Youth Group Co-Leader and Religious Education Director at Kensington Community Church.

During its 10 a.m. Sunday service, the church runs a growing religious education program for children ranging from infants to high school students. In addition, the KCC Youth Group meets

on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and engages in service projects, social events, music, and much more. Find the KCC Youth Group on Facebook at

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/KCC-Youth-Group/208071715874320>.

About Kensington Community Church

Founded in 1929, Kensington Community Church is a 175-member church that engages heavily in mission work around San Diego – for example, helping provide stockings and presents for more than 1,200 low-income children and families at the annual Copley YMCA Christmas Party. The church voted last year to become Open and Affirming, or welcoming to members of the gay and lesbian community as well as to people from all walks of life. In September 2011, the church rededicated its newly remodeled, eco-friendly sanctuary, featuring the restoration of its large, stained-glass Good Shepherd window overlooking Marlborough Drive.

A hub for the neighborhood, the church hosts an annual pancake breakfast on Memorial Day weekend, an annual Halloween Carnival, a weekly Youth Group for middle and high school students, and enables more than 50 self-help and community organizations to meet regularly in its facilities.

For more information about the church, visit www.kensingtonucc.com , or call 619.284.1129.