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## Rancho Santa Fe church honored

RANCHO SANTA FE — The Village Community Presbyterian Church in Rancho Santa Fe, designed by church architecture specialists *domusstudio architecture* of San Diego, has been honored with a 2011 Lily Award from the Rancho Santa Fe Association.

Presented May 12 at the association's annual meeting at the Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club, the Lily Award is intended to highlight work that embodies the high standard of architecture and landscape design envisioned by Rancho Santa Fe's first architect and Building Commissioner Lilian Rice.

The awards have been a Rancho Santa Fe tradition since the early 1990s and are selected by committee.

This year's committee consisted of Association President Tom Lang, Art Jury President Midgie Vandenberg and Association Member Paul Slater.

Founded in 1956, the Village Community Presbyterian

Church is a longtime pillar in the Rancho Santa Fe area. Dedicated in May 2010, after nearly two years of construction and remodeling, the Village Church today is distinguished by hand-made Spanish tile roofing and a 5-foot 6-inch cross, which sits atop a 42-foot dome adjacent to a 45-foot tile-roofed tower. When it held its first service on Easter Sunday 2010 the church was the tallest architectural point in Rancho Santa Fe.

A new courtyard setting is at the heart of the church campus, and the new sanctuary offers seating for nearly 600, with improved visibility and audibility from all areas. In addition to its new sanctuary, Village Church construction also included new offices for church staff, new Sunday school classrooms and a new playground for children ages 5 to 12. The project was constructed by *ROEL Construction Co.*, and landscape design was provided by *Deneen Powell Atelier Inc.*