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CARLOS SANTANA TO BECOME A PRIEST?

Rock legend Carlos Santana plans to quit music to head a church.

The guitar great, who is now 61, turned to Christianity in the late 80s to help him through what he calls "difficult of times".

Carlos says he now wants to serve his faith by becoming a priest in Maui, Hawaii.

He told *Rolling Stone* magazine last weekend that he plans to stop playing in six years and work on what he really wants to do, which is to become minister.

"Like Little Richard," Carlos adds.

Faith based themes have appeared regularly throughout Santana's music including journeys into Buddhism and New Age.

In the mid 70s, Leon Patillo (who later would record a number of solo Christian albums) wrote and sang lead vocals on several overtly Christian songs issued on Santana's 1977 album, *Festival*.

Patillo has confirmed Santana's faith. He has told New Zealand's Rhema Network that Carlos, his wife (now divorced) and children were baptised at the Christian Life Centre in Santa Cruz in either 1989 or 1990.

This week, Santana is performing across the US with his *Live Your Light* tour.

RHINESTONE COWBOY SINGS ABOUT JESUS

Talking about mainstream greats... country superstar Glen Campbell this week releases his new CD *Meet Glen Campbell*.

The CD comprises covers of songs from U2, Green Day, Foo Fighters, and Jackson Browne.

Most surprising of all is *Jesus*, a 40-year-old Lou Reed song that begins: "Jesus, help me find my proper place..."

It could be argued that *Meet Glen Campbell* is more like the proper place for this song than the Velvet Underground's original.

Campbell, who is best known for his songs *Rhinestone Cowboy*, *Wichita Lineman*, *Galveston* and *Try A Little Kindness*, made a commitment to God more than 25 years ago and recorded a number of Christian albums.

Despite a few hiccups along the way, including an arrest for drunk driving and 10 days in jail, the 72 year old still testifies in churches about his deliverance from alcohol, drugs and tobacco.

Interestingly, the centre page of his new mainstream CD quotes Ephesians 5 where it says:

"Sing to the Lord and make music in your heart to Him, always gives thanks for everything to God the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus, the Messiah".

A compelling way to highlight where he's at on *Meet Glen Campbell*.