

tions was held at the Kalamazoo congregation on June 7, 2017. A handout with additional details on the sale and a summary of the question and answer session on June 7th is available on the campground sales webpage: CofChristMI.org/campground-sales.

The Woodlands: Individuals and groups continue to express interest in the property. At this time no written offers have been received for potential purchase of the Woodlands.

Additional information about the campground sales process and previous updates can be found online at CofChristMI.org/campground-sales

Kids Conference - Developing Disciples to Serve Starts Young!

Planning is underway for a Kids Conference on the Saturday of November's Mission Center Conference in Saginaw. During the morning and afternoon sessions, the youth will gather for their own activities including lessons, crafts, snack, recreation, music and their own CONFERENCE! We are working hard to create a day for them to learn about God, our church and what it's like to take care of business items. Please spread the word so our kids can start relationship building with friends they make now so they can be our future Disciples Ready to Serve.

Michigan Mission Center

MISSION CENTER ACTIVITIES

To schedule a mission center activity, contact Dianna Vanderkarr at dianna@cofchristmi.org

MISSION CENTER INFORMATION

For more detailed information regarding Mission Center news and activities, please go to the website: www.cofchristmi.org.

Due to space restrictions, we cannot include all necessary information in this bulletin.

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of October 13, 2017

*Newly added items are listed in **bold italics**. This information is emailed weekly to all pastors, congregation communication liaisons and anyone who chooses to subscribe. If you have questions, call the Mission Center office at 888-853-2339.*

MICHIGAN MISSION CENTER NEWS

Awaken from Illusion—Nov. 3-5 @ SVSU Fall Conference 2017

Scripture Focus: "The earth, lovingly created as an environment for life to flourish, shudders in distress because creation's natural and living systems are becoming exhausted from carrying the burden of human greed and conflict. Humankind must awaken from its illusion of independence and unrestrained consumption without lasting consequences." (Doctrine & Covenants 163:3b)

Guests:

- Bob Chapman, Ex. Director of Michigan Interfaith Power & Light
- Steve Graffeo, Presiding Bishopric
- Lachlan Mackay, Apostle
- John Wight, Senior President of Seventy

Registration fee is \$20 per person if payment is received prior to October 28, 2017. After that date registration will be \$30 per person. The registration fee is waived for first time conference attendees and children in 5th grade and below.

Visit www.CofChristMI.org/fall-conference to register and find more information about the weekend.

Fall Conference Resolutions

The mission center officers are submitting six resolutions for consideration at the fall conference. One resolution has been submitted by The Woodlands Board of Directors. No resolutions have been received from congregations. Visit the Fall Conference webpage to view the full text of the resolutions and find more information about the conference:

www.CofChristMI.org/fall-conference.

Delegates are encouraged to submit any proposed amendments to the items of business in advance to Dan Nowiski to ensure the motions are in order and to prepare the text for projection at the conference. Please contact Dan at dnowiski@cofchrist.org or (989) 506-1843 with any questions about the conference business or how to propose a motion.

In addition to the October 14 Conference Preparation Session at Sanford Campground, time has been scheduled for questions and dialogue on conference business for Friday, Nov. 3 from 7:30-8:30pm at SVSU the evening prior to the business session. Additional time for dialogue outside of the formal business session might be possible during the lunch break on Saturday, Nov. 4.

Fall Conference Display Tables

Limited space is available within the conference room in Curtiss Hall at Saginaw Valley State University for congregations, groups, or individuals to reserve display tables during the Fall Conference Nov. 3-5, 2017. Community of Christ reserves the right to approve or deny all requests for tables. Community of Christ ministries will receive preference for spaces. Access to tables will begin at 5:00pm on Friday, Nov. 3 and end at 12:00pm on Sunday, Nov. 5. Please complete the online form to apply for a display table space by October 21, 2017: cofchristmi.org/fall-conference-display-table-request/

Contact the mission center office at mmcoffice@cofchristmi.org or (989) 506-1843 with any questions. More information about the fall conference is available at www.cofchristmi.org/fall-conference

Fall Conference Mission Project - Reducing Consumption

Identify one or more things that you could stop consuming in the weeks leading up to the fall conference. Some ideas include beverages, snacks, desserts, new clothing, subscriptions to magazines, entertainment services, tickets to arts and athletic events, gasoline for extra trips, cosmetics, music recordings, etc. Put aside the money you would have spent on consuming these items to make a donation at the fall conference.

Funds will be collected at the conference to support a local effort to help make energy efficiency upgrades at campgrounds (LED lights, energy star appliances, HVAC upgrades, etc.) and to support worldwide mission needs through contributions to World Mission Tithes. If 400 conference attendees would set aside \$2 for the next 5 weeks, a total of \$4000 would be available for supporting mission. Help us exceed a goal of \$2000 for campground energy efficiency projects (split between campgrounds) and \$2000 for World Mission Tithes. If you are not able to attend the conference, send your donation with a delegate from your congregation.

As in previous years there will also be an opportunity to contribute to the Youth Camp Scholarship Fund as the disciples' generous response is received during the Saturday afternoon prayer for peace.

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shudders in distress because creation's natural and living systems are becoming exhausted from carrying the burden of human greed and conflict. Humankind must awaken from its illusion of independence and unrestrained consumption without lasting consequences." (Doctrine & Covenants 163:4b)

Fall Conference Preparation & Dialogue

Reminder: Conference preparation & dialogue will take place on Oct. 14. A packet of handouts including all items of business is now posted on the conference webpage: www.CofChristMI.org/fall-conference

A session to help delegates prepare for the fall mission center conference will be held on Saturday, October 14 at Sanford Campground starting at 10:00am. The proposed 2018 mission center budget will be presented along with resolutions, priesthood calls, and other business items coming before the conference.

There will be time for questions and dialogue on the items of business. Proposals will be posted to the fall conference webpage (www.CofChristMI.org/fall-conference) as they are received. Please remember that the deadline for submitting resolutions from congregation conferences is October 7.

Housing and food from the canteen will be available at the campground in conjunction with the Halloween Weekend taking place Oct. 13-15.

Use of Campground Net Proceeds Survey Results

The results of the Use of Campground Net Proceeds Survey conducted during July and August have been posted to the Campground Sales webpage: cofchristmi.org/campground-sales/.

The survey results were utilized by the mission center officers, mission center council, and apostle in the discernment process to finalize the proposal for use of net proceeds from campground sales that will be submitted to the Fall Conference as resolution six.

Temple School - Introduction to Scripture

The Introduction to Scripture Temple School course will run for 8 consecutive weeks starting October 11th and ending November 29th. Classes will be held Wednesday nights at 7:00pm, at the Clapham family home located at 33717 Grove Street, Livonia, MI. The course facilitator will be Bobbie Ann Robinson.

Please contact Ed Clapham at edwin_clapham@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in attending. Participants will need to purchase the course book through Herald House: www.heraldhouse.org/collections/ministry-and-priesthood. Printed and electronic versions are available.

Campground Sales Update - August 2017

Manitou: The sale of Camp Manitou was finalized on May 31, 2017. The property was sold for \$617,000. A meeting to announce the sale, share information about the transaction, and answer ques-