Please share this information with your members, family and friends about our visit to one of the historic sites of our church and invite them along. Our theme is: Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present, Envisioning the Future.

You may mail or email your completed registration forms to Cindy Thomas at email: cthomas@cofchrist.org or by mail to: Community of Christ International Headquarters 1001 W Walnut Street Independence, MO 64050 - Attention: Cindy Thomas. If you are in need of travel assistance, first talk with your Mission Center President about support. If additional assistance is needed, please have your Mission Center President contact John Wight at email: jwright@cofchrist.org.

Looking forward to seeing you at the retreat!

Sincerely,
Gwendolyn Hawks-Blue and Carol Walden Co-Directors

MISSION CENTER ACTIVITIES
To schedule a mission center activity, contact Bobbie Ann Robinson at brobinson@cofchrist.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.

Michigan USA/Canada Mission center information
Website: www.cofchristmi.org  Toll-Free Phone: 888–853–2339
Local Phone: 517–541–2575 * Address: 223 S. Washington, Charlotte, MI 48813
Hours: Monday and Wednesday: 9–4 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9–4 p.m. via phone and email

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of March 5, 2015

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 USA/CANADA MISSION CENTER NEWS**

**Spending Time with God to Discern God's direction**
As World Church Ministers gathered in worship to pray for God's direction for the future of the mission center and campgrounds, they contemplated the words to a new hymn. In response, they wrote prayers which some have agreed to share with you. Please spend time contemplating the words and what your prayer might be in response to the challenge the hymn presents. Prayers will be shared over the next few weeks:

"**Holy Spirit, Teacher, Friend**" 161
**Holy Spirit, Teacher, Friend**, moving constantly beside us, far from blind, unthinking faith with your wisdom nurture, guide us.
Teach our eyes new ways of seeing, minds from time-worn habits freeing.
Spirit, Love that changes not, though our world with change is reeling, shape our vision, stretch our hearts, God's way for this time revealing.
Grant us deepened understanding, strength to follow God's commanding.

**Prayer:**
**Dear Friend** that shows your movement through the Holy Spirit and helps us be aware of those needs around us in gentle ways.

**Where we cry out you are there as we open to the possibilities beyond our own comprehension.**
Your love never changes, even when all else does. We ask to see beyond the "crazy" to the building up of others, everyone! Help us to reveal God's ways in the changes of life's journey so others will find peace. Amen

Priesthood Orientation
There will be a priesthood Orientation Session at 2523 Amherst Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49008 (Kalamazoo Congregation) on Saturday March 14, 2015 9:30 am - 4:00 am. This is expected for all new ordinands and their mentors. It is recommended for all current priesthood members.

Temple School TE 120 Introduction to World Religions
This course provides a beginning for understanding facts and details about the major religions in the world. It also encourages the exploration of common beliefs shared by many religions.

Ministry of the Deacon - Pilot Course
The Ministry of the Deacon Pilot will be offered at the Waterford Church beginning March 11 T 6 pm and continuing each week through April 8. All experienced Deacons are encouraged to come and share their experiences with new Deacon ordinands. Cost of the class is $10, with an additional $5 if you use a MC printed textbook. (You may print your own).

Temple School SS-101 Introduction to Understanding Scripture
Temple School SS101 Introduction to Understanding Scripture will be offered at Bristolwood beginning February 23 from 6:30 to 9. There will be 4 sessions. Cost is $22. Facilitators Bobbie Ann and Dean Robinson, This class is open to anyone who is interested in learning about studying and using Scripture in Community of Christ.

Spring Conference April 11, 2015
The Spring Conference for the Mission Center is April 11, 2015 at The Comfort Inn at 2424 South Mission Mt Pleasant, MI 48858.

We have hotel rooms reserved for Friday evening at Comfort Inn. They are reserved under the name of Community of Christ. You will need to call 1-989-772-4000 and reserve your room, the cost is 119.00 per room.

***Just want to remind you that your cutoff will be in just under a month on March 10th, for reserving a room for the spring conference.***

Go to www.cofchristmi.org for further information

Leading Congregations in Mission Experience
Have you heard about LCM and the exciting events coming from participating congregations. In expectation that the Mission Center will soon be ready to pilot Leading Congregations in Mission here, the High Priest Quorum will host an all day experience explaining the LCM process. All are invited to share the day, on March 14, of spiritual practices, information on building leadership teams, and engaging people in the mission of Jesus Christ. Adam Bouverette, Congregational Support Minister, will be the presenter. Come and join us and learn about this process that works at revitalizing congregations where LCM is embraced and practiced. Mt. Pleasant Congregation.

Date: March 14. 9:00 to 3:30.
Location: 1102 E Gaylord St, Mt. Pleasant MI, 48858

GROW. LEAD. SERVE. CONNECT. - YA Leaders Retreat
This is a weekend training and networking retreat opportunity for all Community of Christ Young Adult Ministers, Leaders, and interested parties!! (Anyone (over 18) is welcome, but we hope you have an interest in learning and a passion for YA Ministry!)

We will be exploring some innovative ideas for YA ministry, leadership skill training, and you’ll come home with lots of new resources, effective techniques and a wider network of people to share and connect with! ... Plus it will just be a lot of fun!For more information, contact Rachelle Smalldon at rachelle@steerempowerment.com or Noelle Gaffka at ngaffka@cofchrist.org

This event is sponsored by the Community of Christ Innovative Ministries Team (formerly the Young Adult Ministries Team)

Find more information here: https://www.facebook.com/events/888513177839524/

African American Ministries Retreat
Dear Friends, Here is the AAM retreat registration form and tentative retreat schedule for our upcoming April 17-19, 2015 retreat located at the Joseph Smith Historic Site in Nauvoo, IL.