

Michigan Mission Center - Fall Conference

Business Session - November 5, 2016

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Proposed 2016 Conference Standing Rules

1. The Credentials Committee shall report the number of members registered as present at the opening of the Conference. A member registered as an alternate may, upon clearance by the Credentials Committee, be transferred from alternate to delegate at any time during the continuance of the business meeting.
2. No member of the conference shall speak in debate more than once on the same question nor for longer than three minutes without permission of the conference granted by a two-thirds vote without debate. In the case of the mover and first speaker in opposition, five minutes shall be allowed. Individuals called upon to provide information or to make reports are not governed by this rule.
3. The Mission Center Budget shall be considered as a whole. After the Mission Center Financial Officer or her designee has given explanation and information to the conference, discussion and amendments on line items will be in order.
4. The Mission Center President shall formulate and adjust the agenda as required; the printed agenda is for guidance only.
5. A motion for the “previous question” will apply only to the immediately pending question unless otherwise noted by the body.
6. The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of the conference in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws of the Community of Christ or these standing rules.
7. Except for rules #2, #5, and #6, which require a 2/3 vote, these standing rules may be suspended by a majority vote of the body without debate. A two-thirds vote will be required to amend or repeal these standing rules.

Mission Center President Team Report

The past year has been one of change and transition. We left the fall conference with new approaches to leadership, funding, and staffing aimed to fit within a single USA Field guided by shared leadership and mission expansion teams. Just a few months into 2016 we were once again faced with worldwide budget reductions and changes to the church's leadership structure. Your patience, flexibility, and understanding have been greatly appreciated.

We have met as a Mission Center President (MCP) Team nearly every week over the past year. Our meetings start with missional or spiritual practices that help us to go deeper in relationship with one another and center ourselves spiritually as leaders of mission. We pray and discern about recommendations for priesthood calls, plan mission center gatherings, discuss concerns raised by pastors and ministry leaders, address situations involving youth workers and priesthood members, review finances and board operations, dialogue about policy implementation and revision, prepare for and reflect upon mission center council meetings, and respond to other immediate issues. Between meetings we stay connected by phone, e-mail, and online project management tools.

Throughout the year efforts to enhance direct communication with pastors has led to improved relationships and open avenues for sharing about ministry needs and missional opportunities in local areas. The MCP Team assumed temporary leadership of three congregations that were without pastors, and continues to be administratively responsible for two congregations. Assistance from world church ministers and mission center council members has been vital to maintaining connections between congregations, responding to situations requiring pastoral support, discerning priesthood calls, and wrestling with essential questions about the future of mission and ministry throughout the mission center.

Building bridges with organizations already engaged in efforts to abolish poverty, end suffering, achieve justice, and pursue peace has been a primary focus for our planning of mission center events. The peace and justice conference held in April brought together policy experts, advocacy leaders, and community organizers to help us understand how to better address injustices facing children both locally and globally. We pray that you will continue to dwell with Doctrine and Covenants 163:4a and find ways to turn towards the mothers and fathers in your community who are pleading for a future of hope for their children.

We owe a great deal of thanks to the camp and reunion directors who volunteer of their time to plan and administer the many mission center events throughout the summer. These are valuable opportunities to grow relationships, develop disciples to serve, and experience community life rooted in our enduring principles. Thank you to all who served in 2016. The following leaders have agreed to serve in the coming year.

2017	Blue Water	Park of the Pines	Sanford
Junior Camp(s)	Rachel Romanack	Ruth Eaton	Dana Thering
Junior High Camp	Kelly Christian	Megan Hacker	Robyn Wiltse
Senior High Camp	Rich Allen	Jamie Lis	Ben Crowley
Reunion	Tim Ross	TBD	Abby Nowiski
Family Camp at the Woodlands: Lori & Kevin White			

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We also express gratitude to those who will continue volunteering as youth ministry leaders.
Youth Ministry Team Coordinator – Tim Ross
Spectacular Delegation – Alicia Pearson
Ventures – Mark Johnson & John Jones
North Star – Kevin & Lori White and Jennifer & Tim Ross

The Studies in Advanced Leadership Training (SALT) program will end in 2017 as cohort six concludes with two final weekends. We thank Greg & Melissa Varner for continuing to lead this final cohort of SALT. It is our hope to continue planning weekend retreats about relevant theological and missional topics guided by seminary faculty and world church leaders. These will be similar to SALT weekends, but they will be individual events rather than a three year cohort process. The first weekend is tentatively planned for September at Sanford.

Gary Gordier and Kevin Anderson have been instrumental advising and guiding us through the process of marketing and negotiating potential sales for Camp Manitou and the Woodlands. Multiple parties have expressed interest in both properties. Robert Bonhomme has volunteered his time to continue managing the finances of Camp Manitou and we will continue to pursue opportunities to reduce operating expenses until a sale can be finalized. We thank these three!

Many throughout the mission center are passionately and actively living Christ's mission and embodying the enduring principles of Community of Christ in creative and inspiring ways. The following lists show those who have been confirmed or ordained in the past year. Please contact your congregation recorder if someone you know should be added to either list.

Confirmations recorded from Nov. 1, 2015 to Oct. 31, 2016					
Fabinski, Kaydance	Alpena	Daggett, Broc	Eastside	Badgerow, Morgan	Sandusky
Sprague, Shane	Bay Port	Dowd, Aurora	Gladwin	Clark, Kyrra	Sandusky
Carson, Katherine	Boyne City	Johnson, James	Grand Valley	Smalley, Claire	Sandusky
Eaton, Sophie	Boyne City	Dugan, Kiley	Grayling	Sauer, Ryan	South Bend
Uselman, Isaiah	Boyne City	Chambers, Savanah	Lachine	Cooper, Jacob	Troy Oaks
Budnick, Susan	Bristolwood	Villarreal, Claire	Lachine	Schultheis, Mya	Troy Oaks
Dunn, Larry	Capital	Villarreal, Mason	Lachine	Arntz, Adam	Vestaburg
Siens, David	Caro	Johnson, Lori	Ludington	Arntz, Madison	Vestaburg
Siens, Sophia	Caro	Miller, Billie	Ludington	Clark, Karisha	Vestaburg
Wells, Dawn	Caro	Miller, Alison Kay	Marion	Ferguson, Kady	Vestaburg
DeWaters, Terry	Charlotte	Bailey, Joshua	Muskegon	Ferguson, Rylee	Vestaburg
Gallimore, Justin	Charlotte	Bailey, Raymond	Muskegon	Marsh, Makayla	Vestaburg
Moore, KayLeigh	Charlotte	Johnson, Denise	Muskegon	Marsh, Tara	Vestaburg
Rubio, Jameson	Charlotte	Broskey, Michael	Northview	Simcox, Jenna	Vestaburg
Rubio, Jose	Charlotte	Cavanaugh, Gloria	Otter Lake	Teegardin, Casey	Vestaburg
Rubio, Sole	Charlotte	Venable, Karie	Otter Lake	Teegardin, Lori Ann	Vestaburg
Marsh, Luke	Cheboygan	Celis, Destiny	Riverview	Teegardin, William	Vestaburg
Beck, Thomas	Clio	Celis, Harmony	Riverview	Kaiser, Mary	West Branch
Jacobi, Curtis	Clio	McLean, Olivia	Riverview	Kelley, Jenny	West Branch
McClure, Mason	Clio	Pate, Bernic	Riverview	Kelley, Michael	West Branch
Romanack, Michael	Clio	Perri, Jack	Riverview	Sylvester, Isaac	West Branch
Lewis, Eliza	Coleman	Winchester, Mariah	Rose Lake	Sylvester, Robin	West Branch

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Ordinations recorded between Nov. 1, 2015 and Oct. 31, 2016				
Johnson, Andrea	Elder	Allegan	Bridson, Amy	Elder
Johnson, Mark	Seventy	Allegan	Winans, Janis	Priest
LaBrecque, Danny	Deacon	Allegan	Gillette, Dessie	Elder
Kaipio, Jacqi	Elder	Alpena	McConnell, Fred	Deacon
Exelby, Nancy	Elder	Ann Arbor	Griswold, Nancy	Priest
Jones, John	Seventy	Ann Arbor	Johnson, Linda	Elder
Noffsinger, Bob	Priest	Ann Arbor	Qualman, Steve	High Priest
Babich, Dotty	Teacher	Bay City	Brooks, Wendy	High Priest
Fraidenburg, Don	Deacon	Bristolwood	Cavanaugh, Erin	Priest
Kitter, Angie	Priest	Bristolwood	Frizzell, Hap	Evangelist
Nichols, Sherry	Elder	Bristolwood	Blumerich, Dana	Elder
Pool, Allison	Elder	Bristolwood	Seifert, Alan	Elder
Robinson, Bobbie Ann	Evangelist	Bristolwood	Staley, Timothy	Deacon
Root-Fraidenburg, Phyllis	Elder	Bristolwood	White, Kevin	Seventy

While we engage in dialogue to arrive at all major decisions collaboratively as team, we also work individually to carry out the details of assignments within our areas of focus. The following items are points of emphasis from the work of each team member.

Administrative Services – Dan Nowiski
Announcements are updated weekly, so please post or send in event information that you would like to be shared with other congregations. Check the website, Facebook, and weekly e-mails from Church Updates and the mission center office to stay connected.
There is still a need for a reunion director at Park of the Pines for 2017, so encourage those who have the desire and experience needed to contact us. Qualified youth workers are needed to support our camping ministries, so think about how you can serve and who you can invite to become registered.
At the direction of the 2015 fall conference operations continue at the Woodlands until a sale is complete. In order to pay the expenses of continued operations both individuals and congregations are asked to generously contribute to the Woodlands as in years past.
We have worked closely with the MCFO team, camp directors, and reunion directors to consolidate bank accounts and funds on the mission center balance sheet. By the end of this fiscal year we aim to have previously separate camping ministry funds merged for joint stewardship. We are also working to establish the appropriate amount needed for reserves so that excess funds can be utilized to improve and expand current programming.
The First Presidency has approved and released new priesthood categories that will go into effect on July 1, 2017. We will share this information with pastors during lunch at this fall conference. Additional presentations and training will be scheduled as needed.
We are thankful that a Tangible Love grant was approved for the Shabbona congregation to support the new baby pantry being launched by several members of the congregation.
I have attended nearly every mission center board, ministry team, and committee meeting held this past year. Thank you to all of you who serve with these groups to lead mission!

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Pastoral Support – Dianna Vanderkarr

Thank you to all who serve as pastors, counselors, and pastor team members to lead mission in your congregations! We especially extend our appreciation to those who are ending terms of service this year after many years of faithful ministry.

We encourage all priesthood to pray and discern about potential priesthood calls and share your discernment with your pastor. We have worked to improve the recommendation for priesthood form and will continue to make the discernment of calls submitted as top priority.

I have contacted each pastor at least quarterly throughout the year. It has been a pleasure getting to know each of you. Please know you can contact me when you need to talk, vent, or ask for information about situations in your congregation.

All priesthood members are encouraged to develop an annual plan of ministry!

Mission Expansion – Adam Bouverette

The Blue Water emerging congregation has successfully launched over the past year. We thank Rich Allen and Linda Stanbridge for their leadership as officers for this new congregation and look forward to the ministry being planned at four weekend gatherings and wave group meetings throughout the coming year.

Mission expansion grants have been awarded to support weekly taco meals (Onaway), stitchery get togethers (Gulliver), hand crocheted prayer blankets (Riverview), and monthly ecumenical soup dinners (Gladstone). We look forward to sharing reports on these efforts.

I have met with each congregation that has expressed interest in forming a pastor's leadership team and journeying over three years to explore the Leading Congregations in Mission (LCM) process. Thank you to those who have agreed to serve as support ministers for the congregations that have started the process this fall. We look forward to mission being lived out in new ways at Alaska, Clio, Kalamazoo, Rose Lake, and Waterford as they implement shared leadership and explore the missional process, practices, and tools.

Our discernment has led us to focus the spring and fall mission center gatherings in 2017 on Doctrine and Covenants 163:4b. This focus will call our attention to care for the environment, the distress caused by human greed and conflict, and the need to awaken from the illusion of independence and unrestrained consumption. Please contact us if you are interested in serving on the Earth Stewardship Team to help plan mission center events next year.

Overall, we continue to live with three long term essential questions. How do we revitalize congregations and launch new expressions of Community of Christ? How can we best identify and develop new people to lead mission? How can we encourage disciples to generously give to their true capacity so that we can manage and develop resources?

In 2017 we plan to conduct a leadership training day at Blue Water, Park of the Pines, and Sanford. These events will include a variety of workshops that we hope will allow pastors, priesthood members, youth workers, ministry leaders, and others with different experience levels to develop skills in multiple areas of leadership and administration. It is our hope that these events will address all three of our essential questions. We encourage you to participate and prayerfully support these events!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support! Christ's Mission is Our Mission.

2017 Tentative Calendar of Events – Michigan Mission Center

January

- 7 – Mission Center Council Meeting
15 – *Racial Justice Day*
20 to 22 – Ventures Huddle
27 to 29 – Retreat for Youth Camp Directors

February

- 11 – North Star Sledding @ The Woodlands
12 – *Youth Ministries Day*
17 to 19 – Ventures Huddle
18 – Michigan LCM Retreat #2

March

- 1 – *Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)*
5 – *World Hunger Emphasis Day*
17 to 19 – Ventures Huddle
25 – Leadership Training @ Park of the Pines

April

- 1 – Mission Center Council Meeting
7 to 9 – *Family Retreat at Independence Temple*
9 – *Palm Sunday*
13 – *Maundy Thursday*
14 – *Good Friday*
16 – *Easter Day*
21 to 23 – Ventures Huddle
28 to 30 – Cohort Six SALT Weekend

May

- 6 – Mission/Ministry Training @ Park of Pines
20 – Mission/Ministry Training @ Blue Water
20 to 21 – North Star Spring Camp-out
26 to 29 – Ventures Huddle in Nauvoo, IL

June

- 4 – *Day of Pentecost*
9 to 11 – Cohort Six SALT Weekend
16 to 25 – North Star Mission Trip
17 – Michigan LCM Retreat #3
23 to 28 – Reunion at Sanford Campground
25 to 29 – Junior Camp at Blue Water
25 to 7/1 – Sr. High Camp at Park of the Pines

July

- 1 to 8 – Reunion at Blue Water Campground
7 to 14 – Reunion at Park of the Pines
8 to 14 – Senior High Camp at Sanford
9 to 15 – Senior High Camp at Blue Water
15 – Mission Center Council Meeting
15 to 19 – Late Junior Camp at Sanford
16 to 20 – Junior Camp at Park of the Pines
16 to 22 – Junior High Camp at Blue Water
19 to 22 – Early Junior Camp at Sanford
22 to 29 – *Spectacular at Graceland University*
23 to 29 – Junior High Camp at Park of the Pines
23 to 29 – Junior High Camp at Sanford

August

- 2 to 6 – Family Camp at The Woodlands
12 – Leadership Training @ Sanford
18 to 20 – Retreat for World Church Ministers
26-27 – North Star Fall Camp-out
TBD – Preliminary Budget Presentations

September

- 3 – *World Hunger Emphasis Day*
8 to 10 – Theological Training @ Sanford
17 – *Heritage Day*
30 – Mission Center Council Meeting

October

- 14 – Fall Conference Preparation and Dialogue
15 – *Children's Sabbath*
21 – Michigan LCM Retreat #4

November

- 3 to 5 – Fall Conference at SVSU
18 – Leadership Training @ Blue Water

December

- 3 – *Advent Begins*
25 – *Christmas Day*

*Dates in italics are Community of Christ
Worldwide Events or Liturgical Days*

Mission Center Financial Officer Report

To: The Michigan Mission Center Conference

From: Jack Tigner, MCFO

This past year has been a busy year, but it has been a good year. First, I would like to thank all the Congregation Financial Officers, and assistant CFOs, that we have serving in Michigan. They provide a very important ministry in the life of the church, and I am grateful for their service and ministry. I would also like to thank Cathy Hopkins, my assistant financial officer and counselor, who does many things for us behind the scenes, including leading the audit team. Also, Dena DeVormer for her good counsel and accounting assistance. I also want to thank those who volunteered their time and talent in serving on this year's audit team with Cathy, Dena, and myself: Dawn Buchanan, Muriel Hice, Henry Knight, and Nancy Bush. It's a big job auditing 83 congregations, and yes we are always looking for more volunteer help. The Finance Committee of Cathy Hopkins, Dana Thering, Mary Jane Miller, Ed Clapham, Henry Knight, Ellie Heacock, Kelly Christian, and Jessica Montague, have also been a big help in their review and feedback of the financial matters put before them.

In addition, I would like to thank each of you for putting your trust in me to serve the church in my current position as MCFO. It is has been my intent to be open and transparent with all the financial activities that take place at the mission center level. It has also been my intent to make sure that everyone understands what each fund is used for and where each line item in our budget comes from, or goes to, and for what purpose. To help educate some of us who might not be as gifted as others in understanding the "financial speak" when we talk about budget reports and fund balances, we were able to create a couple of documents to help with that. The "Summary of Funds" briefly explains the purpose of every fund on our balance sheet. And also, the "Budget Narrative" explains each line item on our proposed budget and budget reports.

Our mission center has been hit pretty hard in the last couple of years with the cuts in staffing previously provided to us from World Church. We've gone from several full-time positions down to a single half-time position being funded by World Church (for MCP). This requires some serious belt-tightening, and conservative visioning, on how we continue to maintain the needed support to the congregations from the mission center. We believe we were able to come up with a budget that will continue to provide for the ministry and staffing we need in the mission center.

Although we received an increase in congregation support for the 2017 proposed budget, it remains our hope and vision, that we will be able to reduce the amount of future congregation support that we need on an annual basis, as our support funds grow from contributions given to those funds by individuals and congregations. Wouldn't it be great if we didn't need any budget support from the congregations? That is certainly something that's attainable if we can all work toward growing the Administrative Support Fund and the Mission Support Fund through generous giving. God loves a cheerful giver, and so do I. Let us journey together in our ministry, and put "What Matters Most" ahead of us for our destination.

If there is anything you would like to know, or have questions about, please feel free to send me an email at jack@cofchristmi.org. Thank you.

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**Community of Christ - Michigan Mission Center
Budget Income Statement as of September 30, 2016**

	2016 Budget	2016 Y-T-D Actual	% of Budget
INCOME			
Congregational Support	\$ 126,894.78	\$ 93,906.89	74.00%
Envelope Contributions	14,000.00	13,865.16	99.04%
Investment Earnings for Mission Support	13,500.00	-	0.00%
Transfers from Designated Ministry Funds	31,600.00	3,010.67	9.53%
Interest Income (Pool B)	2,000.00	889.02	44.45%
Other Income	2,000.00	3,218.37	160.92%
TOTAL INCOME	\$189,994.78	\$ 114,890.11	60.47%
EXPENSES			
Invite People to Christ			
Detroit Hope Ministry Support	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 8,010.67	58.90%
Detroit Hope Facility Support	20,000.00	-	0.00%
Congregational Mission Expansion Grants	2,000.00	1,350.00	67.50%
First Time Youth Camper Grants	2,000.00	1,750.00	87.50%
Abolish Poverty, End Suffering			
Open Table License Grants	1,000.00	-	0.00%
Pursue Peace on Earth			
Youth & Young Adult Ministries	2,000.00	-	0.00%
Youth Camp Ministry Support	9,000.00	6,472.72	71.92%
Develop Disciples to Serve			
SALT (Studies in Advanced Leadership Training)	3,000.00	2,040.56	68.02%
SPEC - Spectacular Transportation	7,000.00	7,000.00	100.00%
Journey House Campus Ministries	8,000.00	4,000.00	50.00%
Leadership & Priesthood Development	3,819.78	1,411.03	36.94%
Experience Congregations in Mission			
Congregation Support Minister for LCM	2,000.00	599.07	29.95%
Administrative Support for Mission			
Salaries and Benefits	95,000.00	73,010.39	76.85%
Volunteer Travel Support	3,500.00	572.06	16.34%
Communications	6,700.00	3,560.84	53.15%
Office Operations			
Audit	350.00	351.02	100.29%
Equipment Replacement & Maintenance	1,500.00	420.75	28.05%
Insurance	2,300.00	1,912.00	83.13%
Licenses & Fees	675.00	472.40	69.99%
Office Lease	4,800.00	2,400.00	50.00%
Office Supplies	1,500.00	540.70	36.05%
Miscellaneous/Pastoral Care	250.00	247.13	98.85%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$189,994.78	\$ 116,121.34	61.12%
NET INCOME (LOSS)		\$ (1,231.23)	

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Community of Christ - Michigan Mission Center Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2016

ASSETS:

Cash & Investments:

General Checking Account, Huntington Bank	\$ 38,906.42
Camping Checking Accounts	39,265.04
Petty Cash	392.63
World Church Affiliate Investment Pool-A Accounts	778,786.50
World Church Affiliate Investment Pool-B	<u>97,937.39</u>
<i>Total Cash & Investments</i>	<i>\$ 955,287.98</i>

Receivables & Other Assets:

Accounts Receivable -	
Notes Receivable - CCM Land Contract	\$ 34,366.05
Notes Receivable - Eastland Land Contract	196,396.57
Notes Receivable - Campground Study Advance	66,282.25
Notes Receivable - Camp Manitou	12,000.00
Notes Receivable - The Woodlands	<u>6,000.00</u>
<i>Total Receivables</i>	<i>\$ 315,044.87</i>

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 1,270,332.85**

LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	\$ 7,896.19		
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 7,896.19	

NET ASSETS:

	<u>Balance Jan. 1</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Current Balance</u>
Operating Reserve Fund	\$ 148,340.86	-	1,231.23	\$ 147,109.63

Designated Funds:

Administrative Support Fund	203,129.81	18,054.00	-	221,183.81
Mission Support Fund	91,426.77	-	-	91,426.77
Earnings from Investment Account	73,802.00	9,410.16	-	83,212.16

Restricted Funds:

Church Plant Program Fund	20,357.21	-	3,010.67	17,346.54
Church Plant Facility Fund	36,371.33	-	12,086.63	24,284.70
Redford Center Office Fund	23,863.77	4,174.30	-	28,038.07
Redford Center Office Improvement Fund	20,000.00	-	-	20,000.00
Detroit Properties Fund	(4,878.94)	-	959.50	(5,838.44)
Carleton Sale Fund	176,964.95	4,786.46	-	181,751.41
Equity in Notes Receivable	230,762.62	-	-	230,762.62
Mission Center Conferences Fund	13,140.13	67.01	-	13,207.14
Youth Camp Scholarship Fund	17,097.84	-	2,706.25	14,391.59
Youth Camp Ministries Fund	15,621.32	7,686.06	-	23,307.38
Camping Ministries Fund (Retreats, Etc.)	1,365.11	-	-	1,365.11
Blue Water Reunion Reserve Fund	5,083.90	1,535.95	-	6,619.85
Reunion Reserve Fund	3,484.62	-	28.15	3,456.47
Park of the Pines Reunion Reserve Fund	12,895.91	1,400.70	-	14,296.61
Sanford Reunion Reserve Fund	20,458.35	282.76	-	20,741.11
Woodlands Family Camp Reserve Fund	1,383.96	-	805.83	578.13
Campgrounds General Fund	231.00	3,619.75	-	3,850.75
Youth Ministries Fund	6,872.19	420.79	-	7,292.98
SPECtacular Fund	1,319.75	166.30	-	1,486.05
Young Adult Leadership Fund	1,825.00	-	-	1,825.00
Owosso Group Fund	35,772.30	-	2,311.01	33,461.29
Contemporary Christian Ministries (CCM)	281.75	7,945.53	-	8,227.28
Disciple Development Fund	<u>68,976.85</u>	<u>75.80</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,052.65</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 1,225,950.36	59,625.57	23,139.27	\$ 1,262,436.66

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS **\$ 1,270,332.85**

Mission Center Financial Officer Report

Michigan Mission Center - Summary of Funds

Operating Reserve Fund - This fund captures any retained earnings and absorbs any deficits for the annual operating income and expenses for the mission center. Originally this fund was titled as Operating Fund but in the most recent update to the Mission Center Fiscal and Investment Policy effective December 31, 2015, the name was changed to Operating Reserve Fund. The Investment Policy defines the maximum balance that should be retained in the account each year.

Administrative Support Fund - This fund was initially funded with the proceeds from the Eastland congregation building. A resolution was approved at the November 7, 2015 mission center conference designating the sale funds for this purpose and also indicating that future land contract payments would be deposited into this fund. Additional funds were added to the fund when the most current Fiscal and Investment Policy was adopted with an effective date of December 31, 2015 that dissolved the former General Reserves Fund and transferred one-half of that fund to the Administrative Support Fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide funding for mission through expenses such as administrative salaries and benefits and office-related expenses and the funds are available to support the annual mission center budget for administrative needs. The Eastland Sale Proceeds resolution also approved a voluntary contribution of \$29,500 to be granted to the World Ministries Endowment Fund upon completion of the land contract (anticipated December 2017).

Mission Support Fund - This fund is referenced in the current Fiscal and Investment Policy. Initial funding was received when the former General Reserves Fund was dissolved on December 31, 2015 and one-half of the funds were transferred to the Mission Support Fund. Per the Investment Policy, the Mission Support Fund shall be managed as if it were an endowment. The intent of this fund is to maintain and grow principal so that a long-term, stable source of income is available each year. Earnings from the Mission Support Fund will be committed to support mission center programs and missionary opportunities.

Earnings from Investment Account - This fund holds the cumulative earnings and losses for the Affiliate Investment Pool accounts that are not designated for other purposes. The earnings are available to support the annual operating budget of the mission center utilizing the church's recommended spending rate per the Investment Policy.

Church Plant Program Fund - This fund originally came into the Michigan Mission Center on January 1, 2011 when the four previous mission centers consolidated. A resolution was considered and approved at the November 8, 2014 Mission Center Conference that continued the initial designated purpose of the fund. That resolution indicated that the fund would be "used for church plant program funding requests/projects and/or may be used to offset the annual Operating Fund budget of the Michigan Mission Center as needed to support Church Plant programs."

Church Plant Facility Fund - This fund originally came into the Michigan Mission Center on January 1, 2011 when the four previous mission centers consolidated. A resolution was considered and approved at the November 8, 2014 Mission Center Conference that continued the initial designated purpose of the fund. That resolution indicated that the fund would be "used for church plant facility funding requests/projects and/or may be used to offset the annual Operating Fund budget of the Michigan Mission Center as needed to support Church Plant facility needs."

Redford Center Office Fund - This fund originally came into the Michigan Mission Center on January 1, 2011 when the four previous mission centers consolidated. The fund is used to report the rental income and expenses received for the office space at the former Detroit International Stake Office, also known as the Redford Center Office located at 16631 Lahser Road in Detroit. As of March 2016, Northwest Detroit Neighborhood Development (NDND) is leasing the top half of the building for \$650 per month rent plus utilities.

Redford Center Office Improvement Fund - This fund originally came into the Michigan Mission Center on January 1, 2011 when the four previous mission centers consolidated. The fund was initially established by the Southern Great Lakes International Mission Center at its final conference on March 27, 2010. The intention of

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the fund was to ensure funding was available for major repairs or maintenance that may be needed for the former Detroit International Stake Office, also known as the Redford Center Office located at 16631 Lahser Road in Detroit.

Detroit Properties Fund - This fund originally came into the Michigan Mission Center on January 1, 2011 when the four previous mission centers consolidated. The church owns four vacant lots in the City of Detroit. This fund records all the expenses related to those vacant lots for property taxes and other fees. As of March 9, 2016, the vacant lots that are owned by the church as follows: 22225 Verne, 22140 Ulster, 22146 Ulster, and 16786 Greendale.

Carleton Sale Fund - This fund originally came into the Michigan Mission Center on January 1, 2011 when the four previous mission centers consolidated. The fund was initially established by the Southern Great Lakes International Mission Center at its final conference on March 27, 2010. The approved purpose for the fund is to provide support of the Detroit Hope facility. The resolution also provided that if there is an excess of funds available at some future date that are not needed for the Detroit Hope facility, that those excess funds may be reallocated for the use of either Journey House Campus Ministry Center or a future church plant.

Equity in Notes Receivable - This fund consists of the notes receivable balance for the sale of the Eastland church facility on land contract to Christ Liberty Church. When the land contract is paid in full, this fund will cease to exist. The anticipated maturity date is December 2017 for the land contract receivable.

Mission Center Conferences Fund - This fund originally came into the Michigan Mission Center on January 1, 2011 when the four previous mission centers consolidated. It continues to be used to track the income and expenses related to the mission center conferences held each year.

Youth Camp Scholarship Fund - This fund originally came into the Michigan Mission Center on January 1, 2011 when the four previous mission centers consolidated. Additional income is received into the fund through offering envelope contributions and offerings at mission center conferences during the business session. The scholarship process is determined by the mission center officers consistent with the ministry needs at the time.

Youth Camp Ministries Fund - As of early March 2016, the mission center officers determined that it would be most appropriate to consolidate all youth camp ministries into one fund rather than tracking each campground/camp in separate funds

Camping Ministries Fund (Retreats, Etc.) - This fund holds the surplus from past women's and men's retreats that were sponsored by the mission center at the various Michigan campgrounds. It is anticipated that these funds could be accessed by a grant from congregations (or groups of congregations) wishing to hold such retreats as the mission center is no longer sponsoring these type of retreats as of Jan. 1, 2016.

Blue Water Reunion Reserve Fund - This fund holds the cumulative surplus from prior year reunions held at Blue Water Campgrounds.

Reunion Reserve Fund - This fund initially was funded with the cumulative surplus remaining from reunions held at Camp Manitou. With the decision in April 2015 to sell Camp Manitou there are no additional reunions being held at Camp Manitou. Offering envelopes for reunion that are not designated for specific reunions are also held in this fund. The mission center officers determined that eventually it would be desirable to have all the reunion funds consolidated into one fund.

Park of the Pines Reunion Reserve Fund - This fund holds the cumulative surplus from prior year reunions held at Park of the Pines.

Sanford Reunion Reserve Fund - This fund holds the cumulative surplus from prior year reunions held at Sanford Campgrounds.

Woodlands Family Camp Reserve Fund - This fund holds the cumulative surplus from prior year family camps held at The Woodlands Campgrounds.

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Campgrounds General Fund - This fund is used to report the income from those congregations who have chosen to provide campground support to all the Michigan campgrounds by supporting the Campgrounds General Fund. Distributions from the fund will be designated to support the campgrounds being operated by the mission center. This fund also receives some occasional offering envelope contributions.

Youth Ministries Fund - This fund was initially established through mission center conference action on November 8, 2014 that reclassified the former Youth Minister Fund that originally came into the Michigan Mission Center from the Southern Great Lakes International Mission Center. When the fund was reclassified, the purpose was designated to provide additional support to youth ministries such as International Youth Forum, Spectacular, and other youth related expenses. At the January 9, 2016 Michigan Mission Center Council meeting, a recommendation from the mission center officers was considered by the Council regarding consolidating two other youth funds (Friday Knights and Saturday Knights) into the Youth Ministries Fund. That action received agreement and was made retroactive to December 31, 2015.

Young Adult Leadership Fund - This fund was initially established through mission center conference action on November 8, 2014 that reclassified the former Young Adult Outreach Grant (NGL) Fund that originally came into the Michigan Mission Center from the Northern Great Lakes Mission Center. When the fund was reclassified, the purpose was designated to provide support to young adults to further their leadership experience.

Owosso Group Fund - When the Owosso congregation voted to disorganize as a congregation, they discerned that they would like to become a group of the mission center. At the time of the formation of the group, their funds (including the sale of their building proceeds) were transferred to the mission center to be held in a special fund for their ministry purposes. At some future date if the Owosso group ceases to exist, the mission center officers will need to discern the best use for the remaining funds as no specific indications were provided by the congregation or group to date.

Contemporary Christian Ministries Fund - The Contemporary Christian Ministries congregation in Burton, Michigan closed effective November 29, 2015. At that time, the building became the responsibility of the mission center. This fund is used to report the expenses for the facility and any income received from the sale of items. When the building is sold, the proceeds will be placed in this fund. When the leadership of the congregation was asked prior to the time of closing the congregation if there were any specific desires or recommendations for what some of the proceeds may be used for once the building is sold, the suggestion provided was that funding for hunger ministries would be appreciated and would be very much in line with the ministries that the congregation provided while it was in existence as an active ministry. Mission center officers will consider that recommendation as decisions are made regarding use of net proceeds from the building sale.

Disciple Development Fund - This fund was initially established at the November 8, 2014 mission center conference with the proceeds from the sale of the Fargo and Harbor Beach congregation buildings and their remaining fund balances. At the November 7, 2015 mission center conference, a resolution was considered and approved that amended the initial resolution and allocated one-half of the funds from the closed Fargo Congregation to the Sixth Street Congregation. That action resulted in a transfer of \$23,370.29 being provided to the Sixth Street Congregation from the original funds. The intention of the fund is to assist individuals in the Michigan Mission Center with registration fees and travel expenses for World Church, Mission Center, and Field experiences, such as, but not limited to, Conferences, Peace Colloquy, MEADS (Ministerial Education and Discipleship Studies), Community of Christ Seminary, and other trainings. A committee was established by the Mission Center President to establish guidelines and administer the fund.

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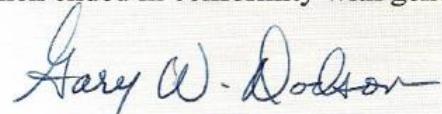
INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

**Mission Center Presidency and Conference
Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center
Community of Christ**

We have reviewed the financial statements of Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center of Community of Christ for the year ended December 31, 2015. We have applied certain procedures, as described below, the purpose of which is to assist in evaluating the effectiveness of the internal control and in identifying any areas in which the accounting functions might not have captured all of the significant financial data. Additionally, these procedures are intended to meet the audit function required by the Presiding Bishopric's policies. This report is intended solely for the use of members of Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center and the World Church Presiding Bishopric, and it should not be distributed to anyone who is not associated through these bodies.

Among the procedures conducted were the following: 1) Verification of cash balances and investment balances, 2) Review of all asset, liability and equity accounts as recorded in the general ledger, 3) Tests of transactions through the year pertaining to cash receipts, disbursements and journal entries including examination of paid invoices for appropriate documentation.

In our opinion as internal auditors the accompanying statements present fairly the financial position of Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center as of December 31, 2015 and the results of its operations and changes in fund balances for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.



Gary W. Dodson
Internal Audit Department
March 10, 2016

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**Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2015**

Assets

Cash on Hand and Investments	
Petty Cash	\$ 220.66
Huntington Checking	43,801.24
World Church Investment Pool	<u>836,566.39</u> \$ 880,588.29
Notes Receivable	215,301.99
Campground Study Advance	<u>66,282.25</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 1,162,172.53</u></u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts Payable	\$ 2,568.75
Reserve and Agency Funds	1,011,262.92
Net Assets	
Mission Center	
Operating Reserve Fund	<u>148,340.86</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 1,162,172.53</u></u>

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**Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center
Statement of Activities
For the year ended December 31, 2015**

Income

Congregational Support	\$ 127,758.56
Envelope Contributions	16,427.00
Earnings on Investment Pool B	1,794.44
Investment Support from Designated Funds	1,652.85
Transfer from Church Plant Program	3,500.04
Other	2,290.22
 Total Income	 \$ 153,423.11

Expenses

Mission Center Office Operations	
Audit	\$ 314.08
Equipment Leases/Computer Support	2,926.51
Equipment Replacement/Maintenance	855.00
Insurance	2,219.00
Licenses & Fees	651.32
Office Lease	8,400.00
Supplies/Office Supplies	630.67
Miscellaneous	1,732.57
	17,729.15
 Administrative	
Salaries and Benefits	38,057.21
Postage	1,123.01
Internet	3,791.43
Website	1,144.00
Conferencing Services	976.78
Church Updates	420.00
Telephone	3,022.37
Volunteer Field Staff & Ministerial Reimb	2,634.40
	51,169.20
 Congregational Program Support	
Stewardship Education/Training	119.49
Pastoral Care	220.93
Volunteer Ministries/Volunteer Exp Reimb	525.60
Leadership & Priesthood Development	3,330.35
SALT	2,718.70
Youth Ministries	7,000.00
Youth Ministry Formation Specialist Salary	10,400.00
Congregation Support Minister Salary	14,523.59
Campus Ministries	12,000.00
Detroit Hope Ministry/Program Support	12,000.00
Detroit Hope Facility Support	21,652.85
Detroit Hope Urban Minister Salary	3,500.04
Missionary/Evangelism	3,197.26
	91,188.81
 Total Expense	 160,087.16
 Net Income	 (6,664.05)
 Transfer from General Reserve	 2,880.16
 Operating Fund January 1	 152,124.75
 Operating Fund December 31	 \$ 148,340.86

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**Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center
Summary of Reserve and Agency Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2015**

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1/1/2015</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2015</u>
Administrative Support Fund	\$ -	\$ 203,129.81	\$ -	\$ 203,129.81
Blue Water Reunion Reserve	14,496.82	1,293.47	10,946.39	4,843.90
Campgrounds General Fund	(53.00)	8,231.37	7,947.37	231.00
Camping Ministries(Retreats, Etc.)	1,245.73	1,035.00	915.62	1,365.11
Carleton Sale Fund	56,397.07	120,567.88		176,964.95
Church Plant - Facility Fund	51,603.50	1,256.00	16,488.17	36,371.33
Church Plant Program Funds	23,857.25		3,500.04	20,357.21
Contemporary Christian Ministries		2,896.86	2,615.11	281.75
Detroit Properties	(3,665.51)		1,213.43	(4,878.94)
Disciple Development Fund	93,134.66		24,157.81	68,976.85
Earnings from Investment Pool A	75,606.42		1,804.42	73,802.00
Eastland Sale	83,154.33		83,154.33	-
Equity in Notes Receivable	338,938.62		133,591.25	205,347.37
Friday KnightsYouth Ministries	1,387.87	510.00	1,897.87	-
Manitou Reunion Reserve	11,044.12	2,874.07	10,433.57	3,484.62
Manitou Youth Camp Ministries	3,378.24	5,976.00	6,541.12	2,813.12
Mission Center Conferences	15,674.06	9,330.00	11,863.93	13,140.13
Mission Support Fund	-	91,426.77		91,426.77
Owosso Group	36,033.97		261.67	35,772.30
Park of the Pines Reunion Reserve	2,471.34	220.00		2,691.34
Redford Center Office	17,773.11	9,100.00	3,009.34	23,863.77
Redford Center Office Improvement	20,000.00			20,000.00
Sanford Reunion Reserve	4,774.00	614.50		5,388.50
Sanford Youth Camp Ministries Fund	(10.00)	10.00		-
Saturday Knights Live Youth Fund	1,306.41		1,306.41	-
Woodlands Family Camp Reserve	95.00			95.00
Young Adult Leadership Fund	1,825.00			1,825.00
Youth Camp Scholarships	16,127.74	5,840.10	4,870.00	17,097.84
Youth Ministries Fund	4,247.91	2,624.28		6,872.19
	<hr/> <u>\$ 870,844.66</u>	<hr/> <u>\$ 466,936.11</u>	<hr/> <u>\$ 326,517.85</u>	<hr/> <u>\$ 1,011,262.92</u>

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2016 Youth Camps, Reunions/Family Camps, and SPEC Report

YOUTH CAMPS:

<u>Campground</u>	<u>Camp Type</u>	<u># Campers</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Net Income (Loss)</u>
Blue Water	Junior	28	\$5,125.00	\$3,074.92	\$2,050.08
Blue Water	Jr. High	18	\$5,409.13	\$5,462.96	(\$53.83)
Blue Water	Sr. High	43	\$12,130.00	\$10,285.27	\$1,844.73
Park of the Pines	Junior	56	\$10,470.00	\$9,926.23	\$543.77
Park of the Pines	Jr. High	24	\$6,730.00	\$4,418.99	\$2,311.01
Park of the Pines	Sr. High	8	\$2,335.00	\$2,309.08	\$25.92
Sanford	Early Junior	25	\$3,666.00	\$2,996.74	\$669.26
Sanford	Late Junior	30	\$5,556.50	\$4,577.23	\$979.27
Sanford	Jr. High	15	\$3,400.00	\$3,114.28	\$285.72
Sanford	Sr. High	15	\$4,397.64	\$4,451.50	(\$53.86)
Miscellaneous Exp (PayPal Fees & Shared Expenses)	n/a		\$0.00	\$916.01	(\$916.01)
TOTALS		262	\$59,219.27	\$51,533.21	\$7,686.06

Camper Breakdown by Camp Type:

Early Junior	25	YOUTH CAMP MINISTRIES FUND BALANCE-9/30/2016:	
Late Junior/Junior	114	Youth Camp Ministries Fund Balance	\$23,307.38
Jr. High	57		
Sr. High	66		
		Number of Youth Campers Previous 3-Yrs	
		<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
		<u>291</u>	<u>332</u>
			<u>2016</u>
			<u>262</u>

YOUTH CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND INFORMATION:

Beginning Balance at 1/1/2016	\$17,097.84
Plus: Income to Date thru 9/30/16	\$3,243.75
Less: Scholarships Provided	<u>(\$5,950.00)</u>
Ending Balance at 9/30/2016	<u>\$14,391.59</u>

82 youth received scholarships for youth camps at Blue Water, Park of the Pines and Sanford in 2016.

Income is received from envelope contributions and Mission Center Conference offerings.

There were also 32 youth that received first-time camper grants totaling \$1,750.00.

REUNIONS/FAMILY CAMP:

<u>Campground</u>	<u># Campers</u>	<u>Income*</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Net Income (Loss)</u>
Blue Water	194	\$27,093.26	\$25,557.31	\$1,535.95
Park of the Pines	189	\$19,697.90	\$18,297.20	\$1,400.70
Sanford	121	\$12,835.49	\$12,552.73	\$282.76
The Woodlands	155	<u>\$4,504.10</u>	<u>\$5,309.93</u>	<u>(\$805.83)</u>
TOTALS	659	\$64,130.75	\$61,717.17	\$2,413.58

*Income includes offering envelope income received in 2016 to date as well as event income.

REUNION RESERVES BALANCES at 9/30/2016:

Reunion Reserve Fund	\$3,456.47	Number of Reunion Campers Previous 3-Yrs
Blue Water Reunion Reserve	\$6,619.85	<u>2014</u>
Park of the Pines Reunion Reserve	\$14,296.61	<u>2015</u>
Sanford Reunion Reserve	\$20,741.11	<u>2016</u>
Woodlands Family Camp Reserve	<u>\$578.13</u>	
Combined Reunion Reserves	<u>\$45,692.17</u>	

SPECTACULAR:

	<u># Attendees</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Net Income (Loss)</u>
Spectacular Michigan Delegation	35	\$22,795.00	\$22,668.70	\$126.30

Spectacular Fund Balance at 9/30/2016 \$1,486.05

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2015 Campgrounds Summarized Income Statements

	<u>Blue Water</u>	<u>Camp Manitou</u>	<u>Park of the Pines</u>	<u>Sanford</u>	<u>The Woodlands</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Revenues						
Grounds Usage General (Retreats, Etc.)		\$5,498.40				\$5,498.40
Grounds Usage Reunion	20,240.00	12,000.00				32,240.00
Grounds Usage Youth	5,954.00	3,548.40				9,502.40
Grounds Usage	2,461.00		21,392.00		10,253.00	34,106.00
Grounds Usage & Meal Fees				59,715.30		59,715.30
Grounds Usage Friends	47,161.26	2,887.50	3,055.00		3,066.00	56,169.76
Food Service	50,894.51	16,886.42	21,005.00			88,785.93
Canteen	1,699.82					1,699.82
Congregational Support	34,224.88	28,723.22	34,841.75	22,472.63	12,399.87	132,662.35
Families/Individuals/Friends Donations			1,468.00			1,468.00
Maintenance Donations/Fund-raisers			11,962.00			11,962.00
Congregation Donations	10,339.08			3,214.18		13,553.26
Rally Weekend					8,286.73	8,286.73
Fund-raisers/Projects		1,113.00		8,674.46	2,047.60	11,835.06
Other Income	5,046.44	265.00	2,633.05	1,642.06		9,586.55
Interest/Investment Pool Earnings		44.36			518.85	563.21
Total Revenues	\$178,020.99	\$70,966.30	\$96,356.80	\$95,718.63	\$36,572.05	\$477,634.77
Expenses						
Salaries-Caretaker/Resident Mgr (inc. taxes)	\$22,264.66	\$18,632.87	\$21,529.82	\$17,306.08	\$12,080.73	\$91,814.16
Salaries - Waterfront, Life Guard, Etc.	5,869.59		1,828.07	1,015.00		8,712.66
General Supplies	4,560.38	685.01	2,045.37	1,297.71	1,664.10	10,252.57
Telephone/Internet	3,211.15	2,553.56	1,413.57	1,118.77	568.86	8,865.91
Electricity	10,970.22	10,024.92	5,942.28	11,719.06	3,766.45	42,422.93
Gas/Propane/Natural Gas	8,010.54	9,622.40	9,425.09	5,841.19		32,899.22
Water & Water Testing		878.10	325.00	1,824.09		3,027.19
Trash Removal	810.00	1,509.24	1,314.06	977.00	1,296.71	5,907.01
Vehicles-Gas/Oil/Maintenance	91.00	4,043.08	581.79	969.59	2,320.43	8,005.89
Equipment Maintenance	9,733.14					9,733.14
Maintenance and Repairs	25,616.70	10,705.88	20,708.22	9,720.82	4,131.57	70,883.19
Caretaker House/Area					2,608.63	2,608.63
Insurance	62,739.00	17,263.18	14,559.00	15,972.00	13,398.00	123,931.18
Inspections/Licenses/Lake Assessment	3,870.84		1,609.94	965.00	516.25	6,962.03
Administrative	832.02	1,060.58	516.03	201.00	648.70	3,258.33
Loan Payments	3,900.00					3,900.00
Audit		234.00	184.78	181.34		600.12
Marketing/Promotion		190.80		89.55		280.35
Food	42,340.89	8,625.06	17,490.26	16,116.81		84,573.02
Canteen	451.61					451.61
Rally Weekend Expenses					2,405.17	2,405.17
Miscellaneous		1,973.60	692.00		132.80	2,798.40
Fire Monitoring/Prevention		1,903.56				1,903.56
Furniture/Equipment & Tools			1,529.96	300.00	508.12	2,338.08
Total Expenses	\$205,271.74	\$89,905.84	\$101,695.24	\$85,615.01	\$46,046.52	\$528,534.35
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(\$27,250.75)	(\$18,939.54)	(\$5,338.44)	\$10,103.62	(\$9,474.47)	(\$50,899.58)

Please Note: The Income Statements above reflect only the Operating Fund activity. Details on the various Reserve Funds, Development Fund, Building Fund, etc. are shown in the individual campground audit reports that can be requested for review.

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2015 Campground Summarized Balance Sheets

	<u>Blue Water</u>	<u>Camp Manitou</u>	<u>Park of the Pines</u>	<u>Sanford</u>	<u>The Woodlands</u>
<u>Assets:</u>					
<u>Cash & Investments:</u>					
Cash in Bank, Checking	\$16,105.97	\$4,724.68	\$13,642.73	\$27,618.35	\$4,582.62
Cash in Bank, Savings				\$51,822.67	
Petty Cash		\$500.00		\$500.00	
World Church Affiliate Investment Pool		\$8,786.96	\$250,271.63		\$23,233.33
Total Cash & Investments	\$16,105.97	\$14,011.64	\$263,914.36	\$79,941.02	\$27,815.95
<u>Buildings & Property/Fixed Assets:</u>					
Land, Buildings & Improvements	\$1,637,741.98				
Land		\$165,000.00		\$312,200.00	
Buildings		\$879,585.95			
Buildings & Improvements				\$480,428.24	
Equipment	<u>\$24,461.00</u>	<u>\$26,410.95</u>			
Equipment, Vehicles, Furniture, Fixtures				\$18,031.66	
Total Buildings & Property/Fixed Assets	\$1,662,202.98	\$1,070,996.90		\$810,659.90	
Total Assets	<u>\$1,678,308.95</u>	<u>\$1,085,008.54</u>	<u>\$263,914.36</u>	<u>\$890,600.92</u>	<u>\$27,815.95</u>
<u>Liabilities, Reserves & Net Assets:</u>					
<u>Liabilities:</u>					
World Church Loan	\$12,935.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accounts Payable	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$3,527.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$12,935.00	\$3,527.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Reserves & Net Assets:</u>					
Operating Fund	\$16,105.97	(\$2,794.19)	(\$5,439.14)	\$35,058.20	\$27,815.95
Operating Reserve Fund		\$669.77	\$16,000.00		
Furniture & Equipment Reserve		\$4,875.45	\$1,000.00	\$15,843.64	
Vehicle Replacement Reserve		\$2,608.24	\$7,500.00	\$4,203.82	
Maintenance Reserve			\$1,000.00		
Development Fund		\$5,125.37		\$24,835.36	
Building Fund			\$227,044.05		
Endowment Fund			\$16,809.45		
Equity in Buildings & Property/Fixed Assets	<u>\$1,649,267.98</u>	<u>\$1,070,996.90</u>		<u>\$810,659.90</u>	
Total Liabilities, Reserves & Net Assets	<u>\$1,678,308.95</u>	<u>\$1,085,008.54</u>	<u>\$263,914.36</u>	<u>\$890,600.92</u>	<u>\$27,815.95</u>

Please Note: Park of the Pines and The Woodlands do not currently state the value of Land, Buildings, Furnishings and Equipment on their financial statements. The fixed asset values for the other campgrounds should not be relied upon as fair market values or as depreciated cost basis values because of varying accounting methods used at each campground.

The Balance Sheets reflected above do not show two liability balances for expenses paid by the Michigan Mission Center on behalf of Camp Manitou of \$3,500.00 and The Woodlands of \$6,000.00 that were due at December 31, 2015.

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2017 Campground Budgets

	Blue Water 2017 Budget	Manitou 2017 Budget	Park of the Pines 2017 Budget	Sanford 2017 Budget	Woodlands 2017 Budget	Combined 2017 Budgets
Revenues						
Grounds Usage General (Retreats, Etc.)	\$2,500.00		\$4,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00
Grounds Usage Reunion	9,250.00		9,000.00	7,000.00		25,250.00
Grounds Usage Youth	8,000.00		10,000.00	7,000.00		25,000.00
Grounds Usage Friends	44,500.00		5,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00	58,500.00
Food Service	42,000.00		22,000.00	13,500.00		77,500.00
Canteen					0.00	
Congregational Support	32,000.00	10,217.00	34,902.00	21,821.00	5,000.00	103,940.00
Maintenance Donations/Fund-raisers			14,000.00			14,000.00
Congregation Donations	8,000.00			3,800.00	1,200.00	13,000.00
Envelope Contributions			3,000.00		1,200.00	4,200.00
Fund-raisers			4,348.00	12,000.00	5,200.00	21,548.00
Fund-raisers - Projects	51,000.00					51,000.00
Other Income	1,500.00		2,000.00	500.00		4,000.00
Reserves Transfer (from fund balance)				11,229.00		11,229.00
Loan Advance from Mission Center (as needed)		38,033.00			17,750.00	55,783.00
Total Revenues	\$198,750.00	\$48,250.00	\$108,750.00	\$83,850.00	\$40,350.00	\$479,950.00
Expenses						
Salaries-Caretaker/Resident Mgr (inc. taxes)	\$17,000.00		\$27,520.00	\$21,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$78,520.00
Salaries - Waterfront, Other Labor	7,500.00		2,000.00			9,500.00
Travel					250.00	250.00
Supplies	7,000.00	200.00	1,900.00	2,000.00	400.00	11,500.00
Telephone (Sanford inc. Internet)	2,500.00	1,250.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	550.00	6,500.00
Internet Service	1,750.00	500.00	1,000.00			3,250.00
Electricity	11,000.00	9,250.00	6,000.00	11,000.00	2,500.00	39,750.00
Gas/Propane/Natural Gas	10,000.00	9,000.00	10,000.00	5,800.00	650.00	35,450.00
Water & Water Testing		400.00	500.00	2,100.00		3,000.00
Trash Removal	1,750.00	300.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,000.00	5,450.00
Vehicles-Gas/Oil/Maintenance	5,000.00	2,500.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	12,500.00
Equipment Maintenance			1,000.00			1,000.00
Maintenance and Repair	23,000.00	3,000.00	15,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	48,000.00
Cabin Roofs/New Cabin	1,000.00					1,000.00
Caretaker House/Area					2,500.00	2,500.00
Insurance	31,000.00	18,000.00	15,500.00	18,000.00	14,000.00	96,500.00
Inspections/Licenses/Lake Assessment	3,000.00		750.00	1,000.00	250.00	5,000.00
Administrative	250.00	900.00	450.00	200.00	250.00	2,050.00
Loan Payments	4,000.00		3,930.00			7,930.00
Audit		250.00	200.00	250.00		700.00
Marketing/Promotion			500.00	100.00		600.00
Food	23,000.00		15,000.00	13,000.00		51,000.00
Tabernacle Project	50,000.00					50,000.00
Miscellaneous (includes fund raising exp.)		500.00	800.00			1,300.00
Fire Monitoring/Prevention		2,200.00				2,200.00
Furniture/Equipment & Tools			1,000.00	1,000.00		2,000.00
Furniture/Equip Reserve Transfer			500.00			500.00
Maintenance Reserve Transfer			500.00			500.00
Operating Reserve Transfer			500.00			500.00
Vehicle Reserve Transfer			1,000.00			1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$198,750.00	\$48,250.00	\$108,750.00	\$83,850.00	\$40,350.00	\$479,950.00

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Blue Water Campground

Blue Water Campground has enjoyed another good year in 2016. The campground has been busy with eighteen scheduled events including Reunion, youth camps for Juniors, Junior High, and Senior High, four band camps, Salt classes, scrapbook weekends, and other weekend retreats. We would like to thank everyone that took part in making these events possible and all that attended them. We are happy to report that we have seventeen events scheduled for 2017.

One of our yearly events is our Spring Work Week, which was held May 23rd through the Memorial weekend. We kept very busy during the week. Some maintenance on trees, repairing a water leak, unplugging a sewer line, and replacement of a sewer pump in the R V Park were done. Steel roofing was installed on the north side of the Old Dining Hall and on two classrooms behind the Lodge. Other tasks accomplished included repairing of window cranks in the Lodge, repairs on ceiling in the Cabin restroom, reinstalling trim on Tabernacle and painting of picnic tables. Thanks to Peggy Bechtel for preparing lunches during the week for the workers. Those who worked on the many projects during the week included Darrell and Peggy Bechtel, Tom Banks, Dale Volz, Dick Parker, Vance Herbert, Dick Pennington, and Rick Herr. Kelly Christian and his mom and Mark and Darlene Pauly also attended during the weekend. Thanks to all for sharing your time, talents, and support of the campground.

In addition to the work accomplished during the work week, opportunity was presented to accomplish one of our major projects, the updating of electricity in the R V Park. Henry Knight got the project rolling. Estimates were secured and donations were received, including one which covered about half of the cost of the project. Most of the trailer sights now have 30 or 50 amp electric service. Thanks to Tim Ross who encouraged donations to the project. Donations were received or pledged within thirty days and the project was completed before Reunion.

We have had a change of caretakers during the year. Peggy and Darrell Bechtel have decided to retire and do some traveling. We want to thank them for all of their work and support of the campground during their time as caretakers. While they will be doing some traveling, they will continue to be available in supporting the campground. We would like to welcome Kurt Stanbridge and his family as the new caretaker. Kurt officially started in August and had some time to work with Darrell and Peggy for some on the job training. Kurt has many qualifications which will help him as he steps into the caretaker position.

Over the summer months, the campground has received two large contributions. One is from the Horton family in memory of Truman and JoAnn Horton. The other is from the Milan congregation which has closed. These two donations have provided \$ 60,000 to be used for projects and improvements around the campground. The board is in the process of reviewing projects and gathering information.

I want to thank those who have served on the Blue Water Campground board during 2016. They include Tom Banks, Kelly Christian, Kris Daggett, Vance Herbert, Janet Hoyt, Henry Knight, Russ Knight, Dick Parker, Dick Pennington, Patti Piper, Brandon Robertson, Tim Ross, Greg Varner and Dale Volz.

In His Service, Rick Herr, Board President

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Park of the Pines

Thanks to everyone that supported the Park of the Pines in 2016. You may have attended one of the camps, activities, retreats, or reunion. You may have turned out for work projects, made financial contributions, or prayed for the success of Park of the Pines events. It takes many individuals to make a campground a success and the Park is fortunate to have so many partners working to make the campground a success.

Camps, retreats and reunion all had excellent turnouts and wonderful reports were the norm from the many activities. In addition to the traditional events the Park hosted the Cheboygan football camp, two scrapbook retreats, several family reunions and a very successful weekend photography retreat. The auction held during reunion, featuring many gift baskets. It was another successful auction. Close to \$4,300 was raised for the maintenance budget. The Fall Festival had 55 in attendance for the meal. Following the meal, musicians Edith Wallace and Jeff Scroggins entertained the festival attendees. Edith and Jeff stayed at the Park for several days while they performed at other venues in northern Michigan.

The first leg of a Boyne City to Charlevoix bicycle trail has been completed. The leg of the trail runs from Boyne City to the Park of the Pines. A trail head will likely be located at the entrance of the Park of the Pines. . The final leg of the trail will likely pass the outer edge of the Park of the Pines. Our discussion has been on how the Park might help the trail group and they have expressed interest in helping us as well.

Bill and Winnie Johnston have continued as resident managers. They bring a wealth of skills to the job and a long-standing love for the Park of the Pines. They maintain a Park of the Pines website and a Facebook page which are updated with information and photos. Sunset photos from Lake Charlevoix have been a regular feature to their posts. You can keep up with the Park of the Pines by checking the website and liking the Park of the Pines Facebook page.

Park of the Pines by The Numbers

56	campers	Junior
9	"	Senior High
24	"	Junior High
40	"	Women's Retreat
189		Reunion Registrations

Roger Elkins, Park of the Pines Board president

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Sanford Campground

A letter from your Sanford Campground Board

Greetings everyone! As another camping season comes to a close, we cannot help but to reflect back on the past camping season with a smile and a heart full of gratitude. Each event held at Sanford filled hearts with joy and strengthened our hope as we recognize how many lives have grown closer to God as a result of the ministry provided at Sanford Campground.

We reflect back on every event and the fond memories each created:

Memorial Weekend on the Lake, where many from outside our church come to experience the campground and enjoy a weekend of camping, car show, BBQ dinner, craft and antique show, bake sale, children's carnival, a special Sunday worship service, and more. Sanford Reunion where families came to grow closer to each other and deepen their relationship with God. The Fourth of July Fireworks, where hundreds of spectators gathered from the community to enjoy the amazing view of the fireworks over Sanford Lake, while also camping and enjoying the offerings within the canteen. Four youth camps, where our youth had the opportunity to discover themselves and the love of Jesus Christ has for them. Special Needs Camp, where individuals with special needs were able to come together in a safe and caring environment to experience God. Sanford Women's Retreat where women throughout our mission center were able to take a break from the world and re-energize! We had a great Halloween party, the families had a tremendous time playing games, pumpkin decorating, scavenger hunts, haunted forest and trick-or-treating! All in all the camping season at Sanford was amazing and many were blessed through their attendance at these events. This year we had other church's use the campgrounds for their family camps, and a wedding was held in the large auditorium, a wonderful time for everyone.

The Sanford Board thanks all of the people who have contributed to support Sanford Campground, whether through financial donations, their time, or in sharing of their gifts and talents in some other way. It is through your generosity that we are able to continue our mission.

Ken Dudley,
Sanford Board President

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The Woodlands

2016 was another successful year for **The Woodlands!**

There were a number of congregation winter retreats that took advantage of the best sledding hills we own. For those who wouldn't brave the hills, there was cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

Women's retreat learned to F.R.O.G. (Freely Rely On God). Growth and blessing in laughter and study warmed the hearts and souls of all. No actual flies were eaten in the making of this retreat. The Hale Quilters sewed up a storm, and the Amateur Ham Radio Club spoke to people around the world from our little spot in the woods.

There was a Cluster gathering on the property that helped lead to the development of the North Star youth group.

Family Camp was a smashing success as Superheroes from all around the Mission Center gathered for Superhero Training Camp! This camp continues to grow! The camp decided to spend \$1000 of their reserves to provide 80 school backpacks for needy students in Michigan. Way to DO mission!

The local Mennonites also held their Family Camp at The Woodlands. They love the amenities, like the labyrinth, playground, and waterfront activities available. And who doesn't love to ride through the woods on the people mover?

The Rally had activities for campers of every age! There was Barnyard Golf, 5K run, children's carnival, The Feast, movie night, wonderful worship, and *OUR OWN ICE CREAM TRUCK!* Sr. Leisure Camp was a great gathering! If success is determined by the age of those gathered, it was 4,968 years good! When asked what they did, I was told that they could tell me, but then they'd have to kill me. What happens at Leisure Camp stays at Leisure Camp. I would go as far as ask them about the prizes they won during their mixers though.

To be honest, there were activities that did not happen due to the uncertainty of the sale process, and revenue was down because of people who have decided it is "not worth supporting" since we're "going to turn around and sell it." But, it is imperative that individual and congregation support continue for ALL our properties so that ministry and mission can continue. We will plan 2017's calendar fully expecting to be able to provide all the ministry planned.

Peace and Grace,
The Woodlands Board

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Journey House Campus Ministry Center

Community of Christ Enduring Principles form the foundation for the Journey House Campus Ministries. **God's grace abounds through the generosity of mission center congregations, alumni, members and friends.** The Board of Directors applauds the investment of so many into the lives of young adults committed to higher learning. Nearing the 18th year of the Journey House legacy, it is with abundant gratitude that we thank the Michigan Mission Center for the continued loving, financial support.

We are thankful for the able leadership of Abi Fangboner who completed her residential manager contract May 2016. Abi created a warm, comfortable living environment for residents, the East Lansing congregation and Mission Center friends. Her strong organizational skills kept program activities and house maintenance humming throughout her tenure.

In May 2016, we welcomed Nicole Keverne as the new full time resident manager and campus minister. Nicole is a recent graduate of MSU and former Journey House resident. Richard Hawks, Journey House Board of Directors secretary quotes Nicole as saying "Working at Journey House is a blessing because of the people I work with. I'm surrounded by a great board of directors, ministry team, congregation, and amazing residents that enrich my life. We are all able to come together to make Journey House a success and continue to provide ministry to young adults." It takes a village to raise a child. It takes a ministry team and mission center to impact the lives of students and young adults.

The Journey House ministry promotes the **Worth of All** as international and United States students live together to Live, Learn and Serve. Each one is encouraged to explore their giftedness and talents realizing **All are Called** to experience opportunities for doing good. Residents living at the house are urged to make **Responsible Choices** as they sign the Covenant Contract refraining from substance abuse and other choices that may detain them from their goals.

Currently, the house is home to diverse, international and national Community of Christ members and friends from Saudi Arabia, South Korea, China, Cameroon, and the United States as well as four Michigan Young adults aging out of foster care whom are enrolled in higher learning. The community living truly expresses **Unity in Diversity** with people working together in an interdependent setting held together by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Nicole Keverne, resident manager, and others plan programs and activities such as bible study, weekly lunches at MSU, guitar classes, seasonal parties, house meetings and opportunities for service to reap the **Blessings of Community**. Residents and friends come to gather and to build relationships. Welcome kits greet new and returning students in the fall and survival kits distributed during exam week give an energy boost to carry them through the stressful week. The East Lansing congregation is a strong support facilitating worship services, providing meals, straining muscles on clean-up days, mentoring and financial gifts.

The Journey House is a signal community in the **Pursuit of Peace** and justice for the Community of Christ and its' aim is to sustain the enduring principles. Please stop by the House, at 1628 E. Grand River, East Lansing, for a tour. Nicole will greet you with a smile. For an appointment or

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any questions, call (517) 337-1845. Visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/johousecmc.
Email: johousecmc@gmail.com.

Thank you, dear mission center friends, for the abundant blessings you pour out with your prayers, participation and generous financial support.

One in Christ, Carole Dudley,
Journey House Board President

Journey House Campus Ministry	
2017 Operating Budget	
Income	
Donations/Fundraisers	\$ 4,334.00
East Lansing Congregation	\$ 2,700.00
Journey House - RENT	\$ 32,316.00
Total Income	\$ 39,350.00
Expenses	
Advertising	\$ 200.00
Bank Services Charges	\$ 50.00
Insurance	\$ 4,000.00
Mortagage	\$ 15,000.00
Licenses and permits	\$ 750.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00
Office Supplies	\$ 250.00
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 7,500.00
Cable/Internet/Phone	\$ 3,000.00
Gas/Electric	\$ 6,000.00
Water	\$ 2,500.00
Total Expenses	\$ 39,350.00
NET	\$ -

Journey House Campus Ministry	
2017 Program Budget	
Income	
Mission Center Support	\$ 4,000.00
Donations and Fundraisers	\$ 3,353.44
Mission Center Funds (Restricted)	\$ 19,863.00
Total Income	\$ 27,216.44
Expenses	
Resident Manager/Campus Minister	\$ 20,800.00
RM/CM Taxes	\$ 1,591.20
Resident Assistant	\$ 2,160.00
RA Taxes	\$ 165.24
Meals	\$ 1,000.00
Activities	\$ 1,000.00
Supplies	\$ 500.00
Total Expenses	\$ 27,216.44
Net	\$ -

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Community Outreach Services Corporation

July 1, 2015 COSC applied for \$830,000 in tax credits through Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) in order to take on a for-profit partner in Restoration Towers to fund major renovations to our 35 year-old multi-family, low-income housing facility on Lahser Rd in Detroit. COSC is to maintain 100% ownership and control of our Meals-on-Wheels and other community-based nutrition programs and use excess proceeds from tax credit sale to provide neighborhood improvement programs.

January 28, 2016 Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) tentatively approved \$773,000 of the \$830,000 tax credit to be used over a 10 year period.

May 15, 2016 contact finalized with Fusco Schaeffer & Pappas Inc. as project architects for the Restoration Towers renovations. Plans for renovation and contractor negotiations began in earnest.

May 24, 2016 at regular COSC meeting the board of directors voted to approve \$100,000 from proceeds of tax credit sale to Community of Christ for the Mission Center's unrestricted use.

June 1, 2016 COSC secured liability insurance from an outside commercial carrier. Previous coverage had been provided through Community of Christ's Risk Management.

July 2, 2016 MSHDA gave full approval of \$730,000 tax credits and issued its findings in writing.

July 10, 2016 received offer to purchase tax credits via partnership agreement at \$1.02 per \$1.00 credit from Cinnaire. Cinnaire has a connection to Restoration Towers through an earlier mortgage re-financing project.

July 12, 2016 special meeting of COSC voted to approve a resolution that severed the relationship of Community of Christ church. This change in relationship was requested by church leadership as COSC would be partnering with an outside entity and no longer under exclusive control of Community of Christ church.

July 12, 2016 COSC voted to approve two new Vice Presidents, Richard Brownlee and L. Clinton Moore, to replace Dena DeVormer and Dan Nowiski who served in this role in ex-officio capacity through the Community of Christ relationship.

July 20, 2016 COSC accepted the offer from Cinnaire pending successful completion of due diligence and planned for a mid-October closing date.

July 25, 2016 applied for building permit with city of Detroit for site and building renovations.

August 1, 2016 weekly telephone conferences were scheduled to bring all parties in communication on the due diligence process and progress.

October 1, 2016 the mid-October closing date is tentatively rescheduled for mid-November to allow completion of documents and requests for information.

October 30, 2016 due diligence activities and weekly conference calls continue.

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Youth Ministries Team

At the Fall, 2015 Mission Center Conference, the Youth Formation Ministry Specialist position (which had been 20 hours per week for the entire year) was changed to a Youth Camp Coordinator at a ¼ time position. Because many of the functions that the previous Youth Formation Ministry Specialist carried out would not be performed by the person in the new position, several youth ministry leaders came together in an attempt to “fill the void” and to continue to provide coordinated youth ministry opportunities throughout the Mission Center.

After a brief information/brain storming session, a “Youth Ministries Team” was approved by the MCP Team. The primary role of the team is to plan youth activities at mission center events, consult with congregations as they seek to provide youth ministry, and offer support to local youth ministers. The team was comprised of representatives from the youth camping ministries at each of the campgrounds, the Youth Camp Coordinator and leaders of the various Mission Center Youth Ministries (Youth Ventures for Christ, SPEC and North Star) as well as others who are interested in youth ministries.

Some of the issues the team has been focusing on include: Current youth ministries, Brainstorming - Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Challenges, Dialogue about short-term and long-term goals, and Determining next steps. The Youth Ministries Team has only begun to explore the possibilities that lie before us to provide meaningful, relevant and significant ministry to our youth. We look forward to input from any who might be interested in sharing in this vital ministry.

Current team members include: Tim Ross, Jennifer Ross Lori White, Rachel Romanack, Winnie Johnston, Alicia Pearson, Ben Crowley and Charlie Kuhn. For more information, please contact the Mission Center Office or Tim Ross at (810) 730-3501 or UofMTim@gmail.com.

Respectfully, Tim Ross, team lead

Youth Ventures for Christ is going strong for another season starting in just TWO WEEKS!! We have traveled all over the state of Michigan over the years spreading the good news through the actions of senior high aged youth and this season will be no different. This is our projected itinerary for 2016-17:

Alpena (November 18-20)

Rose Lake - Lansing (January 20-22)

Northview – Grand Rapids (February 17-19)

Greenville & Vestaburg (March 17-19)

Gladwin (April 21-23)

Nauvoo (May 26-29)

This season, our themes center around women in scripture and history that have gone against what is commonplace and expectation to do God’s will. (i.e. Ruth, Abigail, Emma Smith, etc.). New this season, we have invited a “guest minister” to each huddle that the youth have identified as being dynamic and who will work together over the course of the weekend with the youth for a greater spiritual experience and a whole lot more fun! All senior high are invited! Please contact Mark Johnson or John Jones for details.

Blessings, Mark C. Johnson

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Disciple Development Fund Committee

For the year 2016, our committee made available on a need basis \$14,200 with a distribution of \$3,000 for World Conference Expenses, \$10,200 to 18 congregations for use by their members who would like to participate in World Church, USA Field, and Michigan Mission Center educational experiences and trainings, and \$1,000 available on a first come first serve basis for all other congregations. Our committee approved and distributed a total of \$1,814.56. This distribution was for World Conference expenses with no other applications submitted.

The following congregations will have \$600 each to distribute to their members in 2017: Cadillac, Capital, Caro, Charlotte, Cheboygan, Clio, Coldwater, Coleman, Crossroads, Croswell, Detroit Hope, East Lansing, Eastside, Farwell, Galien, Gaylord, Gladstone. The pastors of these congregations will receive information in January with the details of what is eligible for reimbursement and what the process is to apply. Contact Ellie Heacock for more information.

Earth Stewardship Team

Contact Dan Nowiski if you would like to serve on this team in the coming year to help plan mission center events and gather resources in response to Doctrine and Covenants 163:4b.

Campground Sales Team

A lot has transpired regarding our campground sales efforts in 2016. After some difficulty locating appropriately credentialed appraisers, the sales team contracted to get current independent appraisals for both Camp Manitou and The Woodlands. We are required to use a State of Michigan certified Appraiser with the “Certified General Real Estate Appraiser” credential. State law requires the use of this designation for any property that could have a value exceeding \$1 million, and/or has potential use beyond residential usage. Individuals with these credentials are in high demand and took longer than anticipated.

Once appraisals were completed, we established listing prices and entered into contracts with a Realtor to list both properties. The Realtor we chose “Real Estate Professionals Services, Inc.” (REPS) had offered to reduce the commission that we would be required to pay if they were permitted to list both properties. So, in January a listing agreement was established for sale of The Woodlands. In February, we established a listing agreement for Camp Manitou. Both listing agreements are for a period of 6-months. Subsequently, we renewed both listing contracts for a second 6-month period.

Prior to the listing of the properties, various parties had expressed potential interest in both campgrounds. So, those parties were specifically exempted from the listing agreement. Should they acquire either of the properties, the Realtor will not collect a listing commission. To date, we have not received any offers from any of these parties; however, some have expressed continued interest if they can get their financing aligned.

Initially, using the information from the independent appraisals that were completed for each campground, listing prices were established. The Sales Team feels the listing prices fairly represented the information presented in the appraisals and should place the initial listing price

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competitive to the market as described in the appraisals. The Woodlands was listed for \$1,495,000. Camp Manitou was listed for \$829,000. These prices are exclusive of any personal property or movable property such as mowers, tractors, etc.

In the Spring of 2016, follow-up was conducted with each of the interested parties identified prior to signing the listing agreements. Some of the parties continue to advise us of their interest, but no offers have been received. Our Realtor informed us there was a “sportsman club” from the Detroit area making inquiry. They had some questions and wanted some additional information, which has been supplied to them. Multiple brokers have shown the properties. In late August, our Realtor (REPS) established a relationship with a brokerage in Chicago to broaden the marketability of our properties. The summer brought some renewed interest in Camp Manitou as several parties expressed interest in the property.

As campground reserve funds became exhausted for Camp Manitou, Mission Center Leadership requested a review of the listing prices for the campgrounds. Input from our Realtor (REPS) and the various brokers who had shown the properties, resulted in feedback from potential buyers that the prices were competitive in the market. We were advised that it may be prudent to consider the market impact of a relatively small reduction that would take the listing price for Camp Manitou just below the \$800,000 threshold. Hence, in late August, the price for Camp Manitou was revised to \$795,000. This would be enough to enable posting “Price Reduced” in the promotional materials to try to stimulate more interest. It was determined to keep the listing price for The Woodlands the same throughout 2016. Then a re-evaluation will be made.

It is positive to note that interest remains in The Woodlands. Our realtor reported one additional contact and another broker has shown The Woodlands to a party who had made an offer on another parcel in the area, but was outbid; so, he now is considering The Woodlands. In October, a party contacted REPS and submitted a “Non-binding Memorandum of Understanding” that included an offer for Camp Manitou. After contact with REPS, a counter-offer was made and the party expressed continued interest in further negotiations following a visit to Camp Manitou. They specifically requested a detailed inventory regarding items considered part of the campground listing and items not included (i.e. personal property). Preliminary information has been provided with emphasis that ALL items are negotiable.

The Sales Team recognizes that it can be frustrating that these properties have been on the market for nearly a year now. Unlike residential properties, which have many potential buyers for any property, our parcels have a very limited number of potential buyers. It largely requires an alignment of our properties with their desired use. Availability of financing is also a challenge as contrasted with a residential property. For anyone to come up with \$1.5-million can be daunting. If a party is part of a group and group consensus is required, they would have the same delays and challenges that a group like the Michigan Mission Center would have regarding timing, financial approvals, etc. Hence, sales take a lot longer to occur.

The Sales Team will continue monitoring the activities of our Realtor and the level of interest in our properties. If a new approach appears prudent, we will move in that direction. We are committed to carrying out the will of the conference.

Respectfully submitted, Gary Gordier, Chairman Campground Sales Team

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Finance Committee

2017 Pledged Mission Center Support by Congregation					
Alaska	1,200.00	East Lansing	1,020.00	Muskegon	1,000.00
Allegan	200.00	Eastside	500.00	Northview	5,150.00
Alma	260.00	Farwell	2,000.00	Onaway	1,560.00
Alpena	3,000.00	Galien	4,200.00	Otter Lake	200.00
Ann Arbor	2,588.00	Gaylord	700.00	Owendale	2,400.00
Battle Creek	1,550.00	Gladstone	1,000.00	Plymouth	2,520.00
Bay City	792.00	Gladwin	1,200.00	Richmond	750.00
Bay Port	1,350.00	Grand Valley	5,400.00	Riverview	5,500.00
Beaverton *	220.00	Grayling	-	Rose Lake *	3,000.00
Bentley	200.00	Greenville *	300.00	Saginaw	2,500.00
Benton Harbor*	500.00	Gulliver	120.00	Sandusky	3,000.00
Big Rapids	550.00	Harrison	363.00	Sanford	400.00
Blue Water **	-	Hastings	1,650.00	Sault St. Marie	-
Boyne City	750.00	Highland Park*	240.00	Shabbona	200.00
Brighton	1,200.00	Holland	1,362.00	Sixth Street	689.00
Bristolwood	2,500.00	Houghton Lake	300.00	South Bend	400.00
Burt	310.00	Inland	1,600.00	St. Johns	600.00
Cadillac	1,800.00	Jackson	3,910.00	Tawas City	828.00
Capital	7,350.00	Kalamazoo	3,108.00	Traverse City	1,200.00
Caro	1,100.00	Lachine	1,016.00	Troy Oaks	8,800.00
Charlotte	100.00	Lake Orion	2,200.00	Twining	250.00
Cheboygan	715.00	Lapeer	2,720.00	Union Ave.	5,008.00
Clio	1,500.00	Ludington	358.00	Valley Center	-
Coldwater	2,882.00	Marion	1,600.00	Vestaburg	160.00
Coleman	1,150.00	Marlette	350.00	Wadhams Gr.	-
Crossroads	800.00	Midland	250.00	Waterford	7,500.00
Croswell	1,950.00	Mikado	1,056.00	West Branch	680.00
Detroit Hope**	-	Mt. Pleasant	400.00	TOTAL	129,735.00

* Amount is estimated based on last year's pledge. Either the congregation had not held a business meeting, or did not return a response form to the mission center, by the time this report was generated.

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INCOME

Congregational Support: The support commitments that are pledged by each congregation and included in their budget to support the ministries of the mission center.

Envelope Contributions: Contributions from individuals who mark their offering envelopes with a personal gift to the mission center. These special offerings are forwarded from the congregation CFO to the mission center and are included as part of a person's local mission tithes on their tithing statement.

Investment Earnings for Mission Support: This line item provides income support by using the investment earnings from some of our fund balances. The amount used was calculated and taken from the account balances of the Operating Fund, Earnings from Investment Fund, Administrative Support Fund, and Mission Support Fund. This year's amount was approximately 4.25%.

Transfers from Designated Ministry Funds: We will transfer an amount from the Church Plant Program Fund for the Detroit Hope Ministry Support expenses. If the congregation support commitments fall short of the proposed amount, transfers from the Mission Support Fund, and/or the Administrative Support Fund may be added to this line item to balance the income with the expenses.

Interest Income: Interest we receive from the Affiliate Investment Pool B accounts.

Other Income: Miscellaneous income that we receive that is not included in any of the previous categories. This would include previous year's support payments made in the current year.

EXPENSES

Detroit Hope Ministry Support: Programming support for Detroit Hope. As Detroit Hope moves toward being a self-supporting congregation, the amount of mission center support will be reduced. It is anticipated that they will be self-supporting within the next couple of years. Detroit Hope will also receive facility support from the Carleton Fund that is not included in this budget.

Congregation Mission Expansion Grants: Funding assistance for congregations seeking to expand their ministries in alignment with the mission initiatives.

First Time Youth Camper Grants: Funds available to help first time youth campers with registration fees.

Compassionate Ministries Grants: Funds available to help congregations with programs to abolish poverty and end suffering.

Peace and Justice Grants: Funds available to help congregations with programs to pursue peace on earth.

Disciple Formation: Funding for workshops, retreats, and classes that provide for spiritual formation, theological exploration, and ministerial development. This includes support for the remaining SALT weekends that are scheduled in 2017.

SPEC - Spectacular Transportation: Funding assistance for transportation for the Senior High youth attending Spectacular at Graceland University.

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Journey House Campus Ministries: Ministry support for Journey House in East Lansing.

Leadership Formation: Funding for leadership development and training.

Congregation Support for Ministers for LCM: Funding for travel, materials, and resources needed by Congregation Support Ministers who are journeying with the congregations using the three year Leading Congregations in Mission (LCM) process in Michigan.

Salaries and Expenses for Staff: This includes salaries for the following Mission Center staff:
Mission Center President Team (equivalent of one full-time position) served by a
3-person team of Dan Nowiski (20 hours/week) Adam Bouverette (10 hours/week) and Dianna Vanderkarr (10 hours/week)

Mission Center Financial Officer (part-time) – Jack Tigner (10 hours/week)

Assistant MCFO (part-time) – Cathy Hopkins (10 hours/week)

Bookkeeper for MCFO (part-time) – Jessica Montague (10 hours/week) *

Administrative Assistant (part-time) – Heather Peasley (18-20 hours/week)

This line item also includes reimbursement for travel expenses for staff.

* The Bookkeeper position is being added to supplement the loss of support from Dena DeVormer, who has been providing bookkeeping and budget support for our mission center on a part-time basis. Dena's World Church role has been expanded from two mission centers to five mission centers and we need to add a position in 2017 to replace her. The MCFO position has been reduced from one full-time and one part-time position in 2015, to 3 part-time positions in 2016 and 2017 (from 50 hrs to 30 hrs per week).

Youth Camp Ministry Support: Funding for a part-time Youth Camp Coordinator to assist with camp director and staff training; operational and programming support; development of camping guidelines and procedures; and advertising, marketing and expansion of camps. This role is a seasonal, part-time paid position. In addition, support will be provided to each of the ten youth camps for director training and travel expenses, and other related expenses.

Volunteer Travel Support: Mileage reimbursement for mission center volunteer providing programs and support to congregations.

Communications: This includes expenses for internet, telephone, website, postage, Church Updates, and other means used in communicating the business of the mission center.

Equipment: This includes the copier maintenance agreement.

Insurance: For office contents, liability coverage, and worker's compensation insurance.

Licenses & Fees: Copyright license fees for music.

Office Lease: Rent paid for mission center office space and use.

Office Supplies: Materials used in generating information and mission center business.

Miscellaneous/Pastoral Care: Miscellaneous expenses not covered by the previous categories.

2017 Proposed Mission Center Operating Budget

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1 Congregational Support	\$ 129,735.00
2 Envelope Contributions	16,000.00
3 Investment Earnings for Mission Support	17,115.00
4 Transfers from Designated Ministry Funds	7,000.00
5 Interest Income	2,000.00
6 Other Income	2,000.00
7 TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$ 173,850.00</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Invite People to Christ	
8 Detroit Hope Ministry Support	\$ 7,000.00
9 Congregational Mission Expansion Grants	1,500.00
10 First Time Youth Camper Grants	2,000.00
Abolish Poverty, End Suffering	
11 Compassionate Ministries Grants	1,500.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	
12 Peace and Justice Grants	1,500.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	
13 Disciple Formation	1,500.00
14 SPEC - Spectacular Transportation	3,500.00
15 Journey House Campus Ministries	4,000.00
16 Leadership Formation	2,500.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	
17 Congregation Support Ministers for LCM	2,000.00
Administrative Support for Mission	
18 Salaries and Expenses for Staff	116,000.00
19 Youth Camp Ministries Support	9,000.00
20 Volunteer Travel Support	3,500.00
21 Communications	6,700.00
Office Operations	
22 Audit	450.00
23 Equipment Replacement & Maintenance	1,500.00
24 Insurance	2,400.00
25 Licenses & Fees	500.00
26 Office Lease	4,800.00
27 Office Supplies	1,500.00
28 Miscellaneous/Pastoral Care	500.00
29 TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 173,850.00</u>

Community of Christ

October 11, 2016

To the Michigan Mission Center

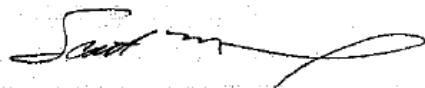
Dear Saints:

We are pleased to recommend that the Michigan Mission Center sustain the appointment of the following persons to serve as members of the Mission Center President's Team: Dan Nowiski, Dianna Vanderkarr, and Adam Bouverette. We encourage your support for their appointment.

The Mission Center Team will be chaired by Dan Nowiski, Mission Center President. We commend these individuals to you for your support.

We are also pleased to recommend that the Michigan Mission Center sustain the appointment of Jack Tigner as the Financial Officer of said mission center. We encourage your support for his appointment.

Very respectfully,
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY



K. Scott Murphy

cc: Lachlan Mackay, Apostle
Stassi Carmm, Presiding Bishop
David Nii, USA Bishop

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2017 Mission Center Council

Michigan Mission Center Staff (Average hours per week)

President Team: Adam Bouverette (10), Dan Nowiski (40), Dianna Vanderkarr (10)

Financial Officer: Jack Tigner (10)

Assistant Financial Officers: Cathy Hopkins (10) and Jessica Montague (10)

Youth Camp Coordinator: Winnie Johnston (10)

Administrative Assistant: Heather Peasley (20)

Volunteer Leaders

Invitation Support Minister – Nan Anderson

Staff Pastor – Loretha Smith

Mission Center Recorder – Ellie Heacock

Evangelist Coordinator – Carol Walden

High Priest Coordinator – Talitha Pennington

Seventy Coordinator – Sarah Allen

Young Adult Coordinator – TBD

Council Members in Relationship with Congregations

Wendy Brooks - Cheboygan, Gladstone, Gulliver, Onaway, Sault Ste. Marie

Ruth Eaton - Boyne City, Gaylord, Grayling, Inland, Traverse City

Gary Villeneuve - Alpena, Lachine, Mikado, Tawas City, Twining

Roger Elkins - Big Rapids, Cadillac, Harrison, Houghton Lake, Ludington, Marion

TBD - Alma, Coleman, Farwell, Greenville, Mt. Pleasant, Vestaburg

Sue Leyder - Beaverton, Bentley, Gladwin, Sanford, West Branch

Dick Shotwell - Alaska, Grand Valley, Holland, Muskegon, Northview, Union Ave

Mary Jane Miller - Capital, Charlotte, East Lansing, Hastings, Rose Lake, St. Johns

Gary Gordier - Bay City, Burt, Clio, Midland, Saginaw

Terry Brown - Bay Port, Caro, Crossroads, Owendale, Sandusky, Shabbona

Linda Stanbridge - Blue Water, Croswell, Marlette, Sixth Street, Valley Center, Wadhams Grove

Carl Nichols - Bristolwood, Eastside, Lake Orion, Lapeer, Otter Lake, Waterford

Ellie Heacock - Allegan, Battle Creek, Benton Harbor, Galien, Kalamazoo, South Bend (IN)

John Jones - Ann Arbor, Brighton, Coldwater, Jackson, Plymouth

Bud Teal - Detroit Hope, Highland Park, Richmond, Riverview, Troy Oaks

Expectations for Council Members in Relationship with Congregations

-Maintain relationships with congregation members by presence in the congregation quarterly.

-Provide for at least one gathering each year for the members from their congregations.

-Assist pastors of their congregations with developing their personal ministry plans.

-Attend the mission center council meetings once each quarter.

-Provide advice and feedback on core functions of the mission center.

Nominations for Boards of Directors

Journey House Campus Ministry Center Board of Directors

Previously Elected Directors

7/1/16 to 6/30/17: Carole Dudley, Richard Hawks, 1 Vacant Seat

7/1/16 to 6/30/18: Ben Crowley, Dave Caceres, Joanne Horton

7/1/16 to 6/30/19: Jack Benac, Terry Brown, Dorothy Sommer

Nominees for Three Directors to serve from 7/1/17 to 6/30/20

Carole Dudley – Capital, Evangelist, Age 71+, Female, Occupation: Retired Human Resource Director
Personal Statement: I value the creative energy of young adults and their continuing opportunities for spiritual formation during college age years. It's a pleasure & honor to be currently serving on the Board of Directors and to be an advocate for their participation in the life of the church.

Richard Hawks – Rose Lake, Seventy, Age 54-70, Male, Retired, volunteer World Church Minister
Personal Statement: I have been on the Journey House Campus Ministry Board since 1997 and served as secretary and on its executive committee for the past 10 years. I have a passion for campus ministries and have been involved at various levels for the past 27 years.

Blue Water Campground Board of Directors

Previously Elected Directors

1/1/14 to 12/31/16: Tom Banks, Kelly Christian, Kris Daggett, Russel Knight, Richard Herr

1/1/15 to 12/31/17: Henry Knight, Richard Parker, Vance Herbert, Brandon Robertson

1/1/16 to 12/31/18: Tim Ross, Greg Varner, Dale Volz, Dick Pennington, Patti Piper

Nominees for Five Directors to Serve from 1/1/17 to 12/31/19

Tom Banks – Clio, High Priest, Age 71+, Male, Occupation: Retired

Personal Statement: I have served on the Bluewater board and the Woodland board for 20 plus years and I feel I have a great deal of experience to offer to the Bluewater board. I would request my name be placed in nomination for the Bluewater board. Thank you

Kelly Christian – Eastside, Elder, Age 36-53, Male, Occupation: Teacher

Personal Statement: Current financial officer, youth camp director, board member for 10 years.

Richard Herr – Waterford, Priest, Age 54-70, Male, Occupation: Letter Carrier

Personal Statement: Many years on Campground Board. Served as youth Camp Counselor. Served as Adult Leader in Boy Scouts - various Capacities in units and District Levels.

Russel Knight – Lake Orion, Deacon, Age 54-70, Male, Occupation: Retired

Personal Statement: My knowledge & experience & personal testimony of the Blue Water Camp Grounds. Retired General Motors Sr. Manufacturing Engineer. Retired Firefighter/ Basic EMT.

Nominations for Boards of Directors

Park of the Pines Board of Directors

Previously Elected Directors

1/14 to 12/31/16: Nadine Volz, Lynn Field, Darrin Carter, Carol Harrison, David Smith

1/15 to 12/31/17: Bill Dodds, Roger Elkins, Terry Ormsbee, Stephanie Marsh, Deb Buehner

1/16 to 12/31/18: Kevin Anderson, Eleanor West, Dennis Ormsbee, Mike Mead, Dennis Christopher

Nominees for Five Directors to serve from 1/1/17 to 12/31/19

Darrin Carter – Cheboygan, Age 36-53, Male, Occupation: Plumbing & Heating Technician

Personal Statement: Served as Counselor and director at youth camps. Plumbing & heating technician. 10 years in construction trades prior to plumbing and heating. Background in grounds maintenance.

Megan Hacker – Gaylord, Age 18-35, Female, Occupation: Photographer

Personal Statement: I am a huge supporter of the Park of the Pines. This campground has huge potential and is doing really well with the new management team. I'm assistant director for Junior camp, and director for Junior High. I want to see PoP continue to grow, make improvements, and be a wonderful place for families

Carol Harrison – Houghton Lake, Elder, Age 54-70, Female, Retired X-ray Technologist

Personal Statement: 5 years of member on Park of the Pines board, past camp director, past camp coordinator.

James Sweet – Marion, Evangelist, Age 71+, Male, Occupation: Retired

Personal Statement: I served for several years on the Park of the Pines Board and I also served on many Mission Center related committees.

Nadine Volz – Gulliver, Elder, Age 54-70, Female, Retired Bus Driver

Personal Statement: I have experience working on the Campground Board and have a Degree in Accounting and Business. I'm involved in Congregation, Mission Center and World Church. I'm CFO and an Elder. I'm committed to the Park of the Pines.

Park of the Pines Endowment Board of Directors

Previously Elected Directors

1/16 to 12/31/16: Eleanor West

1/16 to 12/31/17: Roger Elkins and Cathy Hopkins

1/16 to 12/31/18: Kevin Anderson and Bill Dodds

Nominees for One Director to serve from 1/1/17 to 12/31/19

Taken from the floor

Sanford Campground Board of Directors

Previously Elected Directors

1/14 to 12/31/16: Ruth Ann Nagle, Leon Wiltse, Joel Sentz, 2 Vacant Seats

1/15 to 12/31/17: Candace Govitz, Ray Persall, Dana Thering, Richard Hamilton, Everett Wiltse

1/16 to 12/31/18: Mary Jane Miller, Kenneth Dudley, Kristine Beckman, Patti Leis, Lewis Mogg

Nominees for Five Directors to serve from 1/1/17 to 12/31/19

Taken from the floor

Nominations for Boards of Directors

The Woodlands Board of Directors

Previously Elected Directors

1/1/2013 to 12/31/2015: Sam Bellinger, Jim Barr, Lori White, Dale Volz, Harlow Elsholz

1/1/2014 to 12/31/2016: Deloris White, Ervin Haley, Tom Banks, Ron Rousse

1/1/2015 to 12/31/2017: Robert Barr, Mindy Jeffries, Bob Sheppard, Dave Caceres, Kevin White

Nominees for Five Directors to serve from 11/5/16 to 12/31/18

James Barr – Houghton Lake, Priest, Age 54-70, Male, Occupation: Retired

Personal Statement: I would like to keep serving on the Board.

Sam Bellinger – East Lansing, Deacon, Age 36-53, Male

Personal Statement: Currently serve as secretary & active member.

Dale Volz – Sandusky, Evangelist, Age 71+

Lori White – West Branch, Age 36-53, Female, Occupation: Paraprofessional

Nominees for Five Directors to serve from 1/1/17 to 12/31/19

Tom Banks – Clio, High Priest, Age 71+, Male, Occupation: Retired

Personal Statement: I have been involved in campgrounds for 30 plus years. I believe I would be of an asset to the Board.

Ervin Haley – Bay Port, Elder, Age 71+, Male

Personal Statement: Served as Farm Implement Parts Dept. Manager over 4 stores. Also sales of L&G equipment and commercial as well. Was Pastor of Bay Port for nearly 30 years. Beloved wife Ginnie deceased in 2012. Father of five together. Family trust owns 400 A of farmland of which I have as trustee. Had been Treasurer of Woodlands since 2005 and Brookfield Town Hall since 2005.

Ronald Rousse – Twinning, Elder, Age 54-70, Male

Deloris White – West Branch, Elder, Age 71+, Female, Occupation: Retired

Personal Statement: Current president - Board member for many years.

Calls to World Church Minister Priesthood Offices

Josephine Dalton (Caro Congregation) is called to office of seventy.



My dad, Mark Dalton, took me everywhere in his church life. Meetings, Temple School classes, weddings, funerals and conferences were normal for me growing up. Dad did so even when people thought I was really too young to understand them. He never drew lines on the places that God could be in our lives. At some point in time each of you added your teaching, and made me want to live my life for Jesus Christ and this church. I want to thank Lee who has a special sort of patience even when I cram too many suitcases in the car or fill our home with non-English speaking people for weeks on end. I thank my kids, James and DJ, who help out in so many ways cooking at camps and telling me how to use my tech the right way. There are many people I am close to in this community of faith to whom I owe my gratitude for patience and blessings, I can't list them all but say thank you Dalton Clan, Poa ministry clan, and to my church moms and dads, you know who you are.

Mindy Jeffries (West Branch Congregation) is called to the office of high priest.

"You can't expect your decisions to be always right or that you will be 100 percent certain when you do make your decision. Rather, you are called simply to make the decision that you believe will lead you to become the most loving person you can be, to become the person God created you to be." Sr. Anita Louise Lowe

That quote pretty much sums up my response in accepting my call to High Priest! I have no 100% certainty. I didn't answer the phone call from (then) Apostle Stacie Cramm knowing and expecting what I would hear. I don't have a fully developed and well-rehearsed plan of action. I simply have faith in a God that calls not just me but every disciple to trust in him, look beyond the horizon, and be poised for the wonderful possibilities that exist in this great and marvelous work of creating the kingdom! With that faith, God's enormous gift of endless possibilities and along with my faith community, I can't wait to see where our journey takes us! A divine vision is before us, let's hit the road!



Dan Nowiski (Capital Area Congregation) is called to the office of high priest.



I wrestled with acceptance of this call for nearly a year. I wasn't ready for the changes that I believed would come with this new calling. It seemed like it would be easier to continue life in the roles that had become comfortable. For me it is during times of complacency like this that God breaks through with new challenges. I'm still not sure that I am ready, but I recognize that God has been preparing me and pushing me to grow and develop in new ways over the past two years. After much prayer, doubt, questioning, and wondering, I now feel ready to humbly accept the call to serve within our community as a high priest.

**Resolution 1 – Amend “Maintain and Operate Three Campgrounds” Resolution to
Also Sell Sanford Campground**
Submitted by the Hastings Congregation

Whereas, The Michigan USA Mission Center is keenly aware of the ministry of Jesus Christ and the dedicated stewardship of so many disciples that has occurred and is occurring at each one of the Michigan USA Mission Center Campgrounds;

Whereas, The Michigan USA Mission Center is also keenly aware of the need for all disciples to be wise stewards as we move into the future;

Whereas, At the November 2014 Mission Center Conference, the conference delegates supported a non-binding recommendation to sell all but one campground, that being the Woodlands;

Whereas, For a variety of reasons, the April 2015 Mission Center conference was not presented with a resolution that honored above referenced recommendation;

Whereas, One rational for moving to one campground was the continued decline in usage;

Whereas, Camping numbers, especially youth camps, continue to decline;

Whereas, The April 2015 conference voted to sell the Woodlands, thereby making it unavailable to serve as the single campground in the Michigan USA Mission Center; and

Whereas, Without the availability of the Woodlands, it is expedient to operate and maintain two campgrounds; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the resolution to operate and maintain three campgrounds previously adopted by the 2015 Spring Conference and amended by the 2015 Fall Conference be amended further by

- 1) striking “Sanford” from the list of campgrounds to be operated and maintained and inserting “Sanford” after “Manitou” in the list of campgrounds to be sold
- 2) inserting “*Resolved*, That Sanford Campground continue to operate during the 2017 camping season” after the first resolved paragraph.

Editorial changes would also be made to the resolution text and title to change the number of campgrounds to be maintained and operated from three (3) to two (2) and the number of campgrounds to be sold from two (2) to three (3).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The resolution “Maintain and Operate Three Campgrounds” was originally adopted at the Spring Conference on April 11, 2015 and amended at the Fall Conference on November 7, 2015. The text of the resolution as amended and currently in force is printed on the following page.

Background Information – Resolution Previously Adopted as Amended
“Maintain and Operate Three Campgrounds”

Whereas, The Michigan Campground Team (MCT) is keenly aware of the ministry of Jesus Christ and the dedicated stewardship of so many disciples that has occurred and is occurring at each one of the Michigan Mission Center Campgrounds; and,

Whereas, It is also becoming apparent that camping ministry in the Community of Christ and in other denominations is changing and it has become increasingly difficult to properly maintain these campgrounds; and,

Whereas, Upon prayerful and discerning deliberation in meetings over the past two (2) years and upon evaluation of surveys of the membership, reports from the consulting firm SmithGroupJJR, a market analysis from Real Estate Professional Services, Mission Center Conference dialogs, letters, emails, and testimonies; and

Whereas, The Community of Christ Use of New Proceeds Policy states “when a mission center disposes of a capital asset, the mission center officers, in consultation with the Apostle and mission center council, will submit to a mission center conference a resolution for the use of the net proceeds;” therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Michigan USA/Canada Mission center operate and maintain three campgrounds, Blue Water, Park of the Pines, and Sanford, and sell two campgrounds, Manitou, and The Woodlands;

Resolved, That the events/activities/gatherings that have occurred in the past be allowed to continue and encouraged to continue in the same and/or similar fashion at The Woodlands as they have in the past until the said campground actually undergoes a transfer of ownership/title;

Resolved, That the Mission Center President and/or Mission Center Financial Officer consult with the appropriate legal advisors and if needed include a clause in the purchase agreement or listing of the properties that will allow events/activities/gatherings to occur and communicate to potential buyers that the Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center and its congregations’ members will use the said campgrounds until two weeks before a closing/transfer of title date is set by both the seller and buyer of said campgrounds;

Resolved, That the financial accounts and/or the methods used to pay for the events/activities/gatherings that are held by the Mission Center Financial Officer or held by campground financial officers continue to be open and functional until the actual transfer of ownership/title occurs;

Resolved, That the board that managed the facilities of the campgrounds known as The Woodlands continue to exist and function and conduct business as described by Mission Center Campground Operating Policy until and including the day of transfer of ownership/title to a buyer of said properties;

Resolved, That communication be provided through quarterly updates to the Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center congregations regarding progress towards selling campground properties;

Resolved, That the mission center officers appoint a committee(s) with members from the mission center to handle aspects of the sale and future planning, with oversight exercised by the appropriate mission center and world church officers; and be it further

Resolved, That the net proceeds from the sale of campgrounds shall be utilized for pursuing mission through the development of campground properties and mission center camping and gathering activities, and net proceeds will initially be held in a Michigan Mission Center affiliate investment pool account(s) until mission center officers, with input from the above referenced committee(s), are able to consult with the Apostle and mission center council to propose a resolution for the use of funds for mission center conference approval in accordance with the Use of Net Proceeds Policy.

Resolution 2 – Recommendations for Youth Camp Scheduling and Planning

Submitted by the West Branch Congregation

Whereas, The purpose of offering youth camps are to provide quality camping experiences for youth, which includes the opportunity for building relationship with other youth;

Whereas, There is a certain “critical mass” in regards to the number of campers necessary to provide the best camp activities and experiences for building relationships;

Whereas, The overall number of campers attending Jr. High and Sr. High camps in Michigan have been dwindling below the optimum necessary to provide the type of experience that might promote growth of the camps;

Whereas, The difficulty for finding highly qualified and necessary staffing for all youth camps has been voiced frequently by Mission Center leadership and camp directors;

Whereas, There have been numerous Sr. High youth voicing the desire to have a single Sr. High camp for all of the Michigan Mission Center youth; and

Whereas, The cost of camp has been voiced as a factor contributing to the decline in camp attendance; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Michigan Mission Center provide programming for only one (1) Jr. High and one (1) Sr. High camp for the 2017 summer camp season; and

Resolved, That the location and directors of such camps be determined by the Mission Center President team; and

Resolved, That the staff of such camps pay a reasonable portion of their food and grounds use fee, as determined by the Mission Center President team, in order to reduce the burden currently placed on the youth attending.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Community of Christ policy indicates that “responsibility for programs occurring at campgrounds (reunions, camps, etc.) rests with the officers of mission centers sponsoring those programs.” [Church Administrator’s Handbook 2005 Edition, p. 50] Consequently the resolution as written would be ruled out of order because it conflicts with church policy.

Upon moving this resolution, the MCP Team will permit the resolution to be modified to add “That it be recommended to the mission center officers” at the beginning of each of the resolved paragraphs so that the resolution may be considered by the conference.

Resolution 3 – Change Regular Conferences to Non-Delegate Conferences

Submitted by the Eastside Congregation

Whereas, It is a goal of the Michigan Mission Center to encourage all members to attend conferences and the current format for the Fall Conference is a delegate conference, which limits the number of people able to attend; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Michigan Mission Center regular conferences be open to all members and not a delegate conference and that delegate conferences be reserved for special conferences called by World Church and/or Mission Center Leadership.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The resolution as currently written would be ruled out of order because it is in conflict with a motion previously adopted and still in force [RONR (11th ed.), p.111, ll. 23-26]. In order for this question to come before the conference the MCP Team will allow, upon moving this resolution, that it be modified as follows:

Resolved, That the delegate policy previously adopted at the Fall 2010 organizing conference and amended at the 2012 Fall Conference be amended by striking “The voting body of Michigan Mission Center Conferences shall be as follows:” and inserting the following paragraph:

Michigan Mission Center regular conferences shall be open to all members. Delegate conferences shall be reserved for special conferences called by World Church and/or Mission Center Leadership. For special delegate conferences the voting body shall be as follows:

Background Information – Resolution Previously Adopted as Amended “Delegate and Ex-Officio Representation at Mission Center Conferences”

The voting body of Michigan Mission Center Conferences shall be as follows:

- Ex-officio – a.) The Mission Center President and two of his/her counselors, the Mission Center Financial Officer and two of his/her counselors and the conference secretary shall be entitled to voice and vote and shall not be eligible to serve as delegates from any congregation.
b.) Michigan Mission Center Volunteer Field Specialists shall be entitled to voice and vote.
c.) Full time World Church ministers assigned to Michigan Mission Center shall be entitled to voice and vote.
d.) One pastor (or designee) from each congregation shall be entitled to voice and vote.
e.) One financial officer (or designee) from each congregation shall be entitled to voice and vote.

Delegates – Each congregation shall be allowed to elect one delegate at large.

Additionally, each congregation shall be allowed to elect one delegate for every 50 members or fraction thereof based on World Church membership records as of December 31 of the year preceding the year in which the conference is held.

Each congregation shall report the name(s) of its ex-officio and elected delegates to the Mission Center Office not later than four weeks prior to the opening day of the conference utilizing forms and procedures to be provided by the Mission Center.

Resolution 4 – Location and Date of Mission Center Conferences

Submitted by the Eastside Congregation

Whereas, The regular conferences provide opportunity for fellowship and worship with members from all areas of the Mission Center and more time for these opportunities is desired by many; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the regular conferences of the Michigan Mission Center be held at one of the campgrounds in the Michigan Mission Center (Blue Water, Park of the Pines, Sanford) on a three year rotation, starting with the 2017 Fall Conference, for example in 2017, the fall conference could be held at Blue Water, in 2018 at Park of the Pines, in 2019 at Sanford and so on; and

Resolved, That the fall and spring conference be held at a time of the year that would more likely allow for the use of a campground's RV facilities for lodging such as the third or fourth weekend of October for the fall conference instead of a November date; and

Resolved, That the Michigan Mission Center Leadership Team meet with the combined campground executive board to evaluate the facilities of each campground and the needs of conference and then determine which campground to hold the 2017 conferences and set the rotation schedule; and

Resolved, That one goal of using the Mission Center campgrounds to hold conferences be a fundraiser for the hosting campground and this fundraising be a collaboration between the Mission Center Leadership and the combined campground executive boards.

Resolution 5 – Use of Contemporary Christian Ministries Congregation Net Proceeds
Submitted by the MC Officers in consultation with the Apostle and Mission Center Council

Whereas, The Contemporary Christian Ministries Congregation closed effective November 22, 2015 and the assets became the responsibility of the Michigan Mission Center upon closing;

Whereas, The church building was sold in a land contract transaction in August 2016 for \$55,000.00 with monthly payments including annual interest at 7% which is scheduled to be paid in full in August 2020;

Whereas, There were several expenses for the building, including roof repairs, insurance premiums, commissions, and closing costs totaling \$15,354.25 that were paid from the proceeds received from the sale resulting in net proceeds of \$39,645.75;

Whereas, The specific financial situation of the purchaser is unknown at this time but there is no reason to believe that the purchaser will default;

Whereas, The Contemporary Christian Ministries congregation at the time of closing provided a recommendation to the mission center officers that because of the congregation's long-standing ministry to the poor and hungry, they had a desire for a portion of the net proceeds from the sale to be used for that purpose,

Whereas, The closed congregation historically attempted to provide avenues for the youth of the congregation to participate in youth camp ministries whenever possible, and

Whereas, The World Church Use of Net Proceeds Policy provides direction for the approval process regarding proceeds from closed congregations and the sale of capital assets that states that mission center officers, in consultation with the Apostle (or the Apostle's Designee) and mission center council, submit a resolution for the use of the Net Proceeds to a mission center conference; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a voluntary contribution equal to 10% of the net proceeds (\$3,964.58) be granted to Worldwide Mission Tithes to support the Abolish Poverty, End Suffering mission initiative;

Resolved, That an amount equal to 5% of the net proceeds (\$1,982.29) be allocated for the Michigan Mission Center Youth Camp Ministries Fund with input from youth camp directors for disbursement purposes; and

Resolved, That the remaining current and future proceeds received from the sale of the Contemporary Christian Ministries church facility, be distributed equally between the Mission Center Youth Ministries Fund and the Mission Center Youth Camp Scholarship Fund to support youth in the Michigan Mission Center.