

# Michigan Mission Center – 2017 Fall Conference

## Awaken From Illusion

*“The earth, lovingly created as an environment for life to flourish, shudders in distress because creation’s natural and living systems are becoming exhausted from carrying the burden of human greed and conflict. Humankind must awaken from its illusion of independence and unrestrained consumption without lasting consequences.” (Doctrine & Covenants 163:4b)*

### Guests

Jennifer Young – Project Manager for Michigan Interfaith Power and Light  
Steve Graffeo – Counselor to the Presiding Bishop  
Lachlan Mackay – Apostle to the Northeast USA Field  
John Wight – Senior President of Seventy  
Sandra Ferguson – Mission Funding

### Mission Project

We have asked people to identify one or more things that they could stop consuming in the weeks leading up to the fall conference. Some ideas included beverages, snacks, desserts, new clothing, subscriptions to magazines, entertainment services, tickets to arts and athletic events, gasoline for extra trips, cosmetics, music recordings, etc. People were encouraged to put aside the money they would have spent on consuming these items to make a donation at the fall conference.

Funds are being collected at this conference to support a local effort to help make energy efficiency upgrades at campgrounds (LED lights, energy star appliances, HVAC upgrades, etc.) and to support worldwide mission needs through contributions to Worldwide Mission Tithes. If 400 conference attendees contribute \$10 (\$2 set aside for the past 5 weeks), then a total of \$4000 will be received for supporting mission.

Help us exceed a goal of \$2000 for campground energy efficiency projects and \$2000 for Worldwide Mission Tithes. You can contribute online at [CofChristMI.org/donate](http://CofChristMI.org/donate) to this effort by making a donation and selecting to designate your donation to the Fall Conference.

<b><u>Friday, Nov. 3</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday, Nov. 4</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday, Nov. 5</u></b>
6:30p Registration (closes @ 9:00) 7:00p Gathering Worship 7:30p Dialogue on Business Items 8:30p Meet & Greet  <i>Display tables will be available for viewing throughout the weekend</i>	7:30a Registration (closes @ 8:45) 9:00a Morning Business Meeting* 12:00p Lunch (On your own) 1:30p Q&A with Leadership 2:00p Afternoon Business Meeting* <i>Including disciples’ generous response - youth camp scholarships</i> 5:00p Dinner (On your own) 7:00p Worship/Presentation <i>*Activities available for youth</i>	8:45a Chats with Leadership 9:45a Classes/Presentations 10:45a Commissioning Worship <i>Including ordination, communion, and disciples’ generous response for Worldwide Mission Tithes designated to Abolish Poverty, End Suffering</i>

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**Business Session - November 4, 2017**

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## Proposed 2017 Conference Standing Rules

1. The Credentials Committee shall report the number of delegates 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 his 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 Robert’s 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.

*Note: Delegates are strongly encouraged to submit any proposed amendments in advance to the conference secretary to allow for the text of the motion to be prepared for visual projection.*

## Mission Center President Team Report

Our second year serving as your Mission Center President (MCP) Team has been marked by several exciting developments and advancements for the mission center. We have continued to grow relationships with leaders in congregations, boards, committees, and organizations that support the mission of Christ. New opportunities for leadership training have been launched and the models put in place during 2016 for leading mission with reduced staff continue to develop and foster open channels of communication. Benchmarks have been met throughout the year to continue our long range plans for funding mission center operations and ministries with greater percentages of support coming from individuals and investment earnings and less coming from congregation commitments. The continued support we receive from disciples throughout the mission center is reassuring and energizing as we continue to discern what matters most in our pursuit of Christ's mission in Michigan.

We offer our sincere appreciation to the volunteers who serve in leadership roles throughout the mission center! Council members working directly with congregations provide us valuable feedback and advice while also giving of their time and energy to personally visit congregations each quarter and provide for support and connections between congregations and pastors. Camp directors, reunion directors, training instructors, ministry leaders, board members, participants on teams and committees, and event volunteers make it possible for mission center activities to take place throughout the year. Pastors, financial officers, priesthood members, teachers, and ministry leaders in congregations put in countless hours to provide personal ministry in local communities. We celebrate that all are called to share in God's purposes and give thanks for the generous response of disciples who seek to develop and share their gifts in ministry to others!

<b>Confirmations recorded from Nov. 1, 2016 to Oct. 31, 2017</b>					
Smith, Amanda	Alma	Fisher, Kaylynn	Coleman	Musslewhite, Dylan	Jackson
Tkaczyk, Elliana	Alma	Fisher, Mylie	Coleman	Schulz, Tiffany	Jackson
Henry, Lisa	Alpena	McCormick, Aiden	Coleman	Kalisch, Rick Jr.	Ludington
Carter, James	Battle Creek	McCormick, Aiyana	Coleman	Hart, Christina	Mikado
Shaffer, Roy	Battle Creek	McCormick, Brittany	Coleman	Acker, Emma	Onaway
Hawley, Chey	Boyne City	McCormick, Jerad	Coleman	Bradford, Kathryn	Otter Lake
Seamon, Alyssa	Boyne City	McCormick, Trenton	Coleman	Bradford, Sandra	Otter Lake
Sweet, Alyson	Boyne City	Rotz, Mike	Coleman	Geer, Kevin	Otter Lake
Rojas, Patricia	Capital	Tigner, Tara	Coleman	Valentine, Lisa	Sanford
Rojas, Steve	Capital	Scott, Onalee	Eastside	Jackson, Dequindell	Union Ave
Dennis, Tina	Coleman	Frasure, Michael	Farwell	Sherrill, Maxim	Waterford
Edgar, Joe	Coleman	Soules, Sasha	Greenville		

## Mission Center President Team Report

As announced at the 2016 Fall Conference, the mission center received a \$100,000 contribution from Community Outreach Services Corporation (COSC) at the end of 2016. This gift was given by COSC in recognition of the investment made by Community of Christ to initially establish this non-profit organization and support its efforts over the past half-century to provide affordable housing, meals, and other social support services throughout southeast Michigan. We look forward to continuing a positive relationship with COSC to partner on initiatives that seek to abolish poverty, end suffering and pursue peace on and for the earth.

The Milan and Valley Center congregations were closed during the past year following the recommendations of members in those congregations. Administrative procedures are on track to disorganize both congregations by the end of 2017. We give thanks for the many years of faithful ministry provided in both of these communities. The Milan congregation distributed remaining cash assets by providing financial gifts to Blue Water Campground, the Ann Arbor & Riverview congregations, Aid in Milan, worldwide mission needs, and the mission center. Recommendations for use of net proceeds from the Valley Center congregation will be proposed to a future mission center conference once the property is sold.

New leadership training sessions held at the campgrounds have been successful in reaching new, emerging, and experienced leaders and developing awareness for important topics related to ministry with youth, effective communication, and common consent. We hope you can join us for the third session at Blue Water Campground on Nov. 18. Spring training events at Park of the Pines and Blue Water focused on Doctrine and Covenants 163:4b. Participants were able to explore the topics of sacramental living and serving as stewards of hope and care for creation.

### Ordinations recorded between Nov. 1, 2016 and Oct. 31, 2017

Tryon, Tina	Teacher	Alma	Piper, Patricia	Teacher	Richmond
Townsend, Tami	Priest	Alpena	Mayer, Kathleen	Elder	Saginaw
Johnson, Gordon	Deacon	Bristolwood	Buchanan, Dawn	Elder	Traverse City
Porter, Jody	Elder	Bristolwood	Weber, Genette	Elder	Troy Oaks
Sommer, Dorothy	Elder	Bristolwood	Rittenberg, Gloria	Priest	Twining
Nowiski, Daniel	High Priest	Capital	Rousse, Brenda	Elder	Twining
Dalton, Josie	Seventy	Caro	Johnson, Melinda	Preist	Wadhams Grove
Heacock, Eleanor	Elder	Kalamazoo	Teeple, Bonnie	Deacon	Wadhams Grove
Mueller, Laurie	Teacher	Lake Orion	Jeffries, Mindy	High Priest	West Branch
Colthorp, Brenda	Priest	Northview	White, Lori	Priest	West Branch
Edington, Janice	Deacon	Richmond			

## **Mission Center President Team Report**

The MCP Team has met regularly over the past year to discern recommendations for priesthood calls, plan mission center gatherings, discuss concerns and situations requiring administrative action, review finances and board operations, dialogue about policy changes, lead teams and committees, and respond to other immediate issues. Both congregations that were temporarily being administratively led by the MCP Team at the end of 2016 now have local leaders in place. The MCP Team is currently administering the work of two congregations indirectly as transitions between officers progress.

Following collaboration and collective discernment, the MCP Team members have led initiatives in their areas of focus. Adam Bouverette has worked with the congregation support ministers and pastor's leadership teams from the Alaska, Clio, Kalamazoo, Rose Lake, and Waterford congregations as they are journeying through the Leading Congregations in Mission (LCM) process. He also provided support to the Blue Water Emerging congregation as it continues to grow and develop its unique model of ministry, and met with youth camp leaders to pursue opportunities to grow those programs. Dianna Vanderkarr communicated directly with the pastors of all congregations. She provided personal support to pastors, offered guidance on a wide variety of concerns that arose in congregations, processed priesthood recommendations from pastors, and coordinated pastoral care for congregation leaders. Dan Nowiski led administrative operations which included office functions, moving the mission center office to the Capital congregation facility, communications, staff supervision, board operations & development, financial oversights, youth worker and priesthood administrative actions, and development of programs, teams, and committees. He regularly attended board meetings, organized mission center council meetings, facilitated communications with church leaders outside the mission center, and coordinated local administrative responses when needed.

We will continue the work of the Earth Stewardship Team that was created by mission center conference action in 2013. This team was instrumental in planning the May 20 mission training in 2017 that brought together talented presenters to address environmental stewardship for congregations, groups, and individuals. Additionally, team members have been at work searching for ways to reduce consumption at campgrounds and planning the conference kids' activities to incorporate lessons related to the conference theme. Please contact Dan Nowiski to join this team and move efforts forward to end environmental deterioration.

It is the sense of the MCP Team that cultural, religious, and political trends continue to promote division and foster fear and prejudice between groups and individuals. As a prophetic people, we feel called to courageously challenge these dominant narratives. The MCP Team will launch a steering committee in 2018 to explore the creation of a mission center diversity team. The World Church Diversity Team has templates and resources available for forming local teams. We will be reaching out to leaders in a variety of areas throughout next year with the hope of bringing a proposal to form a diversity team to the next fall conference. Individuals interested in participating on this team or providing input should contact Dan Nowiski.

## Mission Center President Team Report

All priesthood members are encouraged to regularly review the expectations for faithful priesthood ministry and develop an annual plan of ministry. Deacons, elders, priests, and teachers should meet with their pastor to discuss the needs of the congregation and evaluate how their giftedness might be best expressed through priesthood ministry. Bishops, evangelists, high priests, and seventies should collaborate with their priesthood office coordinator and the mission center president team to determine how to best match their giftedness with needs in congregations and throughout the mission center. Templates for ministry plans are available at [CoChrist.org/ministry-and-priesthood](http://CoChrist.org/ministry-and-priesthood). Priesthood members are also encouraged to complete the updated Temple School course designed for their priesthood office.

President Veazey's address to the church in September indicated that church-wide conversations will be occurring during 2018 to explore new approaches to funding mission. As new information is shared by world church leaders, the MCP Team will discern in collaboration with the mission center council how to best provide for opportunities to engage in dialogue about funding mission. The MCP Team will also continue efforts to explore new and expanded options for funding ministries within the mission center. Disciples are encouraged to begin making plans to attend the World Conference in Independence, MO from April 6-13, 2019. Election of delegates representing the mission center will take place at the 2018 Fall Conference.

A retreat focused on invitation has been planned by Kevin White to take place at the Kirtland Temple the weekend of May 4-6, 2018. Linda and Kim Stanbridge are co-leading a young adult camp at Blue Water from May 16-19, 2018. Dana Thering and Heidi Kleinhardt have started monthly youth events at Sanford Campground. We celebrate these new efforts to invite people to Christ and develop disciples to serve. If you have ideas for a new mission center activity or gathering to help move mission forward, be encouraged to contact a world church minister or a member of the MCP Team to determine how to move forward with planning. New forms and expressions are needed to reach people who are seeking to belong in loving faith communities.

Discernment by the MCP Team continues to lead us to explore Doctrine and Covenants 163:4. After focusing on paragraph a in 2016 and paragraph b in 2017, we will be using the words in paragraph c to shape mission center gatherings in 2018. This will call our attention to carrying "the ethics of Christ's peace into all arenas of life." We have planned spring conference and weekend training retreats (similar to SALT weekends) throughout next year to "prepare new generations of disciples to bring fresh vision to bear on the perplexing problems of poverty, disease, war, and environmental deterioration." It is our hope that you will join us for these events and center your discernment to focus your heart on God's will for creation.

We give thanks for the grace and generosity extended to us by so many committed disciples throughout the mission center. It is our prayer that you will experience blessing and be inspired to "live, love, and share as Zion: those who strive to be visibly one in Christ, among whom there are no poor or oppressed," (Doctrine and Covenants 165:6a) throughout the coming year.

# Michigan Mission Center 2018 Calendar of Events

## January

13 – Mission Center Council Meeting  
*14 – Racial Justice Day*  
19 to 21 – Ventures Huddle @ Farwell

## February

*11 – Youth Ministries Day*  
*14 – Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)*  
16 to 18 – Ventures Huddle @ Saginaw  
17 – Michigan LCM Retreat #5  
23 to 25 – Retreat for Youth Camp Directors

## March

*4 – World Hunger Emphasis Day*  
16 to 18 – Ventures Huddle @ Muskegon/St. Johns  
24 – Leadership Training @ Park of the Pines  
*25 – Palm Sunday*  
*29 – Maundy Thursday*  
*30 – Good Friday*

## April

*1 – Easter Day*  
7 – Mission Center Council Meeting  
13 to 15 – “ Faith in Politics” @ Blue Water  
20 to 22 – Ventures Huddle @ Galien  
27 to 29 – Peacebuilding Training @ Sanford

## May

4 to 6 – Invitation Retreat @ Kirtland, OH  
16 to 19 – Young Adult Camp @ Blue Water  
18-20 – Ventures Huddle @ TBD  
19 – Spring Conference @ Blue Water  
*20 – Day of Pentecost*

## June

1 to 3 – Training: Poverty & Disease @ Sanford  
16 – Michigan LCM Retreat #6  
24 to 28 – Junior Camp @ Blue Water  
22 to 27 – Reunion @ Sanford  
28 to 7/1 – Early Junior Camp @ Sanford  
30 to 7/7 – Reunion @ Blue Water

## July

1 to 7 – Senior High Camp at Park of the Pines  
8 to 12 – Junior Camp @ Park of the Pines  
8 to 14 – Senior High Camp @ Blue Water  
8 to 14 – Senior High Camp @ Sanford  
13 to 20 – Reunion @ Park of the Pines  
15 to 21 – Junior High Camp @ Blue Water  
15 to 21 – Junior High Camp @ Sanford  
*19 to 20 – International Youth Forum*  
21 – Mission Center Council Meeting  
*21 to 28 – Spectacular at Graceland University*  
22 to 26 – Late Junior Camp @ Sanford  
22 to 28 – Junior High Camp @ Park of the Pines

## August

1 to 5 – Family Camp @ Woodlands  
11 – Leadership Training @ Sanford  
17 to 19 – Retreat for World Church Ministers  
TBD – Preliminary Budget Presentations

## September

*2 – World Hunger Emphasis Day*  
7 to 9 – Training: War & Environment @ Park  
*16 – Heritage Day*  
29 – Mission Center Council Meeting

## October

5 to 7 – Training: Listening Ear @ Park  
13 – Fall Conference Preparation and Dialogue  
*21 – Children’s Sabbath*  
20 – Michigan LCM Retreat #7

## November

2 to 4 – Fall Conference at SVSU  
17 – Leadership Training @ Blue Water

## December

*2 – Advent Begins*  
*25 – Christmas Day*

*Dates in italics are Community of Christ Worldwide Events or Liturgical Days*  
**Dates are subject to change. Visit [www.CofChristMI.org](http://www.CofChristMI.org) for updates and event details.**

## Mission Center Financial Officer Report

To: The Michigan Mission Center Conference  
From: Jack Tigner, MCFO

First, I would like to thank everyone who is attending this conference today. It is an important part of our stewardship to take part in the business of the mission center, as well as in our congregations. I also want to thank all the Congregation Financial Officers, and assistant CFOs, that we have serving in the Michigan Mission Center. They provide a very important ministry in our congregations and in the life of the church. I would also like to thank Cathy Hopkins and Jessica Montague, who are my assistant financial officers and counselors; they have been a tremendous help this past year. Also, I want to thank Dena DeVormer for her counsel and accounting assistance; also a tremendous help. And, I want to acknowledge and give thanks to those who volunteered their time and talent in serving on this year's audit team with Cathy, Jessica, Dena, and myself: Dawn Buchanan, Muriel Hice, and Henry Knight. It's a big job auditing 82 congregations!

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 the mission center financial officer. It 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 what each line item in our budget represents. To help with understanding these financial aspects, we have included a couple of documents to help with that. The "Summary of Funds" briefly explains the purpose of every fund on our balance sheet. And, the "Budget Narrative" explains each line item on our proposed budget and budget reports.

By now, most of know that the World Church is in a financial pickle. And because of that, we have lost funding for previously funded staff positions. We are now on our own to sort the pickles. I want to assure everyone that our mission center is financially sound at this time, but this requires us to do some more belt-tightening, and conservative planning, to continue to maintain the needed support to the congregations in our mission center. We believe this 2018 proposed budget will provide for that.

Although we received an increase in support pledges from some congregations for the 2018 proposed budget, we had asked that congregations reduce their budget pledges by 10% from last year, and redirect that amount to other ministries that rely on your generous support to meet their budgets. Such as Journey House, SPEC transportation, Worldwide Mission Tithes, and the Bridge of Hope Project. Several congregations have committed to support these ministries.

The Bible tells us, "The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to want." (*Proverbs 21:5 NRSV*). "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?" (*Luke 14:28 NRSV*)

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](mailto:jack@cofchristmi.org). Thank you.

## 2016 Auditor's Report

# Community of Christ

### INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

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

The financial records of Michigan USA Mission Center for the year ended December 31, 2016 have been reviewed applying 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 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 all material respects, receipts and disbursements have been recorded and administered in accordance with appropriate accounting practices and approved budgets. The accompanying statements present fairly the financial position, the results of its operations and changes in fund balances of Michigan USA Mission Center as of December 31, 2016.



Gary W. Dodson  
Internal Audit Department  
August 18, 2017

## 2016 Auditor's Report

### Michigan USA Mission Center Statement of Financial Position As at December 31, 2016

#### Assets

Cash on Hand and Investments		
Petty Cash	\$ 172.79	
Checking(Schedule 1)	130,776.14	
World Church Investment Pool(Schedule 1)	<u>904,855.05</u>	\$1,035,803.98
Notes Receivable		219,615.76
Campground Operations Advance		42,600.00
Campground Study Advance		<u>66,282.25</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$1,364,301.99</u>

#### Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts Payable	\$ 6,689.61	
Reserve and Agency Funds		1,209,271.52
Net Assets		
Mission Center		
Operating Reserve Fund		<u>148,340.86</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets		<u>\$1,364,301.99</u>

# 2016 Auditor's Report

## Michigan USA Mission Center Statement of Activities For the year ended December 31, 2016

### Income

Congregational Support	\$	122,884.11
Envelope Contributions		20,500.41
Earnings on Investment Pool B		1,652.97
Investment Support from Designated Funds		23,361.62
Other		103,398.37
		103,398.37

Total Income \$ 271,597.48

### Expenses

Mission Center Office Operations		
Audit	\$	351.02
Equipment Replacement/Maintenance		492.34
Insurance		1,912.00
Licenses & Fees		472.40
Office Lease		4,800.00
Supplies/Office Supplies		535.42
Miscellaneous		248.13
		8,811.31

Salaries & Benefits 96,535.40

Communications		
Postage		600.85
Internet		1,425.00
Conferencing Services		891.83
Church Updates		420.00
Website		1,178.16
Telephone		1,398.30
		5,914.14

Volunteer Travel Support 626.66

Develop Disciples to Serve		
SALT		1,737.61
Spectacular		7,000.00
Journey House Campus Ministries		8,000.00
Leadership & Priesthood Development		2,191.01
		18,928.62

Invite People to Christ		
Detroit Hope Ministry Support		12,380.00
Detroit Hope Facility Support		20,981.62
Congregation Mission Expansion		2,000.00
Camper Grants		1,750.00
		37,111.62

Pursue Peace		
Youth and Young Adult Ministries		18.75
Youth Camp Ministry Support		6,472.72
		6,491.47

Congregational Support Ministers for LCM 966.18

Total Expense 175,385.40

Net Income 96,212.08

Transfer to Admin Support Fund (96,212.08)

Operating Fund January 1 148,340.86

Operating Fund December 31 \$ 148,340.86

# 2016 Auditor's Report

## Michigan USA Mission Center Summary of Reserve and Agency Funds For the year ended December 31, 2016

	Balance 1/1/2016	Additions of Other Accounts	Received	Expended	Balance 12/31/2016
Administrative Support Fund	\$ 203,129.81		\$ 135,320.16	\$ 427.07	\$ 338,022.90
Blue Water Reunion Reserve	4,843.90	240.00	27,824.26	32,908.16	-
Campgrounds General Fund	231.00		9,944.00	10,294.00	(119.00)
Camping Ministries(Retreats, Etc.)	1,365.11				1,365.11
Carleton Sale Fund	176,964.95		12,339.01	20,981.62	168,322.34
Church Plant - Facility Fund	36,371.33		22,948.62	22,948.62	36,371.33
Church Plant Program Funds	20,357.21			3,010.67	17,346.54
Contemporary Christian Ministries	281.75		22,163.73	22,445.48	-
Detroit Properties	(4,878.94)			959.50	(5,838.44)
Disciple Development Fund	68,976.85		4,816.53	1,814.56	71,978.82
Earnings from Investment Pool A	73,802.00		25,671.64		99,473.64
Equity in Notes Receivable	205,347.37		35,000.00	20,731.61	219,615.76
Mission Center Conferences	13,140.13		8,209.93	8,591.34	12,758.72
Mission Support Fund	91,426.77				91,426.77
Owosso Group	35,772.30		777.99	3,089.00	33,461.29
Park of the Pines Reunion Reserve	2,691.34	10,204.57	19,747.90	32,643.81	-
Redford Center Office	23,863.77		9,100.00	2,975.70	29,988.07
Redford Center Office Improvement	20,000.00				20,000.00
Reunion Program Fund			1,579.46		1,579.46
Reunion Reserve Fund	3,484.62		10,603.39	131.54	13,956.47
Sanford Reunion Reserve	5,388.50	15,069.85	13,636.49	34,094.84	-
Spectacular Fund		1,319.75	22,835.00	22,699.40	1,455.35
Woodlands Family Camp Reserve	95.00	1,288.96	4,504.14	5,286.93	601.17
Young Adult Leadership Fund	1,825.00				1,825.00
Youth Camp Ministries	2,813.12	12,808.20	61,281.56	51,570.76	25,332.12
Youth Camp Scholarships	17,097.84		9,357.39	5,950.00	20,505.23
Youth Ministries Fund	6,872.19		2,970.68		9,842.87
	<u>\$ 1,011,262.92</u>	<u>\$ 40,931.33</u>	<u>\$ 460,631.88</u>	<u>\$ 303,554.61</u>	<u>\$ 1,209,271.52</u>

## Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Statement of Cash and Investments As at December 31, 2016

(Schedule 1)

Checking	
Huntington Bank	\$ 112,454.83
Fifth Third Bank - Reunion	2,000.00
Chemical Bank - Reunion	1,537.00
Mercantile Bank - Family Camp	501.17
Chase Bank - Youth Camp	12,849.09
Fifth Third Bank - SPEC	1,434.05
	<u>\$ 130,776.14</u>
Total Checking	
WC Affiliate Investment Pool	
Mission Center Pool A	\$ 392,285.25
Carleton Sale Pool A	189,303.96
Disciple Development Fund Pool A	73,753.38
Admin Support Fund Pool A	150,811.12
Mission Center Pool B	98,701.34
	<u>\$ 904,855.05</u>
Total Affiliate Investment Pool	

**Community of Christ – Michigan Mission Center  
Budget Income Statement as of September 30, 2017**

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>2017 Budget</u></b>	<b><u>2017 Y-T-D Actual</u></b>	<b><u>% of Budget</u></b>
Congregational Support	\$131,400.00	\$ 86,444.14	65.79%
Envelope Contributions	15,000.00	13,188.05	87.92%
Investment Earnings for Mission Support	16,350.00	-	0.00%
Transfers from Designated Ministry Funds	7,000.00	-	0.00%
Interest Income	2,000.00	859.70	42.99%
Other Income	2,000.00	16,164.37	808.22%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$173,750.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 116,656.26</u></b>	<b><u>67.14%</u></b>
 <b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
<b>Invite People to Christ</b>			
Detroit Hope Ministry Support	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	100.00%
Congregational Mission Expansion Grants	1,500.00	-	0.00%
First Time Youth Camper Grants	2,000.00	1,465.00	73.25%
<b>Abolish Poverty, End Suffering</b>			
Compassionate Ministries Grants	1,500.00	500.00	33.33%
<b>Pursue Peace on Earth</b>			
Peace and Justice Grants	1,500.00	-	0.00%
<b>Develop Disciples to Serve</b>			
Disciple Formation	1,500.00	(109.02)	-7.27%
SPEC - Spectacular Transportation	3,500.00	3,500.00	100.00%
Journey House Campus Ministries	4,000.00	4,000.00	100.00%
Leadership Formation	2,500.00	31.13	1.25%
<b>Experience Congregations in Mission</b>			
Congregation Support Minister for LCM	2,000.00	(138.38)	-6.92%
<b>Adminstrative Support for Mission</b>			
Salaries and Expenses for Staff	116,000.00	85,146.25	73.40%
Payroll Processing Fees	-	997.64	
Youth Camp Ministries Support	9,000.00	5,059.88	56.22%
Volunteer Travel Support	3,500.00	598.74	17.11%
Communications	6,700.00	3,206.81	47.86%
<b>Office Operations</b>			
Audit	350.00	506.63	144.75%
Equipment Replacement & Maintenance	1,500.00	223.10	14.87%
Insurance	2,400.00	1,690.00	70.42%
Licenses & Fees	500.00	716.40	143.28%
Office Lease	4,800.00	3,633.32	75.69%
Office Supplies	1,500.00	323.60	21.57%
Miscellaneous/Pastoral Care	500.00	107.61	21.52%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$173,750.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 118,458.71</u></b>	<b><u>68.18%</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>		<b><u>\$ (1,802.45)</u></b>	

## Community of Christ – Michigan Mission Center Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2017

### **ASSETS:**

#### Cash & Investments:

Checking Account, Huntington Bank	\$ 66,025.59
Checking Account, Fifth Third (Reunion)	402.77
Checking Account, Chemical (Reunion)	1,537.00
Checking Account, Mercantile (Family Camp)	501.17
Checking Account, Chase (Youth Camps)	711.66
Checking Account, Fifth Third (SPEC)	1,434.05
World Church Affiliate Investment Pool A	1,027,284.70
World Church Affiliate Investment Pool B	177,875.56
World Church AIP Pool B (Campground Sales)	<u>545,372.27</u>
<i>Total Cash &amp; Investments</i>	\$ 1,821,144.77

#### Receivables & Other Assets:

Accounts Receivable -	
Notes Receivable - CCM Land Contract	\$ 26,463.90
Notes Receivable - Campground Study Advance	66,282.25
Notes Receivable - The Woodlands	16,000.00
Notes Receivable - World Church	<u>2,019.00</u>
<i>Total Receivables</i>	\$ 110,765.15

### **TOTAL ASSETS**

**\$ 1,931,909.92**

### **LIABILITIES:**

Accounts Payable	\$ (1,652.45)
Other Liabilities	<u>82.55</u>

### **TOTAL LIABILITIES**

**\$ (1,569.90)**

### **NET ASSETS:**

	<u>Balance Jan. 1</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Current Balance</u>
Operating Reserve Fund	\$ 148,340.86		1,802.45	\$ 146,538.41

#### Designated General Funds:

Administrative Support Fund	338,022.90	175,643.18	-	513,666.08
Mission Support Fund	91,426.77	-	-	91,426.77
Earnings from Investment Account	99,473.64	28,864.17	-	128,337.81

#### Designated Special Purpose Funds:

Church Plant Program Fund	17,346.54	-	-	17,346.54
Church Plant Facility Fund	36,371.33	-	7,146.00	29,225.33
Redford Center Office Fund	29,988.07	3,421.00	-	33,409.07
Redford Center Office Improvement Fund	20,000.00	-	-	20,000.00
Detroit Properties Fund	(5,838.44)	1,328.12	-	(4,510.32)
Carleton Sale Fund	168,322.34	13,902.39	-	182,224.73
Equity in Notes Receivable	219,615.76	-	193,151.86	26,463.90
Mission Center Conferences Fund	12,758.72	390.10	-	13,148.82
Youth Camp Scholarship Fund	20,505.23	-	12,323.75	8,181.48
Youth Camp Ministries Fund	25,332.12	4,506.58	-	29,838.70
Camping Ministries Fund (Retreats, Etc.)	1,365.11	-	-	1,365.11
Reunion Reserve Fund	13,956.47	181.84	-	14,138.31
Reunion Program Fund	1,579.46	1,350.25	-	2,929.71
Woodlands Family Camp Reserve Fund	601.17	-	-	601.17
Campgrounds General Fund	(119.00)	2,231.75	-	2,112.75
Youth Ministries Fund	9,842.87	-	1,300.00	8,542.87
SPECTacular Fund	1,455.35	-	-	1,455.35
Young Adult Leadership Fund	1,825.00	-	-	1,825.00
Owosso Group Fund	33,461.29	-	-	33,461.29
Valley Center Fund	-	1,359.99	-	1,359.99
Contemporary Ministries Fund (CCM)	-	7,691.08	-	7,691.08
Campground Sales Fund	545,372.27	-	-	545,372.27
Disciple Development Fund	<u>71,978.82</u>	<u>5,348.78</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,327.60</u>

### **TOTAL NET ASSETS**

\$ 1,902,984.65    246,219.23    215,724.06    \$ 1,933,479.82

### **TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS**

**\$ 1,931,909.92**

## **Michigan Mission Center – Summary of Funds**

July 15, 2017

### **Operating Reserve Fund**

This fund captures any retained earnings and absorbs any deficits for the annual operating income and expenses for the mission center. The Investment Policy defines the maximum balance that should be retained in the account each year.

### **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 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 owned 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 July 15, 2017 the only remaining vacant property is at 16786 Greydale.

### **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.

## **Michigan Mission Center – Summary of Funds**

July 15, 2017

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Equity in Notes Receivable**

This fund consists of the notes receivable balance for the land contract sale of the Contemporary Christian Ministries (CCM) church facility. When the land contract is paid in full, this fund will cease to exist.

### **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, and from the net proceeds of the CCM sale. The scholarship process is determined by the mission center officers consistent with the ministry needs at the time.

## **Michigan Mission Center – Summary of Funds**

July 15, 2017

### **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. An additional amount was added from the net proceeds of the CCM sale.

### **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 January 1, 2016.

### **Reunion Reserve Fund**

This fund initially was funded with the cumulative surplus remaining from reunions held at Camp Manitou. At the end of 2016, similar amounts (approximately \$3500.00) from the Park of the Pines, Blue Water, and Sanford reunions were transferred into this account to be held to cover future shortfalls in reunion budgets. The expectation is that any funds dispersed to a reunion budget will be returned the following year. The remaining fund balances in each reunion account was transferred to the campground boards.

### **Reunion Program Fund**

This fund is set up to track the income and expenses for reunions throughout each year. It is expected that this fund will maintain a relatively small balance at year-end, as each reunion will have a plan for using the net surplus from their budgets.

### **Woodlands Family Camp Reserve Fund**

This fund holds the cumulative surplus from prior year family camps held at The Woodlands Campgrounds.

### **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. Additional funding is being added from the net proceeds of the CCM sale.

## **Michigan Mission Center – Summary of Funds**

July 15, 2017

### **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 (CCM) 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. When the building was sold, the proceeds were placed in this fund. When the leadership of the congregation was asked prior to the time of closing if there were any specific desires or recommendations for what some of the proceeds may be used for once the building 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. A resolution passed at 2016 Fall Conference directed 10% of the net proceeds be sent to Worldwide Mission Tithes to support Abolish Poverty and End Suffering, and 5% of the net proceeds be allocated to the mission center's Youth Camp Ministries Fund. The remaining proceeds will be distributed equally between the mission center's Youth Ministries Fund, and the Youth Camp Scholarship fund.

### **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.

### **Valley Center Fund**

Remaining assets from the closing of the Valley Center congregation.

### **Campground Sales Fund**

A holding fund for the proceeds from campground property sales.

## 2017 Camping Financial 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	22	\$4,080.00	\$4,046.92	\$33.08
Blue Water	Jr. High	19	\$5,430.00	\$5,132.42	\$297.58
Blue Water	Sr. High	35	\$9,805.00	\$8,627.74	\$1,177.26
Park of the Pines	Junior	46	\$8,580.00	\$8,149.98	\$430.02
Park of the Pines	Jr. High	26	\$7,150.00	\$6,634.74	\$515.26
Park of the Pines	Sr. High	15	\$4,110.00	\$3,993.61	\$116.39
Sanford	Early Junior	30	\$4,425.00	\$3,607.09	\$817.91
Sanford	Late Junior	28	\$5,585.00	\$4,866.16	\$718.84
Sanford	Jr. High	24	\$6,577.50	\$6,185.39	\$392.11
Sanford	Sr. High	13	\$3,907.48	\$3,918.36	(\$10.88)
Miscellaneous (Shared Income & PayPal Fees)		<u>n/a</u>	<u>\$120.72</u>	<u>\$101.71</u>	<u>\$19.01</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b><u>258</u></b>	<b><u>\$59,770.70</u></b>	<b><u>\$55,264.12</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,506.58</u></b>

### Camper Break down by Camp Type:

Early Junior	30
Late Junior/Junior	96
Jr. High	69
Sr. High	63

### YOUTH CAMP MINISTRIES FUND BALANCE-9/30/2017:

Youth Camp Ministries Fund Balance \$29,838.70

### YOUTH CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND INFORMATION:

Beginning Balance at 1/1/2017	\$20,505.23
Plus: Income to Date thru 9/30/17	\$2,216.25
Less: Scholarships Provided	<u>\$14,550.00</u>
Ending Balance at 9/30/2017	<u>\$8,171.48</u>

134 youth received scholarships for youth camps at Blue Water, Park of the Pines and Sanford in 2017.

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

There were also 71 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	243	\$33,610.62	\$32,860.62	\$750.00
Park of the Pines	190	\$22,814.17	\$22,814.17	\$0.00
Sanford	134	\$13,472.96	\$12,229.83	\$1,243.13
The Woodlands	<u>135</u>	<u>\$3,985.53</u>	<u>\$3,451.20</u>	<u>\$534.33</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>702</u></b>	<b><u>\$73,883.28</u></b>	<b><u>\$71,355.82</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,527.46</u></b>

\*Income includes offering envelope income received in 2017 to date as well as event income.

### SPECTACULAR:

	<u># Attendees</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Net Income (Loss)</u>
Spectacular Michigan Delegation	32	\$25,323.74	\$22,278.47	\$3,045.27

Spectacular Fund Balance at 9/30/2017 \$4,491.32

## Congregation Support Commitments for 2018

Commitments to the Mission Center Operating Budget					
Alaska	1,500.00	East Lansing	1140.00	Muskegon	1100.00
Allegan	200.00	Eastside*	450.00	Northview	4500.00
Alma	250.00	Farwell	1800.00	Onaway	1560.00
Alpena	3000.00	Galien	4800.00	Otter Lake	200.00
Ann Arbor	2340.00	Gaylord	700.00	Owendale	2640.00
Battle Creek	1550.00	Gladstone	500.00	Plymouth	2160.00
Bay City	729.00	Gladwin	2000.00	Richmond	675.00
Bay Port	1215.00	Grand Valley	5400.00	Riverview	5000.00
Beaverton*	200.00	Grayling	-	Rose Lake	3120.00
Bentley	200.00	Greenville	-	Saginaw	2000.00
Benton Harbor	500.00	Gulliver	75.00	Sandusky	3000.00
Big Rapids	550.00	Harrison	350.00	Sanford	455.00
Blue Water **	1000.00	Hastings	1500.00	Sault St. Marie	-
Boyne City	750.00	Highland Park	100.00	Shabbona	200.00
Brighton	500.00	Holland	1320.00	Sixth Street	689.00
Bristolwood	2250.00	Houghton Lake	150.00	South Bend	400.00
Burt	350.00	Inland	1440.00	St. Johns	600.00
Cadillac	1800.00	Jackson	3910.00	Tawas City	828.00
Capital	7350.00	Kalamazoo	2800.00	Traverse City	1100.00
Caro	1100.00	Lachine	914.00	Troy Oaks	9500.00
Charlotte	100.00	Lake Orion	2200.00	Twining	225.00
Cheboygan	645.00	Lapeer	2720.00	Union Ave.	4508.00
Clio	1500.00	Ludington	322.00	Vestaburg	200.00
Coldwater	2600.00	Marion	1600.00	Wadhams Gr.	1000.00
Coleman	1035.00	Marlette	350.00	Waterford	6750.00
Crossroads	720.00	Midland	275.00	West Branch	500.00
Croswell	1755.00	Mikado	1056.00		
Detroit Hope**	-	Mt. Pleasant	400.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$126,871.00</b>

\* Amount is estimated.

\*\*Emerging Congregations

Seventeen congregations (Ann Arbor, Brighton, Bristolwood, Cheboygan, Coldwater, Coleman, Crossroads, Farwell, Gaylord, Grand Valley, Hastings, Kalamazoo, Plymouth, Sandusky, Traverse City, Union Avenue, and West Branch) made commitments totaling \$4,267 to support Spectacular in 2018.

Fourteen congregations (Bristolwood, Capital, Cheboygan, Coldwater, Crossroads, East Lansing, Gaylord, Hastings, Kalamazoo, Plymouth, Sandusky, Traverse City, Union Avenue, and West Branch) made commitments totaling \$3,982 to support Journey House in 2018.

Five congregations (Bay Port, Blue Water, Coleman, Traverse City, Troy Oaks) made commitments totaling \$4,450 to support Worldwide Mission Tithes in 2018.

Five congregations (Alaska, Bay Port, Northview, Sandusky, and West Branch) made commitments totaling \$1,480 to support Bridge of Hope Tithes in 2018.

## Michigan Mission Center 2018 Proposed Budget

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
1	Congregational Support	\$126,871.00	72.55%
2	Envelope Contributions	17,800.00	10.18%
3	Investment Earnings for Mission Support	22,704.00	12.98%
4	Transfers from Designated Ministry Funds	3,500.00	2.00%
5	Interest Income	2,000.00	1.14%
6	Other Income	2,000.00	1.14%
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$174,875.00</b>	
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
	<b>Invite People to Christ</b>		
7	Detroit Hope Ministry Support	\$3,500.00	2.00%
8	Congregational Mission Expansion Grants	500.00	0.29%
9	First Time Youth Camper Grants	2,000.00	1.14%
	<b>Abolish Poverty, End Suffering</b>		
10	Compassionate Ministries Grants	500.00	0.29%
	<b>Pursue Peace on Earth</b>		
11	Peace & Justice Grants	500.00	0.29%
	<b>Develop Disciples to Serve</b>		
12	SPEC – Spectacular Transportation	1,750.00	1.00%
13	Journey House Campus Ministries	2,000.00	1.14%
14	Disciple and Leadership Formation	2,500.00	1.43%
	<b>Experience Congregations in Mission</b>		
15	Leading Congregations in Mission	250.00	0.14%
	<b>Administrative Support for Mission</b>		
16	Salaries and Benefits	138,450.00	79.17%
17	Payroll Processing Fees	1,500.00	0.86%
18	Youth Camp Ministries Support	7,000.00	4.00%
19	Volunteer Travel Support	1,000.00	0.57%
20	Communications	5,000.00	2.86%
	<b>Office Operations</b>		
21	Audit	475.00	0.27%
22	Equipment Replacement and Maintenance	750.00	0.43%
23	Insurance	2,400.00	1.37%
24	Licenses & Fees	750.00	0.43%
25	Office Lease	2,800.00	1.60%
26	Office Supplies	750.00	0.43%
27	Miscellaneous/Pastoral Care	500.00	0.29%
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>174,875.00</b>	
	<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	-	

## **Michigan Mission Center 2018 Proposed Budget Narrative**

### **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. Congregations were asked for a commitment that was 10-percent less than the 2017 commitment and encouraged to direct the 10-percent amount to another ministry such as Journey House, SPEC Transportation, Worldwide Mission Tithes, or the Bridge of Hope Project.

**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 Reserves, Earnings from Investment Fund, Administrative Support Fund, and Mission Support Fund.

**Transfers from Designated Ministry Funds:** We will transfer an amount from the Church Plant Program Fund for the Detroit Hope Ministry Support expenses.

**Interest Income:** Allocated 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. It is anticipated that 2018 will be the last year for support from this budget. Detroit Hope will continue to 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.

**SPEC - Spectacular Transportation:** Funding assistance for transportation for the Senior High youth attending Spectacular at Graceland University. It is anticipated that 2018 will be the last year for support from this budget.

**Journey House Campus Ministries:** Ministry support for Journey House in East Lansing. It is anticipated that 2018 will be the last year for support from this budget.

## **Michigan Mission Center 2018 Proposed Budget Narrative**

**Disciple and Leadership Formation:** Funding for workshops, retreats, and classes that provide for spiritual formation, theological exploration, ministerial development, and leadership advancement.

**Leading Congregations in Mission:** 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 (one full-time position, and two part-time positions) served by a team of

Dan Nowiski (40 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)

Assistant MCFO (part-time) - Jessica Montague (12 hours/week)

This line item also includes reimbursement for travel expenses for staff and the anticipation of reductions in World Church funding to help support the MCP and MCFO positions. The current part-time administrative support position will end with the 2017 budget year.

**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 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 volunteers 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 and Percept demographic reports.

**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.

## 2016 Campgrounds Summarized Income Statements

	<b>Blue Water</b>	<b>Camp Manitou*</b>	<b>Park of the Pines</b>	<b>Sanford</b>	<b>The Woodlands</b>	<b>Combined</b>
<b>Revenues</b>						
Congregational Support	\$31,284.09	\$19,452.48	\$34,866.10	\$25,455.00	\$7,493.00	\$118,550.67
Grounds Usage General (Retreats, Etc.)	2,451.00				7,174.33	9,625.33
Grounds Usage Reunion	9,000.00					9,000.00
Grounds Usage Youth	6,692.00					6,692.00
Grounds Usage			16,615.00			16,615.00
Grounds Usage & Meal Fees				40,623.44		40,623.44
Grounds Usage Friends	46,470.00		5,070.00		1,630.00	53,170.00
Food Service	41,854.69		19,229.35			61,084.04
Canteen	1,298.81					1,298.81
Families/Individuals/Friends Donations		446.25	7,878.08			8,324.33
Maintenance Donations/Fund-raisers			9,069.00			9,069.00
Congregation Donations	46,301.66			4,819.10		51,120.76
Rally Weekend					5,768.12	5,768.12
Fund-raisers/Special Projects	33,800.00		2,091.35	10,805.61	164.00	46,860.96
Other Income	601.34	527.22	19,506.62	440.66		21,075.84
Transfer from Building Fund			10,500.00			10,500.00
Interest/Investment Pool Earnings		(105.74)			226.12	120.38
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$219,753.59</u></b>	<b><u>\$20,320.21</u></b>	<b><u>\$124,825.50</u></b>	<b><u>\$82,143.81</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,455.57</u></b>	<b><u>\$469,498.68</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Salaries-Caretaker/Resident Mgr (inc. taxes)	\$23,242.27	\$10,550.54	\$24,246.29	\$20,941.39	\$12,505.02	\$91,485.51
Salaries - Waterfront, Life Guard, Etc.	3,254.52		2,032.68	100.00		5,387.20
General Supplies	1,503.45		868.55	2,764.63	1,118.23	6,254.86
Telephone/Internet	3,648.15	2,781.98	1,434.83	1,090.77	462.42	9,418.15
Electricity	10,994.69	6,556.83	5,385.27	10,001.43	3,093.74	36,031.96
Gas/Propane/Natural Gas	5,041.18	4,744.02	6,874.39	5,337.00	399.60	22,396.19
Water & Water Testing			360.00	2,469.55		2,829.55
Trash Removal	1,105.00	1,481.78	1,052.12	997.00	1,309.37	5,945.27
Vehicles-Gas/Oil/Maintenance	1,390.02	1,569.41	1,070.86	2,855.68	2,031.24	8,917.21
Equipment Maintenance	17,307.73					17,307.73
Maintenance and Repairs	15,394.37	1,293.96	25,262.65	10,091.90	8,628.03	60,670.91
Caretaker House/Area					2,434.29	2,434.29
Insurance	22,955.50	19,110.00	15,972.98	16,507.00	10,440.25	84,985.73
Inspections/Licenses/Lake Assessment	3,532.33		701.79	952.00	359.25	5,545.37
Administrative	1,101.58	517.44	633.25	170.23	355.44	2,777.94
Loan Payments	2,808.95					2,808.95
Audit		254.51	184.95	188.81		628.27
Marketing/Promotion				59.70		59.70
Food	35,995.39		14,933.72	13,098.72		64,027.83
Canteen	629.35					629.35
Rally Weekend Expenses					1,603.86	1,603.86
Miscellaneous		82.58	2,576.76		250.60	2,909.94
Fire Monitoring/Prevention		3,171.60				3,171.60
Furniture/Equipment & Tools			37.10	1,463.08	21.99	1,522.17
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$149,904.48</u></b>	<b><u>\$52,114.65</u></b>	<b><u>\$103,628.19</u></b>	<b><u>\$89,088.89</u></b>	<b><u>\$45,013.33</u></b>	<b><u>\$439,749.54</u></b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$69,849.11</b>	<b>(\$31,794.44)</b>	<b>\$21,197.31</b>	<b>(\$6,945.08)</b>	<b>(\$22,557.76)</b>	<b>\$29,749.14</b>
<i>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.</i>						
<i>*Camp Manitou's amounts are unaudited.</i>						

## 2016 Campgrounds Summarized Balance Sheets

	<u>Blue Water</u>	<u>Camp Manitou*</u>	<u>Park of the Pines</u>	<u>Sanford</u>	<u>The Woodlands</u>
<b><u>Assets:</u></b>					
<b><u>Cash &amp; Investments:</u></b>					
Cash in Bank, Checking	\$85,955.08	\$2,780.20	\$27,080.04	\$39,529.17	\$5,098.74
Cash in Bank, Savings				\$31,846.65	
Petty Cash		\$500.00		\$500.00	
World Church Affiliate Investment Pool	-	-	267,764.99	-	159.45
<b>Total Cash &amp; Investments</b>	<b>\$85,955.08</b>	<b>\$3,280.20</b>	<b>\$294,845.03</b>	<b>\$71,875.82</b>	<b>\$5,258.19</b>
<b><u>Buildings &amp; Property/Fixed Assets:</u></b>					
Land, Buildings & Improvements	\$1,637,741.98				
Land				\$312,200.00	
Buildings					
Buildings & Improvements				\$480,428.24	
Equipment	<u>\$24,461.00</u>				
Equipment, Vehicles, Furniture, Fixtures				<u>\$18,031.66</u>	
<b>Total Buildings &amp; Property/Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$1,662,202.98</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$810,659.90</b>	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$1,748,158.06</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,280.20</u></b>	<b><u>\$294,845.03</u></b>	<b><u>\$882,535.72</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,258.19</u></b>
<b><u>Liabilities, Reserves &amp; Net Assets:</u></b>					
<b><u>Liabilities:</u></b>					
World Church Loan	\$10,628.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Center Note Payable		\$24,600.00			
Accounts Payable	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$10,628.54</b>	<b>\$24,600.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b><u>Reserves &amp; Net Assets:</u></b>					
Operating Fund	\$85,955.08	(\$21,319.80)	\$15,758.17	\$28,113.12	\$5,258.19
Operating Reserve Fund			\$17,385.02		
Furniture & Equipment Reserve			\$1,500.00	\$15,283.66	
Vehicle Replacement Reserve			\$8,821.09	\$4,203.82	
Maintenance Reserve			\$1,674.94		
Reunion/Campground Futures Reserve				\$17,241.11	
Development Fund				\$7,034.11	
Building Fund			\$231,471.81		
Endowment Fund			\$18,234.00		
Equity in Buildings & Property/Fixed Assets	<u>\$1,651,574.44</u>			<u>\$810,659.90</u>	
<b>Total Liabilities, Reserves &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$1,748,158.06</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,280.20</u></b>	<b><u>\$294,845.03</u></b>	<b><u>\$882,535.72</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,258.19</u></b>
<p><i>Please Note: Manitou, Park of the Pines and The Woodlands do not currently state the value of Land, Buildings, Furnishing 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.</i></p> <p><i>The Balance Sheets reflected above do not show two liability balances for appraisal expenses paid by the Michigan Mission Center on behalf of Camp Manitou of \$7,000.00 and The Woodlands of \$6,000.00 that were due at December 31, 2016.</i></p>					
*Camp Manitou's amounts are unaudited.					

## 2018 Campground Budgets

	Blue Water	Park of the Pines	Sanford	Woodlands	Combined
<b>Revenues</b>					
Grounds Usage General (Retreats, Etc.)	\$2,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$14,500.00
Grounds Usage Reunion	10,500.00	14,000.00	6,500.00		31,000.00
Grounds Usage Youth	8,000.00	12,000.00	7,500.00		27,500.00
Grounds Usage Friends	45,500.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	58,500.00
Food Service	40,000.00	22,000.00	16,500.00		78,500.00
<b>Congregational Support</b>	<b>32,000.00</b>	<b>38,815.00</b>	<b>25,075.00</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>101,890.00</b>
Maintenance Donations/Fund-raisers		10,000.00			10,000.00
Congregation Donations	8,000.00		3,500.00	1,000.00	12,500.00
Envelope Contributions		3,500.00		1,000.00	4,500.00
Fund-raisers		8,385.00	12,000.00	6,500.00	26,885.00
Other Income	2,000.00	2,000.00	500.00		4,500.00
Reserves / Fund Balance Transfers			16,835.00		16,835.00
Loan Advance from Mission Center (as needed)				15,450.00	15,450.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$148,500.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$120,200.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$93,910.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$39,950.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$402,560.00</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Salaries- Caretakers/Manager (inc. payroll exp.)	\$19,000.00	\$33,500.00	\$20,500.00	\$13,000.00	\$86,000.00
Salaries - Waterfront, Other Labor	7,500.00	2,200.00	2,500.00		12,200.00
Travel				250.00	250.00
Supplies	5,000.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	9,500.00
Telephone	2,000.00	800.00	600.00	400.00	3,800.00
Internet	1,500.00	800.00	600.00		2,900.00
Electricity	10,000.00	6,000.00	10,500.00	2,500.00	29,000.00
Gas/Propane/Natural Gas	9,000.00	10,000.00	5,400.00	500.00	24,900.00
Water & Water Testing		500.00	2,100.00		2,600.00
Trash Removal	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	4,600.00
Vehicles-Gas/Oil/Maintenance	3,500.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	1,500.00	8,500.00
Equipment Maintenance		1,000.00			1,000.00
Maintenance and Repair	18,600.00	15,000.00	6,000.00	2,500.00	42,100.00
Caretaker House/Area				2,000.00	2,000.00
Insurance	38,000.00	20,000.00	21,460.00	14,000.00	93,460.00
Inspections/Licenses/Lake Assessment	3,000.00	750.00	1,100.00	300.00	5,150.00
Administrative	400.00	500.00	200.00	300.00	1,400.00
Loan Payments		3,300.00			3,300.00
Audit		350.00	250.00		600.00
Marketing/Promotion		500.00	1,000.00	500.00	2,000.00
Food	30,000.00	15,000.00	12,500.00		57,500.00
Fund Raising Expenses		800.00	2,500.00		3,300.00
Furniture/Equipment & Tools		2,000.00	1,000.00		3,000.00
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		2,000.00			2,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$148,500.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$120,200.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$93,910.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$39,950.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$402,560.00</u></b>

## **Board Reports – Blue Water Campground**

Blue Water Campground has enjoyed another good year in 2017. The campground has been busy with eighteen scheduled events including Reunion, youth camps for Juniors, Junior High, and Senior High, Blue Water Congregation weekends, four band camps, scrapbook weekends, Mission Center events, and a few other weekend events. We would like to thank all that took part in making these events possible and also those who have attended. We are anticipating that 2018 will be busy with twenty four events tentatively scheduled.

Many maintenance projects have been done during the year. During our workweek in May, we were able to replace the roof on the Nursery building and cut up and clean up a number of trees that had fallen during the winter. Working during the week were Tom Banks, Dale Volz, Dick Parker, Dick Pennington, Kurt Stanbridge, and Rick Herr. Over Memorial weekend, Darlene and Mark Pauley along with the Fogarty brothers worked on the Memorial Garden by the Tabernacle while Kelly Christian and his Mom, and others worked on the flower beds around the Lodge. We would like to thank Bob Chalou for his work on the griddle on our gas stove in the Lodge kitchen. He was able to create repair parts that no longer are available from the stove manufacturer. Also during the summer, we had to replace the convection oven. Those who cook for events are very appreciative of these improvements. We would like to thank Vance Herbert for donating a portable generator which can be used in many ways around the campground and a transfer switch for hooking it up at the pump house. Allie Lentz created a pathway to our little waterfall area with a nice area for meditation. Allie, with a little help, also accomplished doing some re-leveling and reseeding in the valley area and has maintained many of the flower beds around the campground, all in addition to her normal work around the campground. We also want to recognize the Lapeer congregation for allowing us to hold many of our board meetings at their building. A special thank you goes to the Crowell Congregation for their continued support of the campground for a number of years. They have been involved in many projects with not only financial support, but also many hours of volunteer labor. Because of their efforts, all of our eleven cabins now have long lasting steel roofing. We also thank our Caretaker/Business Manager Kurt Stanbridge and his family for all of their hard work and support of the campground.

I would like to thank those who have served on the Blue Water Campground board during 2017 for their hard work and dedication. Those serving during the year include Rich Allen, Tom Banks, Kelly Christian, Vance Herbert, Rick Herr, Janet Hoyt, Henry Knight, Russell Knight, Dick Parker, Dick Pennington, Patti Piper, Troy Piper, Brandon Robertson, Tim Ross, Greg Varner, Dale Volz, and Dan Nowiski, Jack Tigner, and Jessica Montague from the Mission Center.

Yours in Christ,

Rick Herr, Board President

## Board Reports – Sanford Campground

As we reflect upon this camping season we cannot help but look upon the past few months with extreme gratitude to those that volunteered their time and talents to touch the lives of so many people. The support that we receive and that is given unconditionally by so many of you to ensure that anyone who arrives on the grounds at Sanford Campground has the opportunity to begin and develop their relationship with Jesus Christ is truly amazing. Your support also makes us excited for the future. As we continue to evaluate our camping ministries, look for new ways to reach out to our community, and develop more innovative ways to invite and bring people to Christ, we know that with your continued support we will remain committed to and work towards fulfilling Christ's Mission.

The following events were held at Sanford Campground this past year, which enabled the creation of new relationships, warm memories and strengthened faith:

- Memorial Weekend on the Lake: Where many, both members of Community of Christ and nonmembers come to experience the campground and enjoy a weekend of camping, BBQ dinner, children's carnival, car show, craft and antique show, bake sale, a special Sunday worship service, and a closing memorial service to honor those that have served our country.
- Sanford Reunion: A special family camp environment where attendees are able to disconnect from everyday life, come to grow closer to each other, and deepen their relationship with God.
- Stars and Stripes Celebration: Where hundreds of spectators from the community come to enjoy the best view of the Fourth of July Fireworks over Sanford Lake. Camping and canteen offerings were also available.
- Four youth camps: That experienced a substantial increases in new attendees, where youth had the opportunity to discover themselves and the love Jesus Christ has for them.
- Special Needs Camp: Where campers with special needs were able to come together in a safe and caring environment to experience God and the love He has for them.
- Labor-Day-Get-A-Way: Where your donations assisted us in holding a sale that not only assisted us in raising some much needed funds for our campgrounds, it also brought in many community members that wanted to learn more about Sanford Campground! Planning and discussion for more activities for next year are already being planned!
- Sanford Women's Retreat: Where women throughout our mission center were able to connect with each other and understand what it means to be "Under Construction" and a "Work in Progress" for God!
- Halloween Weekend: A fun weekend that despite the cold and rainy weather, friends and family were able to come together to camp, play games, do crafts, enjoy campfire, trick-or-treating, and walk through a haunted cabin!
- We also had the opportunity to host educational events and play a part in developing disciples to serve, rent our grounds to non-member organizations and host a wedding.

In closing, as you review the events that were held at the campground we ask that you begin thinking about and planning for the upcoming camping season at all of our precious campgrounds. Your participation and inviting hearts are what makes our events successful!

## Board Reports – Park of the Pines

Thanks to everyone that supported the Park of the Pines in 2017. 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 two scrapbook retreats, several family reunions, a weekend photography retreat, an art workshop and retreat, fall festival feast, an international exchange student ski weekend, and a maple syrup festival with multi-media show by Jim Doty..

The auction held during reunion, featuring many gift baskets. Close to \$3,000 was raised for the maintenance budget. In September the Park's fourth annual Fall Festival Feast was held. In addition to routine maintenance: a lodge boiler replacement was completed, vinyl siding for the junior building, and phase one of a landscape plan around the lodge. Phase two of the landscaping will take place this fall around the dining hall. Many of our old metal bunks will be replaced with updated bunks that were purchased from Lake Superior State University and Ferris State University.

Our fund raising calendar is in its fourth year. It features photography by Bill and Winnie Johnston. This a year an all reunion photo was taken and is featured on the front cover of the 2018 calendar. A copy also hangs in the dining hall with the other historic reunion photos. The Park of the Pines will celebrate its 100 Anniversary in 2020.

The Park has been in discussion with the Boyne City to Charlevoix trail group. A bicycle trail is planned that will follow the Boyne City Road. Phase one is completed to the Park. Phase two was done this summer from Charlevoix. The final phase will pass by the Park of the Pines. Our discussion has been on how the Park might help the trail group. Likely a staging area will be on the Park of the Pines property. Potable water will be available to cyclists and they have expressed interest in helping us as well.

Bill and Winnie Johnston 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 Facebook page which is 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 liking the Park of the Pines Facebook page.

30+	Women's Retreat		
\$3,000	Reunion Auction	4	Baptisms at Reunion
52	Fall Festival Feast	\$800	Fall Festival Feast Receipts

Submitted by Roger Elkins, Park of the Pines Board President

## Board Reports – The Woodlands

Last winter's snow brought congregations and youth groups to The Woodlands to test their nerve on the "big hill" behind the program center. Scientific polls taken indicate the phrase most often heard at the bottom of the hill was "You mean I have to *walk* up!" and the phrase most often heard at the top was, "I need *oxygen*!"

Those seeking a little more scenery and less heart attack chose to cross country ski or snow shoe on some of our many trails. The older-but-wiser individuals played games and drank hot cocoa inside by the fire, and only occasionally felt the need to check for phone service in the case 911 was needed.

There was a significant number of storm damaged trees that needed cleaned up this spring. It created a lot of work, but it also produced most of firewood that will be used in the furnace this winter. Besides, we have lots of trees.

Work weekend also included dismantling our famous 100 ft. water slide... It was a solemn moment, but then we began work on the new 150 ft. slide that ends in the pond! Spirits were high and fast when the first test run was a blazing success. Those who had bet on "crash and burn" were only slightly conflicted.

Radio Club sent signals around the world, providing an understanding of how big community can be. Extraterrestrials, however, have yet to respond to the call. They will keep trying.

The Quilters Club gathered and sewed for charity. They produced quality quilts for needy infants, reinforcing the worth of all and eliminating unnecessary suffering in the world.

Family Camp participated in "The Great Roundup." Cowboys and cowgirls from all over the State gathered together to hone their skills and compete in wild horse races and bull riding, not to mention chicken shooting, roping, sheep herding, and milking. Jake sends his greetings to all who were there! Branded by God, we belong to Him!

Area Mennonites once again used the campground for their Family camping event and had great fun. Some expressed interest in the Labyrinth and were given a short tutorial on its use.

The Woodlands Rally held annually during Labor Day weekend was a great fund raising success. It was simplified to some extent to create fewer expenses, and at the same time increase the fellowship and laughter. The end result was a great weekend filled with joy as new friendships developed and old ones strengthened in the love of Jesus.

The most recent event was Senior Leisure Camp. There isn't much to say about this camp because no one who goes will talk about what they do there... The campers are a tight lipped group of geriatrics. Seems suspicious to me... They appear to have taken a number of unsupervised excursions off-grounds. Church leadership may want to keep an eye on this group...

Finally, trees are marked for cutting to use to construct our new log chapel in the spring!

2017 was a transition year for The Woodlands. We struggled to meet our financial obligations due to another significant reduction in congregations' direct financial support. The campground board has decided that despite this decrease in congregational support, in 2018 we will provide additional unique camping opportunities and new outreach ministries, including more effectively marketing the amenities to outside groups, and fill the yearly schedule to the fullest extent possible.

## **Board Reports – Park of the Pines Endowment Fund**

Great news! Church members and friends can now make contributions to the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund!

We are pleased to announce that an endowment fund for Park of the Pines has been established with the Jurisdictional Endowment Fund of Community of Christ. An initial investment of \$16,000 was made to create the fund. This investment was provided by donations from members who designated their contribution to Park of the Pines endowment fund when it became a reality.

The earnings from the endowment fund will be used to supplement the operating fund budget of Park of the Pines. The goal set by the Park of the Pines Board of Directors is to grow the endowment fund to the point where earnings from the fund can replace the supplemental operating support now provided by congregational donations. Those wishing to make a contribution may make their check payable to Park of the Pines, write Endowment Fund on the memo line of the check, and mail to Cathy Hopkins, 5679 Exodus, Traverse City, MI 49784.

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## **Board Reports – Journey House Campus Ministry Center**

“Learn, Grow & Serve” sets the course for young adults residing in the Journey House and friends that participate in campus ministry activities. The support of the Michigan Mission Center is a blessing to the spiritual, educational, and personal development of students attending higher education institutions. This past year has indeed been a journey of faith with heart-felt campus ministry and engaging activities. Residents, other students and friends participate when and where they have time. A review of the year reveals an active, exciting calendar packed with events and opportunities for service along with countless tasks achieved. Kudos to Nicole Keverne, resident manager, and the East Lansing congregation for their untiring efforts to support the residents and friends. Several members serve as mentors for residents who request someone to support them as they navigate their college experience. They are truly “the wind beneath the wings” of the Journey House as they collaborate with the Board of Directors to provide campus ministry with young adults.

Here is a snap shot view of what the Journey House has been up to:

- Spiritual Formation: Sunday evening worship and programs during the academic year with the East Lansing congregation usually followed by a meal or snack. Local and visiting ministers come to build relationships, inspire and lead worship and study
- Resident Manager holds monthly house meetings to catch up on current news; residents come together for a sharing day where each resident shares something they are interested in with the group; initiating service projects for the Community of Christ and community. In addition, residents host the Sr. High weekend to give teens a glimpse of what college life is like. .
- Welcome and Survival kits distributed to 40 or more campus ministry friends at MSU. Welcome kits are delivered the first couple of weeks of the fall semester and survival kits are

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distributed the week before final exams in the fall and spring. It’s a great way to connect with the students, build relationships and they really appreciate the thought!

- Activities: Opportunity abounds for fun! The past few years’ residents and a few friends were interested in learning how to play the guitar. A diverse class of about 4 to 8 people formed and they met on Friday. They come with various level of skills to learn, play hymns & Oldies but Goodies contemporary music & chat. Some other activities include: Tail gate during the MSU/UofM football game, game and movie nights, studying together, watching sports on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, creating crafts, carving Halloween pumpkins, sharing Thanksgiving dinner, secret Santa notes & exchange, cooking & meals together in the kitchen. Weekly lunches at the MSU food court finds residents & friends sharing in lively conversation.

- Journey House fund raising and maintenance initiatives: Board of Directors successfully hosted a “GoFundMe” drive to purchase 10 solar panels to help sustain electrical energy in the upcoming years and were able to replace 12 bed mattresses with the generous support of donors. Residents, East Lansing congregation & supporters formed a “green team” and maintenance committee. held spring & fall clean up days and collaborated with several companies to complete necessary repairs to comply with East Lansing housing requirements. Nearing the 19<sup>th</sup> year of the Journey House, it is with boundless joy and gratitude that we thank the Michigan Mission Center for the loving, caring, financial support. Let us continue “journeying” together as a Zioniac community becoming “One & Visible in Christ”.

THANK YOU!! The Michigan Mission Center stands strong in support of young adults in pursuit of higher learning. Please, come visit the Journey House, we would love to show you around!! 1628 E. Grand River, East Lansing, MI 48823; Call Nicole Keverne, Resident Manager at phone 517-337-1845 or email johousecmc@gmail.com.

### Journey House 2018 Proposed Budgets

<u>Income</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Program</u>
Operating Reserve	3,401		Salary & Taxes	6,459	15,932
Donations/Fundraisers	4,000	4,432	Payroll Services	1,700	
East Lansing Cong.	2,700		Audit	300	
Rent	44,708		Advertising	200	
Mission Center Support	-	2,000	Bank Fees	50	
Campus Minister Reserve	-	12,000	Insurance	4,000	
			Mortgage	15,000	
			Licenses/Permits	750	
			Miscellaneous	100	
			Supplies	250	500
			Repairs/Maint.	12,000	
			Utilities	14,000	
			Meals		1,000
			Activities		1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,809</b>	<b>\$18,432</b>		<b>\$54,809</b>	<b>\$18,432</b>

## Committee Reports

### Youth Camps

*Winnie Johnston, Youth Camping Coordinator*

The 2017 Community of Christ youth camping season was a success. This year 258 campers experienced living in community at our camps in Michigan, and over 25% of them were first time campers. Thank you to the directors and staff for making this possible. Our camps change lives.

Last winter, the directors gathered for a retreat where they exchanged ideas, learned from guest speakers, and, most importantly, formed relationships with each other. This created a spirit of cooperation that was seen throughout the year as directors shared ideas and encouraged each other. The group met again this September to review the camping season, share the successes of each camp, and review ideas to make future camps run efficiently. They spend over two hours sharing camp stories and touching experiences. This shared cooperation is helping us grow our camps as well as make them efficient and effective. A second annual directors retreat has been planned for this February.

Many of our campers received Mission Center sponsored scholarships. This year, 52% of the total campers were helped by this scholarship fund, and many others received financial assistance from their local congregations. Thank you to all who have contributed, either to the Mission Center Camp Scholarship Fund, your local congregation, or both. Without this financial help, many youth would not have the opportunity to attend camp. After such a successful camp season, the Camp Scholarship Fund needs to be replenished. I encourage you to give to this fund.

Many campers have testimonies of how camp has impacted their lives by making lifelong friends and experiencing total acceptance, influencing the direction of their lives. I encourage you to get involved in our camping programs by joining our camp staff or helping at our campgrounds to make them safe, wonderful spaces for camps to take place.

Join me in thanking the 2017 camp directors for making this year a great year for our youth camps. If you see any of them while at conference, take a moment to talk to them about their camp; they have some very interesting things to share.

#### Blue Water Camps

Junior Camp, Rachel Romanack; Junior High, Kelly Christian; Senior High, Rich Allen

#### Park of the Pines Camps

Junior Camp, Ruthie Eaton; Junior High, Megan Hacker; Senior High, Jamie Lis

#### Sanford Camps

Early and Late Junior Camp, Dana Thering; Junior High, Robin Wiltse, Amber Billman, & Angie Varney; Sanford Senior High, Ben Crowley

## Committee Reports

### Spectacular

Spectacular 2017 was yet again another incredible chance for 32 of our high school youth and 8 dedicated staff members to experience the love of God in new and spectacular ways! We joined with close to 1000 other youth from around the country for the week to explore the theme “Harmony” through dynamic worship, interactive classes, sports competitions, music, unlimited soft serve ice cream, and simply being: Being together, being One in Harmony. Our youth did not disappoint and represented the strong faith community we have here in Michigan through their leadership in classes, sharing their musical talents (in front of the whole camp!), their sportsmanship and encouragement, their openness and thoughtful questions (especially during dialogue with the first presidency), their hugs, and their love. Every year, we as staff are more and more amazed by the transformation we see in these young disciples and are honored to be a part of their journey in this exceptional way.

Thank you, Michigan Mission Center, for making this experience a reality for our youth and giving them the chance to experience Christ's love in ways that they never have before. 2018 brings an extra powerful opportunity in that the International Youth Forum will take place in Independence, Missouri for 3 days leading up to Spectacular 2018 and gives our youth the chance to share, worship, and explore our church's headquarters alongside youth from the British Isles, Europe, French Polynesia, Mexico, and Australia. Inevitably this opportunity comes with the need for additional financial support and we thank you on behalf of our youth in advance for your ongoing love and commitment to supporting these life-changing experiences.

In His Love, Michigan Delegation Spec Staff

### **2017 Spectacular - Michigan Delegation Income and Expense Report**

		<b>Beginning Fund Balance:</b>	\$1,446.05
<b>Income</b>			
Registration Fees	\$13,365.50		
Mission Center SPEC Bus Support	\$3,500.00		
Mission Center Scholarships	\$1,500.00		
Donations	\$6,929.00		
Miscellaneous	\$29.24		
		<b>Total Income:</b>	\$25,323.74
<b>Expenses</b>			
SPEC Registration	\$12,625.00		
Bus Transportation	\$7,300.00		
T-Shirts	\$1,003.04		
Pizza Lunch	\$193.97		
Laundry	\$175.00		
Supplies	\$72.22		
Account Fees:	\$30.00		
Refunds / Miscellaneous:	\$879.24		
		<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	\$22,278.47
		<b>Profit (Loss):</b>	\$3,045.27
		<b>Ending Fund Balance:</b>	\$4,491.32

## **Committee Reports**

### **Disciple Development Fund Committee**

One person has requested funds from the Disciple Development Fund in 2017 for support with seminary texts. Several world church, field, and mission center events are no longer being offered due to reduced budgets and staffing levels since the initial fund guidelines were established. Because there has been a very limited response the committee is supportive of expanding the parameters for utilizing the fund as proposed in resolution five.

Thanks to Ellie Heacock, Mary Jane Miller, and Debby Lachajewski for serving this year!

### **Earth Stewardship Team**

Doctrine and Covenants 163:4b has been a focus for mission center training and gathering events throughout 2017. The Earth Stewardship Team met regularly during the initial months of this past year to plan and prepare for the mission training event held on May 20 at Blue Water Campground. Presenters included Bob Chapman, executive director for Michigan Interfaith Power & Light; Lucas and Genevieve Harrison-Zdenek, permaculture, urban gardening, and beekeeping enthusiasts; and Terry Brown, former state representative. Team members have worked to implement recycling and other sustainable practices at Blue Water Campground and have led dialogue about earth stewardship at the combined campground executive committees meeting. Activities for youth at the fall conference have been shaped by team members to incorporate lessons focused on earth stewardship.

We are thankful of the time and energy Sarah Allen and Linda Stanbridge have invested to move the work of this team forward over the past year!

### **Campground Sales Team**

The sale of Camp Manitou was finalized on May 31, 2017. The property was sold for \$617,000. A meeting to announce the sale, share information about the transaction, and answer questions was held at the Kalamazoo congregation on June 7, 2017. A handout with additional details on the sale and a summary of the question and answer session on June 7th is available on the campground sales webpage: <http://CofChristMI.org/campground-sales>.

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

The work of Gary Gordier and Kevin Anderson throughout the campground sales processes continues to be greatly appreciated!

## 2018 Mission Center Officer Recommendations

# Community of Christ

October 10, 2017

To the Michigan Mission Center

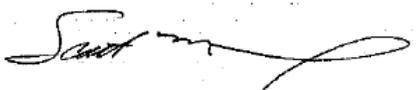
Dear Saints:

We are pleased to offer our support and recommendation for Dan Nowiski, Dianna Vanderkarr and Adam Bouverette to serve as your Mission Center President Team. This is an essential position in the life of the church that supports congregations in their endeavors to live the mission of Christ. As the Presidency, we are deeply grateful for the sacrifice made by those who offer their service and ministry as part of the mission center president team. The Mission Center Team will be chaired by Dan Nowiski.

Today, we ask for your support for Dan, Dianna and Adam, to serve as the appointed Mission Center President Team. May you hold each of these individuals in your prayers.

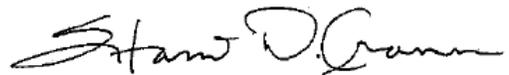
We are also pleased to recommend that the Michigan Mission Center sustain the appointment of Jack Tigner as the Financial Officer of said mission center. We encourage your support for his appointment.

In the spirit of peace,  
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY



K. Scott Murphy

PRESIDING BISHOPRIC



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cc: Lachlan Mackay, Apostle  
David Nii, USA Bishop

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## Call to World Church Minister Priesthood Office

Roger Elkins has been called to the office of high priest.

Several years ago at Mission Center Bobbi Mier, speaking in response to her call to the office of evangelist said, “When God asks you to do something, how can you say no?” My response would be the same, “When God asks you to do something, how can you say no?” I accept this call. With God’s help and the support, prayers and help of the Saints of the Michigan Mission Center I endeavor to do my best to fulfill the responsibilities of this call. It also seems appropriate to sound the call of our former apostle Stassi Cramm: Onward!



## **2018 Mission Center Staff & Leaders**

### **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 (12)

Youth Camp Coordinator: Winnie Johnston (10)

### **Volunteer Leaders**

Invitation Support Minister – Noelle Gaffka

Staff Pastor – Loretha Smith

Mission Center Recorder – Ellie Heacock

Evangelist Coordinator – Carol Walden

High Priest Coordinator – Talitha Pennington

Seventy Coordinator – Sarah Allen

### **Council Members in Relationship with Congregations**

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

Mike Mead - Boyne City, Gaylord, Grayling, Inland, Traverse City

TBD - Alpena, Lachine, Mikado, Tawas City, Twining

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

Sue Leyder - Coleman, Farwell, Harrison, Mt. Pleasant, Sanford

TBD - Beaverton, Bentley, Gladwin, Midland, West Branch

Bill Persall - Alma, Greenville, Muskegon, St. Johns, Vestaburg

Gary Gordier - Bay City, Burt, Clio, Otter Lake, Saginaw

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

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

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

TBD - Bristolwood, Eastside, Lake Orion, Lapeer, Waterford

Linda Stanbridge - Croswell, Marlette, Sandusky, Sixth Street, Wadhams Grove

TBD - Allegan, Benton Harbor, Galien, Kalamazoo, South Bend (IN)

TBD - Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Coldwater, Jackson, Riverview

TBD – Brighton, Highland Park, Richmond, Plymouth, Troy Oaks

### **Expectations for Council Members in Relationship with Congregations**

-Maintain relationships with the members of their five congregations by visiting quarterly.

*Council members will be expected to visit their congregations at least once each quarter. Visits might occur during classes, worship experiences, retreats, meetings, or other events.*

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

*Council members will be expected to make sure at least one event for their congregations is planned each year. This might be a social event, leadership training, a shared worship, etc.*

-Attend the quarterly meeting of pastors scheduled for their area.

*World Church Ministers will be asked by the MCP Team to schedule and facilitate meetings for pastors each quarter for a group of 10 or 15 congregations.*

-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 6/30/18: Ben Crowley, Dave Caceres, Joanne Horton

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

7/1/17 to 6/30/20: Carole Dudley, Richard Hawks, Tim Ross

#### Nominees for Three Directors to serve from 7/1/18 to 6/30/21

**Dave Caceres** – East Lansing, Elder, Age 54-70, Male, Occupation: Instructional Designer/LMS Administrator

Personal Statement: I have served on the Journey House Campus Ministry Center Board for several years. I believe the future of our church lies in the hands of the young adults and have a strong commitment in helping to prepare them to move into roles of leadership in the church.

**Ben Crowley** – Charlotte, Elder, Age 36-53, Male, Occupation: IT Specialist

Personal Statement: I was a resident from 2000 until 2005 and Resident Manager/Campus Minister for Journey House from 2010-2014. I have served on the Journey House board since 2014 and look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve in this role.

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### Blue Water Campground Board of Directors

#### Previously Elected Directors

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

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

1/1/17 to 12/31/19: Rich Allen, Tom Banks, Richard Herr, Russell Knight, Troy Piper

#### Nominees for Five Directors to Serve from 1/1/18 to 12/31/20

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

Personal Statement: I have served on the board in the past since 2000 and am willing to contribute to Blue Water's ongoing success.

**Janet Hoyt** – Shabbona, Age 54-70, Female, Occupation: Community Support Staff & Mental Health Tech

Personal Statement: I am currently on the Blue Water Campground Board and serve as secretary. I care about the campground and look forward to seeing the improvements. Being on the Blue Water Board, I represent one of the smaller congregations and I keep the members informed of what is happening at the campgrounds.

**Richard Parker** – Lapeer, Elder, Age 71+, Male, Occupation: Retired

Personal Statement: Blue Water Board member

**Chloe Ross** – Eastside, Age 18-35, Female, Occupation: Student

**Vance Herbert** – Croswell, Elder, Age 54-70, Male, Occupation: Construction

Personal Statement: Have construction insight & management experience.

# Nominations for Boards of Directors

## Park of the Pines Board of Directors

### Previously Elected Directors

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

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

1/1/17 to 12/31/19: Darrin Carter, Carol Harrison, Megan Hacker, James Sweet, Nadine Volz

### Nominees for Five Directors to serve from 1/1/18 to 12/31/20

**Deb Buehner** – Mt. Pleasant, Teacher, Age 36-53, Female, Occupation: Teacher

Personal Statement: I have been serving on the Park of the Pines board for the past several years. I have previous experience writing grants for school needs and the Village of Barryton. I am committed to seeing the future of youth camping to continue at the Park of the Pines.

**Amy Bridson** – Cadillac, Elder, Age 36-53, Female, Occupation: Financial Officer

Personal Statement: I am a life long supporter of the Park of the Pines. I have a personal connection as my parents were caretakers when I was a child. I would enjoy helping and leading to keep the Park active and moving forward. I have worked in the Financial business for 19 years.

**Roger Elkins** – Marion, Elder, Age 71+, Male, Occupation: Retired

Personal Statement: Retired public school teacher. I have served in numerous leadership positions in elected government and the church. I currently serve as a member of the Mission Center Council, Park of the Pines Board President and a member of the Park of the Pines Endowment Board and county commissioner.

**Justin Hacker** – Gaylord, Age 18-35, Male, Occupation: Bill Marsh Ford Parts Department Advisor, Business Owner at Moments Photo Booth & Photography

Personal Statement: Park of the Pines is a very important part of my life. I was married at the Park in 2014, and was Baptized one year later. I have been a Counselor for Youth Camps the past two years. I would like to serve on the board to give back to a place that holds a special spot in my heart.

**Stephanie Marsh** – Cheboygan, Age 36-53, Female

Personal Statement: Born & raised CofC member. Have been attending camps @ Park since age 6 w/out missing a family camp! Have served on staff for Special Needs Camp for 30+ years. Last couple of years have cooked @ youth camp. Enjoy spending my free time there & being able to dedicate last 3yrs on Park board.

**Robert Pagels** – Brighton, Elder, Age 71+, Male, Occupation: Retired

Personal Statement: My past employment included five years as a facility supervisor of the Flint service center of Consumers Energy. Also, one year Superintendent of facilities for multiple buildings in Royal Oak. Possess good communication and leadership skills. Bring retired, I have the time to attend the meetings.

## Nominations for Boards of Directors

### Park of the Pines Endowment Board of Directors

#### Previously Elected Directors

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

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

1/1/17 to 12/31/19: Carla Parkes

#### Nominees for One Director to serve from 1/1/18 to 12/31/20

**Roger Elkins** – Marion, Elder, Age 71+, Male, Occupation: Retired

Personal Statement: Retired public school teacher. I have served in numerous leadership positions in elected government and the church. I currently serve as a member of the Mission Center Council, Park of the Pines Board President and a member of the Park of the Pines Endowment Board and county commissioner.

**Cathy Hopkins** – Traverse City, Bishop, Age 54-70, Female, Occupation: Medical Billing/Accounting

Personal Statement: I've served on both the Park of the Pines and Park Endowment Fund Boards in the past, currently as treasurer of the Campground Board and secretary of the Endowment Fund Board. I've been involved in financial record for many years, both as a volunteer and in my work.

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### Sanford Campground Board of Directors

#### Previously Elected Directors

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

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

1/1/17 to 12/31/19: Ben Crowley, Joey Kernstock, Rick Ludy, David McDonald, Joel Sentz

#### Nominees for Five Directors to serve from 1/1/18 to 12/31/20

**Richard Hamilton** – West Branch, High Priest, Age 71+, Male

**Dana Thering** – Farwell, Elder, Age 36-53, Female

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### The Woodlands Board of Directors

#### Previously Elected Directors

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

11/5/2016 to 12/31/2018: Jim Barr, Sam Bellinger, Dale Volz, Lori White

1/1/2017 to 12/31/2019: Tom Banks, Kathy Erwin, Ervin Haley, Ronald Rousse, Deloris White

#### Nominees for Five Directors to serve from 1/1/18 to 12/31/20

**Robert Barr** – Twining, Elder, Age 54-70, Male, Occupation: Retired Millwright

Personal Statement: I have been serving on the board for a number of years in different areas.

**Kevin White** – West Branch, Seventy, Age 36-53, Male, Occupation: Special Education Teacher

Personal Statement: I am a creative and innovative thinker willing to commit time, energy, and financial resources to produce ministry opportunities at the campground. I am able to create and share a vision of future possibilities that can motivate others to get involved as well. What can be dreamed can be accomplished.

## **Resolution 1 – Designating Previous Contribution to Bridge of Hope Tithes**

*Submitted by the Mission Center Officers in consultation with the Apostle and Mission Center Council*

Whereas, The “Use of Eastland Net Proceeds” resolution adopted at the Nov. 7, 2015 mission center conference stated “that a voluntary contribution of \$29,500 be granted to the World Ministries Endowment Fund upon the completion of the land contract;”

Whereas, The final land contract payment for purchase of the Eastland property was received in June 2017 and a voluntary contribution to the Worldwide Mission Endowment Fund was made as stipulated in previously adopted use of net proceeds resolution; and

Whereas, The Presiding Bishopric indicated in a March 2017 Financial Update that a Bridge of Hope Project was being initiated and people who already have donated or pledged to the Worldwide Mission Endowment are being asked if they are willing to redesignate their gifts to Bridge of Hope Tithes; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Michigan Mission Center is willing and supportive of having the Presiding Bishopric change the designation of the \$29,500 contribution made from Eastland net proceeds to the Worldwide Mission Endowment Fund to Bridge of Hope Tithes.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*The Bridge of Hope Project is the effort to strengthen the financial health of the worldwide church into the future by funding the retirement responsibility and building the Temple, Worldwide Mission, and Canadian Mission endowments. Funds given to this project will be designated Bridge of Hope Tithes. Bridge of Hope Tithes will be used first to fund the retirement responsibility and then to strengthen the endowments.*

## **Resolution 2 – Owosso Net Proceeds**

*Submitted by the Mission Center Officers in consultation with the Apostle and Mission Center Council*

Whereas, The Owosso congregation was disorganized following the recommendation of the congregation adopted August 23, 2012 to close the congregation, list the building for sale, and establish an Owosso group within the mission center;

Whereas, The Owosso group has not been active during the past year and there are no plans for the group to become active;

Whereas, The Owosso congregation did not provide recommendations for use of net proceeds or remaining assets to mission center officers at the time of closing;

Whereas, It is known that Owosso congregation members regularly provided support and contributions to Sanford Campground and Journey House Campus Ministries; and

Whereas, The Owosso Group Fund held by the Michigan Mission Center has a balance of \$33,461.29 as of September 30, 2017 including the net proceeds from the sale of the Owosso building and other cash assets of the congregation and group; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That twenty percent (20%) of the Owosso Group Fund balance (\$6,692.25) be provided to the Presiding Bishopric as a voluntary contribution to Bridge of Hope Tithes;

*Resolved*, That forty percent (40%) of the Owosso Group Fund balance (\$13,384.52) be provided to Sanford Campground for use as determined by the Sanford Campground Board of Directors;

*Resolved*, That forty percent (40%) of the Owosso Group Fund balance (\$13,384.52) be provided to Journey House Campus Ministries for use as determined by the Journey House Campus Ministries Board of Directors.

### **Resolution 3 – Authorization to Sell Detroit Properties**

*Submitted by the Mission Center Officers in consultation with the Mission Center Council*

Whereas, Community of Christ owns a parcel of land in Detroit, MI located at 16657 Lahser Rd, which is currently leased to Community Outreach Services Corporation (COSC) for placement of Restoration Towers signage;

Whereas, Community of Christ owns a parcel of land in Detroit, MI located at 16631 Lahser Rd, which contains the Redford Center Office building (formerly occupied by the Detroit International Stake), a congregation facility used by the Detroit Hope emerging congregation, a storage shed, and a parking area that is leased to COSC for joint usage with Community of Christ;

Whereas, COSC has expressed interest in negotiating to purchase the aforementioned parcels of lands and buildings with the intent to offer a long-term lease of building space to allow the Detroit Hope emerging congregation to continue to meet and offer ministry; and

Whereas, COSC has expressed interest in utilizing the parcels and buildings to offer community programs that align with the mission of Community of Christ; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the sale of Community of Christ owned properties at 16657 and 16631 Lahser to Community Outreach Services Corporation be authorized if a satisfactory purchase agreement can be reached and space is made available for lease to the Detroit Hope congregation; and

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the field apostle, Presiding Bishopric, and director of Field Ministries to use net proceeds from the sale of these properties to support worldwide mission needs and enhance mission expansion efforts (launching & supporting emerging congregations, witness and invitation efforts, specialized ministries, disciple development, leadership formation, compassionate ministries, justice & peace initiatives, etc.) in the Michigan Mission Center.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*The Use of Net Proceeds policy effective 7/1/2017 states, “The use of net proceeds from the sale of capital assets will be invested or used for programs, financial obligations, and/or capital projects that support the vision, mission, and goals of Community of Christ as determined by the field apostle, Presiding Bishopric, and director of Field Ministries. Local jurisdictions may make recommendations to the field apostle on how to use the net proceeds for local mission.”*

*For official city and county purposes, the parcel address of 16631 Lahser Rd includes both the church and office buildings. For mailing and utility purposes, a separate address of 16621 Lahser Rd was established for the church facility. This resolution includes the land and buildings at both the 16621 and 16631 Lahser Rd addresses along with the 16657 Lahser parcel.*

**Resolution 4 – Payment of Campground Study Advance**

*Submitted by the Mission Center Officers in consultation with the Mission Center Council*

Whereas, The Mission Center Conference held on Nov. 3, 2012 adopted a resolution titled Evaluation of Michigan Campgrounds, which authorized the mission center to contract with a professional agency to evaluate the five Michigan campgrounds, their purpose, and mission;

Whereas, Smith Group JJR completed a study of the five Michigan campgrounds at the direction of the Michigan Campground Team at a cost of \$66,282.25 with approval from mission center officers;

Whereas, The study was paid for with mission center reserve funds and the cost has been listed on the mission center balance sheet as a note receivable until a determination is made on which fund shall incur this expense; and

Whereas, The campground study applied to all campgrounds and was used to inform all mission center delegates and members throughout the campground evaluation and sale decision making process; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the note receivable for the Campground Study Advance in the amount of \$66,282.25 shall be expensed from the Operating Reserve Fund of the Michigan Mission Center.

## **Resolution 5 – Expanded Use of Disciple Development Fund**

*Submitted by the Mission Center Officers in consultation with the Mission Center Council*

Whereas, The Disciple Development Fund was established by action of the November 8, 2014 mission center conference to “be available to assist individuals in the Michigan USA/Canada 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;”

Whereas, Many experiences such as Peace Colloquy, MEADS, Studies in Advanced Leadership Training (SALT), field conferences, and other trainings are no longer offered or are being planned on a far more limited basis due to reductions in worldwide staff and budgets; and

Whereas, The only requests received by individuals for registration fees and travel expenses during 2016 and 2017 under the current guidelines for the Disciple Development Fund were for the 2016 World Conference; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the “Establishment of Disciple Development Fund” resolution previously adopted on November 8, 2014 and amended on November 7, 2015 be further amended by adding the following paragraph to the resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Disciple Development Fund may also be utilized by mission center officers in consultation with the mission center council for developing or purchasing materials for disciple development efforts in congregation and mission center programs, employing staff to plan, implement, or facilitate disciple development activities, supporting events that provide disciple development opportunities, supplementing the mission center operating budget for disciple development expenses, and other initiatives that further the mission initiative of developing disciples to serve.

## **Resolution 6 – Use of Net Proceeds from Campground Sales**

*Submitted by the Mission Center Officers in consultation with the Apostle and Mission Center Council*

Whereas, The Mission Center Conference held on April 11, 2015 adopted a resolution titled Maintain and Operate Three Campgrounds authorizing the sale of Camp Manitou and the Woodlands properties;

Whereas, The Maintain and Operate Three Campgrounds states, “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;”

Whereas, The Net Proceeds Policy of Community of Christ effective July 1, 2015 states, “voluntary generosity contributions from Net Proceeds will be requested to support mission needs of the World Church as identified and approved by the Council of Twelve, the Presiding Bishopric and the First Presidency;”

Whereas, The sale of Camp Manitou closed on May 31, 2017 with net proceeds being held in an Affiliate Investment Pool B account (\$545,372.27 as of 9/30/2017) and the Woodlands property continues to be listed for sale;

Whereas, Mission Center Officers have engaged in a discernment process including dialogue with the mission center council and combined campground executive committees, reunion chat sessions, budget meeting dialogues, surveys, and invitations for input throughout 2017 to determine how to propose a resolution for the use of net proceeds from campground sales; and

Whereas, The First Presidency shared in an address to the church on September 20, 2017 the need for giving by disciples, congregations, and mission centers to fund the Worldwide Ministries Budget and Bridge of Hope project; therefore be it,

*Resolved*, That the Maintain and Operate Three Campgrounds resolution adopted on April 11, 2015 and amended on November 11, 2015 be amended by inserting “mission needs of the worldwide church and” after “net proceeds from the sale of campgrounds shall be utilized for;”

*Resolved*, That 20% of net proceeds from the sale of Camp Manitou and the Woodlands shall be contributed to the Bridge of Hope project, Worldwide Mission Tithes, or other worldwide funds as designated by the Presiding Bishopric;

*Resolved*, That 60% of net proceeds from the sale of Camp Manitou and the Woodlands shall be designated for the development of campground properties through capital improvement projects, which meet World Church building guidelines, submitted by campground boards and approved by the mission center officers in consultation with the combined campground executive committees; and

*Resolved*, That 20% of net proceeds from the sale of Camp Manitou and the Woodlands shall be designated for support of camping and gathering ministries as determined by the mission center officers in consultation with the mission center council.

**Resolution 7 – Amend the Previously Adopted “Maintain and Operate Three Campgrounds”  
Resolution to Sell Sanford and Maintain The Woodlands**

*Submitted by The Woodlands Board of Directors*

Whereas, As an act of responsible stewardship, the April 11, 2015 Michigan Mission Center Conference body voted to reduce the number of Mission Center managed campgrounds from five (5) to three (3);

Whereas, The First Presidency has called us to greater stewardship in our financial support of World Church ministries;

Whereas, The potential sale revenue of The Woodlands will not be sufficient to provide the resources necessary for the desired improvements at the remaining campgrounds, much less provide the appropriate generous response to World Church ministries such a sale would merit;

Whereas, The Woodlands is on the market and has received no reasonable offer to date;

Whereas, We believe the sale of another campground, other than The Woodlands, would move the intentions of the April 11, 2015 conference forward with expedience; and

Whereas, We honor and value diversity in all things, and recognize the untapped potential of our resources; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the resolution titled Maintain and Operate Three Campgrounds previously adopted at the April 11, 2015 conference and amended at the November 7, 2015 conference be further amended by

- 1) Striking “Sanford” and inserting “The Woodlands” in the list of campgrounds to be operated and maintained, and
- 2) Striking “The Woodlands” and inserting “Sanford Campground” in the list of campgrounds to be sold and in the paragraph authorizing the campground board to continue functioning until transfer of title/ownership.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

*If this resolution is adopted, then the sale of Sanford Campground would be handled under the net proceeds policy that became effective on July 1, 2017, which states, “The use of net proceeds from the sale of capital assets will be invested or used for programs, financial obligations, and/or capital projects that support the vision, mission, and goals of Community of Christ as determined by the field apostle, Presiding Bishopric, and director of Field Ministries. Local jurisdictions may make recommendations to the field apostle on how to use the net proceeds for local mission.*

## Doctrine & Covenants Section 164:9

- a. Beloved children of the Restoration, your continuing faith adventure with God has been divinely led, eventful, challenging, and sometimes surprising to you. By the grace of God, you are poised to fulfill God's ultimate vision for the church.
- b. When your willingness to live in sacred community as Christ's new creation exceeds your natural fear of spiritual and relational transformation, you will become who you are called to be. The rise of Zion the beautiful, the peaceful reign of Christ, awaits your wholehearted response to the call to make and steadfastly hold to God's covenant of peace in Jesus Christ.
- c. This covenant entails sacramental living that respects and reveals God's presence and reconciling activity in creation. It requires whole-life stewardship dedicated to expanding the church's restoring ministries, especially those devoted to asserting the worth of persons, protecting the sacredness of creation, and relieving physical and spiritual suffering.
- d. If you truly would be Community of Christ, then embody and live the concerns and passion of Christ.
- e. The challenges and opportunities are momentous. Will you remain hesitant in the shadows of your fears, insecurities, and competing loyalties? Or will you move forward in the light of your divinely instilled call and vision?
- f. The mission of Jesus Christ is what matters most for the journey ahead.



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