

MICHIGAN USA/CANADA MISSION CENTER MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 2011

The Michigan USA/ Canada Mission Center, meeting in Conference at the Holiday Inn in Big Rapids, Michigan, on November 5, 2011, opened with the singing of the hymn, "*Now in this Moment.*"

High Priest Eleanor West extended a welcome to the Conference. Jean Sweet offered an opening prayer. Jack Tigner announced several items pertaining to Conference organization and comfort. Various detailed financial reports are available upon request to the Mission Center office; Mission Center Directories also are available for each congregation.

Mission Center President, Debora Crowley, called the conference to order at 10:17 am, reminding attendees that although all were welcomed, only delegates had voice and vote.

Introductions followed:

Conference managers	Dianna Vanderkarr, Jack Tigner
Conference secretary	Mary Jane Miller
Parliamentarian	John Wight
Head Deacons	Carl Nichols, Wilma Osborn
Tellers	Carl Nielson
Children and Youth	Brenda Villeneuve

Big Rapids City Manager, Steve Sober, brought greetings to the Conference.

Dave Brown of the Presiding Bishopric brought greetings from the World Church. As the first item of business, Debora Crowley and her counselors were approved to preside over the conference.

With Deb Crowley presiding, Jack Tigner reported for the Credentials Committee: there were 341 total registrations, with 269 delegates and 72 non-delegates registered. The report was approved on a motion by Chuck Anderson.

After presentation of the Standing Rules by John Wight, the rules were adopted on a motion by Dean Robinson.

The minutes of the 2010 Conference had been reviewed by a minutes review committee, and were printed in the program. A Minutes Review committee consisting of Dianna Vanderkarr, Dena DeVormer, and Jim Danielson was appointed to review the proceedings of this conference.

Dave Brown again resumed the chair for the sustaining of the Mission Center officers. After letters of recommendation from President Dave Schaal were read, conference approval was given for High Priest Debora Crowley as Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center president and then for Bishop Gregg McDonald as Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Financial Officer.

Deb Crowley resumed the chair for the sustaining of the following persons:

Mission Center 2012 Staff

World Church Field Specialists

Disciple Formation Specialist	Bobbie Ann Robinson
Missionary/Campus Ministry	TBD
Young Adult Minister	Andrew Robinson
Church Planter – Detroit Hope	Julie Bock

Mission Center Field Assistants

MCFO Assistants	Dena DeVormer, Cathy Hopkins
MCFO Assistant/Oblation	Ron Kuenzli
MC/CSG/Campground	Jack Tigner
MC Support/Oblation/CSG	Dianna Vanderkarr

Other

MC Recorder	Esther Volz
Youth Ministry Formation Specialist	Brenda Villeneuve
High Priest/Evangelist Coordinator	Carol Walden

Mission Center President Counselors

Bobbie Ann Robinson, High Priest
Eleanor West, High Priest

Mission Center Council

Sarah Allen	Troy Oaks, City 3:17
Betty Beauchamp	Bay City
Wendy Brooks	Onaway
Hap Frizzell	Union Avenue
Murphy Mathews	Capital Area Center
Tanya Moore	Highland Park
Noelle Morlock	Mt. Pleasant

Linda Wiley
Terry Brown
Robert Smith
Jim Sweet
Roger Wiltse
Angel Ball

Allegan
Bay Port
Riverview
Marion
Gladwin
Eastside

Congregational Support Group Leaders (CSGs)

Group #1
Gary Villeneuve
Matt Kinsinger
Eleanor West

Group #8
Dick Shotwell
Bobbi Mier

Group #2
Roger Elkins
Jean Sweet

Group #9
Andy Robinson
Murphy Mathews

Group #4
Ted Griggs
Jack Tigner
Richard Hamilton

Group #10
Dianna Vanderkarr
Dean Robinson

Group #5
Gil Burgeson
Jack Tigner
Bob Sheppard

Group #11
Keith Chappelow
Dave Wiley

Group #6
Berniece Abbe
Carol Campbell

Group #12
Henry Knight
Duane Salswedel

Group #7
Janet Herbert
Gary Piper

Group #13
Ed Clapham
Robert Smith

Finance Committee

Mary Jane Miller
Dana Thering
Robin LaBrecque
Carla Parkes
Dick Shotwell

Capital Area Center
Farwell
Allegan
Gaylord
Northview

The 2011 Conference was then declared to be in order and ready to do business.

Nominated and elected for three-year terms to Mission Center Membership positions on the Community Outreach Services Corporation Board of Directors were Tom Jeffers, Cynthia Omans, and Robert Smith; Tanya Moore will fill the two-year vacancy. Rick MacGregor, and Richard Brownlee were elected to three-year terms as Community Representatives on the same board; Catherine Williamson will fill the two-year vacancy.

Elected to the following campground boards for three-year terms were:

Blue Water

Claude McEldery	Richmond
Janet Hoyt	Shabbona
Henry Knight	Troy Oaks
Richard Parker	Lapeer
Kurtis Smith	Riverview

Camp Manitou (by electronic voting)

Gary Wiltse	Grand Valley
Bill Craig	Galien
Julie Bonhomme	Kalamazoo
Dave LaBrecque	Allegan

Park of the Pines

Bill Dodds	Marion
Roger Elkins	Marion
Jim Sweet	Marion
Ruth White	Traverse City
Craig Bridson	Cadillac

Sanford Campgrounds

Ray Persall	Vestaburg
Dana Thering	Farwell
Ray Valley	Rose Lake
Richard Hamilton	West Branch
Kim Spence	Sanford

Woodlands

Bob Sheppard
Robert Ball
Dale Leyder
Robert Barr
Melinda Jeffries

Twining
Houghton Lake
Greenville
Twining
West Branch

After Gregg McDonald gave a brief explanation of the multitude of audit reports necessitated by the closing of the former mission centers, each of the following reports was approved with separate votes:

Mission Center Audit reports

Heart of Michigan 2009
Heart of Michigan 2010
Michigan Blue Water 2009
Michigan Blue Water 2010
Northern Great Lakes 2009
Northern Great Lakes 2010
Southern Great Lakes

Campground Audit reports

Blue Water Campgrounds 2009
Blue Water Campgrounds 2010
Camp Manitou 2009
Camp Manitou 2010
Park of the Pines 2009
Park of the Pines 2010
Sanford Campgrounds 2009
Sanford Campgrounds 2010
The Woodlands 2009
The Woodlands 2010

Gregg McDonald took the chair to present a recognition of service in absentia for Dave and Mary Peterson. Bob Ball's superannuation will be recognized at the conference on Sunday.

Congregations celebrating anniversaries were recognized by Eleanor West:

Gulliver	100 years
Lachine	100 years
Valley Center	100 years

Marlette	100 years
Bristolwood	50 years

Congregational Field Grant information is available on the web site and is included in the directory. It was requested that updates for the directory be sent to the Mission Center office as soon as they are known.

The conference recessed for lunch at 11:40, to reconvene at 1:30.

The conference resumed at 1:50 after a prayer for peace and an offering for children's camping scholarships.

Julie Bock was set apart as the church planter pastor for Detroit Hope.

Deb Crowley took the chair for the consideration of priesthood calls. After a letter of recommendation and affirmation from Apostle Stassi Cramm was read, and a brief statement of acceptance from each candidate, the conference approved the following calls:

Bobbi Mier, Evangelist
Harvey Johnecheck, Evangelist
Loretha Smith, High Priest/Evangelist

Jean Sweet spoke of her commitment to her calling of Evangelist; this call was previously approved by the Mission Center Council.

After Seventy John Wight, President of the Tenth Quorum of Seventies, read his letter of support, and after each candidate gave a brief statement of acceptance, the following calls were approved:

Tim Beavers, Seventy
Rick MacGregor, Seventy

Service recognition was given to Diane McNeil for her upcoming December retirement from World Church appointment as Missionary Coordinator/Campus Minister.

Co-missioned Pastor Initiative, CPI, participants were recognized by Bobbie Ann Robinson for completion of their program commitment:

Clinton Moore	Highland Park
Brent Michell	Marion
Bud Teal	Eastland
Adam Bouverette	East Lansing

Deb Crowley acknowledged superannuated, newly ordained, and deceased priesthood members.

Robin LaBrecque moved adoption of the 2012 Mission Center budget. Following explanation by Gregg McDonald and questions from the delegates answered by Dena DeVormer, the budget of \$186,442.07 was approved as presented.

Gregg McDonald assumed the chair and brought to the attention of the conference additional financial reports that were included in the printed conference materials. He then acknowledged members of the campground boards. After slide presentations on budget allocations, the following budgets were separately moved and approved as printed:

Rick Herr moved adoption of the Blue Water Campground budget of \$208,100.00.

Carol Walden moved adoption of the Manitou operating budget of \$112,700.00; a development Fund budget of \$15,000.00 was also approved for this campground.

Bill Dodds moved adoption of the Park of the Pines budget of \$107,800.00.

Ruth Ann Nagle moved adoption of the Sanford Campground budget of \$81,110.00.

Tom Banks moved adoption of The Woodlands budget of \$54,180.00. All were approved.

After a recess, with no other business to come to the conference, and a 2013 National Conference presentation was given by Stephen Hatch, assistant to the Apostle, with non-delegates being allowed to speak and ask questions.

Congregations were encouraged to post emergency contact names on the doors of their buildings. Also, knowledge of water shut-off valves is invaluable in case of flooding.

Thanks were expressed to Rebecca Henze for her signing of the day's proceedings.

The calendar is not complete due to space limitations, but just lists highlights. Go to the web site for more dates and information.

The conference adjourned at 5:00 after an expression of thanks from Deb Crowley for the support of Mission Center members.

Mary Jane Miller
Conference Secretary

Minutes Approved by:

Dianna Vanderkarr

Dena DeVormer

Jim Danielson