

MICHIGAN USA/CANADA MISSION CENTER MINUTES

NOVEMBER 3, 2012

The Fall Conference of the Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center met in Saginaw, Michigan at Saginaw Valley State University's Curtis Hall, 7400 Bay Road, University Center, November 3, 2012. The Conference convened at 10:00 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, "Christ Has Called Us to New Visions."

Welcome to conference attendees and delegates was extended by Bishop Gregg McDonald. Apostle Bunda Chibwe offered the opening prayer. Conference Manager, Jack Tigner, of the Coleman Congregation was introduced and presented organizational announcements.

Debora Crowley, Mission Center President, called the 2012 Michigan Mission Center to order and introduced the following:

Conference Managers
Conference Secretary
Parliamentarian
Head Deacon
Children/Youth Leader
Special Guests

Jack Tigner, Dianna Vanderkarr
Jan Wiltse
Dan Nowiski
Carl Nichols
Brenda Villeneuve
Presiding Bishop Steve Jones
Apostle Stassi Cramm
Apostle Bunda Chibwe

Apostle Stassi Cramm was introduced and offered greetings to the Conference on behalf of the World Church.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Dianna Vanderkarr offered the Credentials Committee report. As of 9:40 a.m., 291 delegates were properly registered to conduct conference business. The Credentials Committee report was adopted entitling 291 delegates to vote on all matters before the conference. (There were additional registrations received after the Credentials Report was given; total registered Conference attendees equaled 424 for the day.)

STANDING RULES

The chair recognized Dan Nowiski, Conference Parliamentarian, to present the Standing Rules for the conference. Dan moved adoption of the Standing Rules and a second was received. The Chair asked for debate, hearing none, the Chair invited all in favor of accepting the Standing Rules to stand. After asking the delegates to be seated, the chair invited any opposing the Standing Rules to vote in the same manner, seeing none, the Standing Rules were adopted unanimously.

Changes to the printed Agenda were announced: (1) Election of Campground Board Members would be moved to the afternoon session and considered under New Business. (2) Consideration of Resolution A "Resolution for Seating Alternates at Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Conferences" and (3) Resolution B "Delegate and Ex Officio Representation at Mission Center Conferences" were moved to the morning session to be addressed after Ministry Reports.

Deb Crowley declared the 2012 Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Conference officially organized and ready to conduct business.

The Chair directed the delegates to the Minutes of the 2011 Fall Conference. The minutes reviewed by the Review Committee were accepted as printed in the Conference booklet.

The 2012 Review Committee was appointed. Dianna Vanderkarr, Dena DeVormer and Jim Danielson were appointed and accepted with no objections.

The Chair was relinquished to Apostle Stassi Cramm for greetings from World Church. A letter from the First Presidency recommending Deb Crowley to serve as President of the Michigan Mission Center was read. Bobbie Ann Robinson, Bristolwood Congregation, moved and a second was received. Deb Crowley was sustained by the Conference with the necessary majority.

Apostle Cramm read a letter from the World Church First Presidency recommending Dena DeVormer to serve as Financial Officer for the Michigan Mission Center. Gregg McDonald of the Traverse City Congregation moved to accept this appointment and a second was received. The necessary votes were received to sustain Dena DeVormer's appointment. Stassi encouraged the body to allow these officers to "lead for the Kingdom of God."

In addition to the list in the information packet, Darwin Wismer, Amherstburg Congregation, will serve on the Michigan Mission Center Council. Mission Center Staff, counselors to the President, Congregational Support Group Leaders and the Finance Committee were sustained, without objection.

Apostle Cramm relinquished the chair to Deb Crowley. Nominations for the Mission Center membership positions on the Community Outreach Service Corporation Board of Directors were made. Tamera Bollman, Tanya Moore and Jerry van Rossum were nominated to fill these positions beginning in 2013. Nominations were opened, hearing none, the nominees were elected.

Nominations for the Community Representative positions on the Community Outreach Service Corporation Board, whose terms begin in 2013, were made. The nominees are Julie Bock and L. Clinton Moore. The chair opened the floor for other nominations. Hearing none, nominees were elected without objection.

WORLD CONFERENCE AND NATIONAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

The Chair opened the floor to accept nominations for World Conference delegates and for National Conference delegates. The Michigan Mission Center is allowed 206 delegates to World Conference and 171 Delegates to National Conference. After receiving nominations, 196 nominations were received for World Conference and 172 nominations were received for National Conference. Nominations were closed.

Gregg McDonald withdrew his name from the National Conference and asked to be placed on the Alternate list. The 196 World Conference delegates and 171 National Conference delegates were elected by the conference. Apostle Cramm clarified that 10 World Conference delegate positions remained vacant and would be filled on a first request basis.

AUDIT REPORTS

Gregg McDonald brought the 2011 Audit Reports of the Michigan Mission Center and the five Michigan Campgrounds to the conference's attention. Detailed Audit Reports could be reviewed in notebooks in the lobby. Each campground board acted upon their respective audit report prior to the conference. Gregg opened the floor for questions and discussion on the Audit Reports, hearing none; the Chair declared the Audit Reports adopted as printed.

CAMPGROUND HYMNAL RESOLUTION

New “Community of Christ Sings” Hymnals will be released October 2013. In order to take advantage of the discount being offered, the Conference was asked to take action to purchase copies for each campground. Gregg McDonald moved the adoption of the Campground Hymnal Resolution and a second was received. The Chair entertained questions concerning this resolution. Clarification was made that funds from the Mission Center Operating Fund would not exceed \$10,000 to purchase the hymnals and the digital text files that would be used at the campgrounds. The purchase is to be made prior to the April 30, 2013, deadline. The resolution was approved as proposed.

The Chair read **RESOLUTION A - Seating Alternates** - Jim Sweet, Marion Congregation, moved Resolution A and a second was received. Jim spoke to the Resolution. The previous question was called and the Conference indicated they were ready to vote. Resolution A was adopted by a majority vote. Future Mission Center Conferences will follow this newly adopted policy.

The Chair read **RESOLUTION B - Amendments to Delegate Policy** –. Carole Dudley, Capital Congregation, moved the adoption of the resolution. An amendment was introduced to read:

Ex-Officio-

(d) “One pastor” (or designee) from each Congregation shall be entitled to voice and vote.”

(e) “One financial officer (or their designee) from each Congregation shall be entitled to voice and vote.”

Delegates-

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

The Chair called for a separate vote by parts for Resolution B. The “Ex-Officio” portion was considered and was passed. The “Delegates” portion was considered and was passed as amended.

Jack Tigner, Coleman Congregation, explained the procedure delegates would need to follow to receive voting devices. Delegates would receive a device on entering the conference room prior to reconvening for the afternoon session.

LUNCH RECESS

The Conference was recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE RESUMED

Deb Crowley called the Conference to order at 1:45 p.m.

THE PRAYER FOR PEACE

Bill and Shirley Dodds, Marion Congregation, offered the Prayer for Peace. Scripture and a reading was shared and then the Conference sang, “Let Us Pray for One Another.”

YOUTH CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERING

Gregg McDonald presented information to the Conference indicating 99 Youth Camp Scholarships were extended in 2012 to Michigan Mission Center youths. While gifts were being received, a slide show was presented.

PRIESTHOOD CALLS AND SETTING APART

World Church Priesthood Calls were brought before the Conference. The Chair recognized Apostle Stassi Cramm to speak to the calls of Nan Anderson to the Office of High Priest, Kevin Anderson to

the Office of High Priest, Tom Smelser to the Office of High Priest/Evangelist and Daniel Nowiski to the Office of Seventy

Nan Anderson offered personal testimony of her call to High Priest; afterwards, the vote to support this call was taken and approved.

Kevin Anderson offered personal testimony of his call to High Priest; afterwards, the vote to support this call was taken and approved.

Tom Smelser offer personal testimony concerning his call to High Priest/Evangelist. Afterwards, the vote to support this call was taken and approved.

Daniel Nowiski stepped to the microphone to offer comments concerning his call to Seventy. Afterwards, the vote to support this call was taken was approved.

The Chair recognized David Premoe, East Lansing Congregation to preside over the Setting Apart portion of the Conference.

Dena DeVormer was set apart as the Mission Center Financial Officer by Bishop Gregg McDonald and Presiding Bishop Stephen Jones.

Daniel Nowiski was set apart as the Mission Center Missionary Coordinator by Apostle Stassi Cramm and Apostle Bunda Chibwe.

S.A.L.T. 1 COHORT

Bobbie Ann Robinson, Bristolwood Congregation, presented certificates for those completing the S.A.L.T. 1 Cohort.

NEW BUSINESS

2013 MISSION CENTER BUDGET

The Chair recognized Robin LaBrecque, Allegan Congregation, to move adoption of the 2013 Mission Center Budget and a second was received.

The Chair was relinquished to Gregg McDonald for a presentation on the budget. Gregg McDonald, Dena DeVormer and Deb Crowley addressed questions concerning the budget. The vote was taken and the 2013 Michigan Mission Center Budget was approved as printed.

2013 CAMPGROUND BUDGETS – *each campground budget was considered separately.*

BLUE WATER CAMPGROUND -The Chair recognized Richard Herr, Waterford Congregation, to move adoption of the 2013 budget for Blue Water Campground as printed. The budget was approved with no dissent.

MANITOU- The Chair recognized Gary Wiltse, Grand Valley Congregation, to move adoption of the 2013 budget for Manitou Campground as printed. The budget was approved with no dissent.

PARK OF THE PINES- the Chair recognized Bill Dodds, Marion Congregation, to move adoption of the 2013 budget for Park of the Pines Campground as printed. The budget was approved with no dissent.

SANFORD- the Chair recognized Ken Dudley, Capital Congregation, to move adoption of the 2013 budget for Sanford Campground as printed. The budget was approved with no dissent.

WOODLANDS- The Chair recognized Tom Banks, Clio Congregation, to move adoption of the 2013 budget for the Woodlands Campground as printed. The budget was approved with no dissent.

The Chair recognized Andy Robinson, Bristolwood Congregation, to explain using the electronic voting devices. The body of Conference Delegates checked out 318 devices.

SERVICE OF RECOGNITION

Gregg and Sue McDonald were invited to the podium. A slide presentation sharing highlights of Gregg's ministry was shared with the Conference. Apostle Bunda Chibwe spoke of their Ministry in Africa and many years of friendship. A gift was presented to Gregg and a bouquet of flowers was given to Sue. Gregg thanked everyone for the support he had received during his years of ministry in the church.

ELECTION OF CAMPGROUND BOARD MEMBERS

Campground Board of Directors was elected.

BLUE WATER CAMPGROUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS- Dale Volz-Harbor Beach, Ron Kuenzil-Caro, Glenn Curtis-Waterford, Lewis Muir-Valley Center, Greg Varner-Lapeer

MANITOU BOARD OF DIRECTORS-Robert Bonhomme-Kalamazoo, Amanda Binkley Fentress-Coldwater, Connie Sauer-South Bend, Richard Wiley-Allegan

PARK OF THE PINES BOARD OF DIRECTORS-Dennis Ormsbee-Grayling, Dennis Christopher-Traverse City, Bill Johnston-Cheboygan, Annika White-Traverse City, Mike Mead-Inland

SANFORD-Ken Dudley-Capital Area Center, Kim Penix-Gladwin, Lewis Mogg-Coleman, Robyn Wiltse-Mt. Pleasant, Patti Leis-Mt. Pleasant

THE WOODLANDS-Dale Volz-Harbor Beach, Sam Bellinger-East Lansing, Harlow Elsholz-Sandusky, Jim Barr-West Branch, Kent Kramer-Sault Ste Marie, MI

CAMPGROUND EVALUATION PROPOSALS

At 4:30 p.m., business was suspended in order to allow discussion on the Campground Evaluation Proposals. Each speaker was allowed 2 minutes in order to voice his/her views and opinions on the proposals.

The Conference reconvened at 5:10 p.m. by Deb Crowley, President.

Jack Tigner, Coleman Congregation, was recognized and moved Resolution C –Campground Evaluation. A second was received and Jack spoke to this resolution. Debate on the resolution was opened.

Kevin Anderson, Kalamazoo Congregation, proposed to refer Resolution C. The motion to refer is as follows:

Refer resolution C until the 2013 Mission Center Conference to the Mission Center Finance Committee to identify the cost of engaging an outside agency and recommending a source of funding said engagement.

A second was received. After debate, the Question was called, the vote was taken and the motion to refer was defeated.

Jim Danielson, Eastside, proposed an amendment. The chair called the amendment out of order.

David Premoe, East Lansing, proposed a substitute amendment.

ORIGINAL Resolved, That the Michigan Campground Team will have the authority to act based on the evaluation of the data collected from all sources.	PASSED Resolved, that the Michigan Campground Team provide at least two recommendations that would be put before a Mission Center conference with the expectation for the conference to choose one of the recommendations.
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The vote was taken and the amendment passed.

Andy Robinson, Bristolwood Congregation, proposed an amendment to the seventh resolved and a second was received.

ORIGINAL Resolved, A Michigan Campground Team be formed consisting of 15 people: Two appointed by each campground, and Five at-large members elected at this conference , plus the Presiding Bishopric and MCFO as ex officio team members, to receive input from the Mission Center at large, and be it further	PASSED Resolved, A Michigan Campground Team be formed consisting of 15 people: Two appointed by each campground, and Five at-large members <u>identified by the Mission Center Council</u> plus the Presiding Bishopric and MCFO as ex officio team members, to receive input from the Mission Center at large, and be it further
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The vote was taken and the amendment passed.

After additional discussion, the question was called. The conference indicated they were ready to vote. The resolution as amended passed.

Announcements: The Conference was reminded to turn their clocks back for Daylight Savings Time.

Deb Crowley, President adjourned the 2013 Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Conference with the singing of "Go Now Forth Into the World." Clinton Moore, Highland Park Congregation, offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jan Wiltse
Conference Secretary

Minutes Approved by the Minutes Review Committee:
Jim Danielson, Dena DeVormer, and Dianna Vanderkarr