

## Ministry of the Teacher - Alpena

Alpena will host the Temple School Class – “Ministry of the Teacher” at the Alpena Congregation in April for anyone interested in learning about this important Peacemaking Ministry. This is a required class for anyone called to be a Priesthood Teacher; but anyone (priesthood, non-priesthood or even non-member) interested can take this class for official credit from the World Church.

- Class facilitators: Gary & Barb Villeneuve (989-354-3643), or (garybarb11@yahoo.com)
- Dates for the class: April 17 & 24 (Sundays) 2-4:30 pm April 21 & 28 (Thursdays) 6-8:30 pm
- Cost for the class: \$15.00 for Alpena Congregation \$30.00 for other attendees
- Registration Deadline: March 31, 2016 (call or e-mail Gary or Barb Villeneuve directly)

Requirements: Read the 65 page book provided. Participate in the group discussion. Attend all class sessions.

Please consider taking this important class for today’s world, and contact me to reserve your spot in this class.

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## Job Posting - Blue Water Caretaker/Business Manager

Blue Water Campground in Lexington, Michigan is accepting applications for the position of Caretaker/Business Manager. This is a year round position with the responsibility of 24/7 supervision of the campground. Other responsibilities include but are not limited to general maintenance, equipment maintenance, scheduling of events, and contact with various vendors and general public.

Compensation includes an annual salary, two weeks vacation, and living quarters (water, electric and heat included). Employment is projected to begin September 2016.

Applications will be accepted through May 15, 2016. For application, contact:

Richard Herr, Board President  
(248) 421-9616  
[Rdherr0904@aol.com](mailto:Rdherr0904@aol.com)

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## Ventures

Join fellow youth for Ventures at Waterford Congregation - 1990 Crescent Lake Rd, Waterford, MI 48327 \* April 15-17, 2016

For Forms go to:

[cofchristmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/201516VenturesForms1.pdf](http://cofchristmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/201516VenturesForms1.pdf)

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## Michigan Mission Center

### MISSION CENTER ACTIVITIES

To schedule a mission center activity, contact Dianna Vanderkarr at [dianna@cofchristmi.org](mailto:dianna@cofchristmi.org)

### MISSION CENTER INFORMATION

For more detailed information regarding Mission Center news and activities, please go to the website: [www.cofchristmi.org](http://www.cofchristmi.org).

Due to space restrictions, we cannot include all necessary information in this bulletin.

## Michigan Mission Center information

Website: [www.cofchristmi.org](http://www.cofchristmi.org) \* Toll-Free Phone: 888-853-2339  
Local Phone: 517-541-2575 \* Address: 223 S. Washington, Charlotte, MI 48813



# Community of Christ

## Michigan Mission Center

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of April 14, 2016

Newly added items are listed in **bold italics**. This information is emailed weekly to all pastors, congregation communication liaisons and anyone who chooses to subscribe. If you have questions, call the Mission Center office at 888-853-2339.

### MICHIGAN MISSION CENTER NEWS

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## 2016 Peace & Justice Conference—Seeking a Future of Hope for our Children

***"Open your ears to hear the pleading of mothers and fathers in all nations who desperately seek a future of hope for their children. Do not turn away from them. For in their welfare resides your welfare."***

***Saturday, April 30 \* 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM \* 223 S Washington, Charlotte, MI 48813***

### Learn & Grow

***Join us as we learn about injustice many children face both globally and locally. Guest speakers include:***

- ***Renell Weathers, Community Engagement Director - Michigan League for Public Policy***
- ***Julia Koch, Director of Dev. & Advocacy - The Hope Project***
- ***Jon Gromek, Senior Regional Organizer - Bread for the World***
- ***Sister Cheryl Liske, Executive Director of Gamaliel Michigan***

***Register at [www.cofchristmi.org](http://www.cofchristmi.org)***

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### Youth Worker Registration Class at Boyne City

***There will be a Youth Worker Training Class at Boyne City Community of Christ, 777 Vogel St. Boyne City, MI 49712***

***Date: Saturday May 7th \* Time: 3:30 pm.***

***Contact Eleanor West if attending class so that we will have enough materials. Eleanor West: 231-330-1710 call or text.***

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### Staff Needed for Camps

***You are invited to make a difference in the lives of Michigan Mission Center Youth this summer by serving on staff at summer camp! Directors are in place for Junior, Junior High, and Senior High Camps at Blue Water, Park of the Pines, and Sanford and are recruiting staff now. Open positions are as follows:***

- **Blue Water Junior Camp: 1 male CIT, 1 male counselor, 1 female CIT, 1 female counselor, camp pastor**
  - **Park of the Pines Junior camp: 2 female counselors, 1 male counselor**
  - **Park of the Pines Jr. High camp: nurse or health officer**
  - **Park of the Pines Sr. High camp: 2 or 3 female counselors and 1 male counselor**
  - **Sanford Jr. High camp: nurse or health officer, 2 male counselors, 1 male CIT, 2 or 3 female counselors, 1 female CIT**
- Please contact me, Winnie Johnston, [winnie@cofchristmi.org](mailto:winnie@cofchristmi.org) or 231-340-1849 if you would like to volunteer for one of these positions and I will help to connect you to the camp you are interested in. Let's make a difference in the lives of our youth!**

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#### **Journey House Announcement**

**As one of the vibrant ministries of the Community of Christ, the Journey House board of directors thanks the generous disciples of the Michigan/USA Mission Center for your continued support and commitment to young adult and campus ministry.**

**It's with pleasure that the board of directors announces the selection of Nicole Keverne as the new resident manager and campus minister of the Journey House in East Lansing effective May 1, 2016. She will be mentored by the current resident manager, Abi Fangboner, throughout the month of May. Nicole is a former resident of the Journey House and graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Studies and Sustainability. She is particularly interested in community outreach and development and working with young adult ministry and building relationships. Please welcome Nicole to this position when you see her this summer at camps, reunions or other events.**

**The board of directors is especially grateful for the service of Abi Fangboner during her time as the resident manager. Abi blessed the Journey House with her welcoming spirit while building strong relationships with residents, other young adults, and the Community of Christ community. She is a conscientious, faithful disciple and we wish her well on her journey as she pursues her career.**

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#### **Seeking Delegates to World Conference (updated)**

To check to see if you are listed as a delegate to the World Conference, please visit this link: [cofchristmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2016-World-Conference-Delegate-List-Michigan.pdf](http://cofchristmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2016-World-Conference-Delegate-List-Michigan.pdf)

The Michigan Mission Center has been allocated 200 delegate seats for the 2016 World Conference. There are 55 spots available if you or someone you know would like to serve as a delegate. Please contact Dan Nowiski at [dnowiski@cofchrist.org](mailto:dnowiski@cofchrist.org) by April 3 if you are interested in being added to the list of delegates for Michigan.

Information about World Conference is available online:

[www.cofchrist.org/2016-world-conference](http://www.cofchrist.org/2016-world-conference)

Requests for rides to/from conference or housing while attending conference can be posted by individuals under the "serve" section of the Church Updates site. [CofChristMI.churchupdates.org](http://CofChristMI.churchupdates.org)

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#### **Disciple Development Fund - 2016 Applications**

The Michigan Mission Center Disciple Development Fund is available to support members with financial need who would like to participate in World Church, USA Field, and Michigan Mission Center educational experiences and trainings.

A total of \$600 will be available in 2016 for each of the following congregations: Alaska, Allegan, Alma, Alpena, Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Bay City, Bay Port, Beaverton, Bentley, Benton Harbor, Big Rapids, Blue Water, Boyne City, Brighton, Bristolwood, Burt.

A total of \$1,000 for at-large requests from members of other congregations is also available. The funds are to support adults active in Community of Christ with financial needs to help pay for training or education events. Funding decisions will be based on the following priorities:

For Peace Colloquy, MEADS, Formational Retreats, and other World and USA experiences:

- 1) Priority shall be given to first-time attendees.
- 2) Priority shall be given to Registration fees up to 100%.
- 3) Travel expenses may be reimbursed up to \$100 with receipts after attending.

For Community of Christ Seminary:

- 1) Priority shall be given to first time attendees.
- 2) On a per class basis up to 10% of tuition fee balance after all other awards.

Temple School and other mission center programs shall be funded up to 50%:

- 1) Priority is given to registration and books.
- 2) Up to 50% of actual gas expense may be reimbursed with receipt after attending.

Please visit the Disciple Development Fund webpage for more information: [cofchristmi.org/our-mission/develop-disciples-to-serve/disciple-development-fund/](http://cofchristmi.org/our-mission/develop-disciples-to-serve/disciple-development-fund/)

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#### **Work days and weeks at Blue Water, Park of the Pines, and Sanford:**

##### **Park of the Pines:**

4094 Springwater Beach Rd., Boyne City, MI 49712

May 14 - 21

##### **Sanford:**

April 16 and May 7

Rain or Shine

3500 West River Rd, Sanford MI

##### **Blue Water:**

May 23-30

7291 County Farm Rd, Lexington MI 48450

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#### **Register for Youth Camps!**

Senior High, Junior High, and Junior Camps will be offered at Blue Water, Park of the Pines, and Sanford this summer. Registration information is now available on the mission center website.

Parents may register children for camp online or using paper forms. Online registration does provide for electronic payment via PayPal or pay by mail options.

Register at least two weeks prior to the start of camp and receive a 10% discount. Scholarships are available for first time campers and returning campers who have need for financial assistance.

All camp information can be found here:

<http://cofchristmi.org/youth-camps>

Please contact Winnie Johnston at [winnie@cofchristmi.org](mailto:winnie@cofchristmi.org) with any questions about camps. Questions about registration can be directed to [mmcoffice@cofchristmi.org](mailto:mmcoffice@cofchristmi.org) or (517) 541-2575.

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