

## Spring Conference April 11, 2015

The Spring Conference for the Mission Center is April 11, 2015 at The Comfort Inn at 2424 South Mission Mt Pleasant, MI 48858. We have hotel rooms reserved for Friday evening at Comfort Inn. They are reserved under the name of Community of Christ. You will need to call 1-989-772-4000 and reserve your room, the cost is 119.00 per room.

\*\*\*Just want to remind you that your cutoff will be in just under a month on March 10th, for reserving a room for the spring conference. \*\*\*

Go to [www.cofchristmi.org](http://www.cofchristmi.org) for further information

## Ventures

**The April Venture huddle is at the Union Avenue congregation not Bristolwood as was previously advertised.**



## MISSION CENTER ACTIVITIES

To schedule a mission center activity, contact Bobbie Ann Robinson at [brobins@cofchrist.org](mailto:brobins@cofchrist.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 USA/Canada 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  
Hours: Monday and Wednesday: 9-4 p.m.  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9-4 p.m. via phone and email



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of March 19, 2015

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 USA/CANADA MISSION CENTER NEWS

**Delegate Information for Spring Conference – April 11, 2015**  
**Report from the Michigan Campground Team**

### Greetings!

**Delegates and alternates are not automatically registered and must register on line at [www.cofchristmi.org](http://www.cofchristmi.org) or via USPS by April 3rd. There will be a \$10.00 registration fee for late and at the door registrations. Save \$\$\$ and register ASAP. Contact [Heather@cofchristmi.org](mailto:Heather@cofchristmi.org) if you have problems with online registration.**

**If you are currently a delegate and for whatever reason cannot attend, PLEASE contact [Heather@cofchristmi.org](mailto:Heather@cofchristmi.org) by April 3rd so alternates may be seated. No alternates will be seated by the mission center random drawing process after April 3rd.**

**Please read the attached documents very carefully. Call a Campground Study team member if you have any questions on the data presented. Please post comments in appropriate venues. There is a blog for Campground discussions which takes the conversation out of the public arena and still allows conversation to happen among membership who will be making the decisions. You can find it at [www.mycofchristmi.org](http://www.mycofchristmi.org)**

**Follow the link below for more detailed information on the campground study: <http://cofchristmi.org/?p=1685>**

**Please continue to prayerfully consider the options present-**

**ed and hold each other in our hearts as we consider this momentous decision.**

**...Continue to trust in the enduring promises of the One in whose name you have been given life.**

**Then, as you gain ever more confidence in sensing the leadings of my Spirit, you will begin to see with new eyes, embrace the truths that are waiting for your understanding, and move joyfully toward the fulfillment of the tasks that are yours to accomplish. D&C 159**

**Peace \* Blessings**

**Deb**

**Mission Center President  
Michigan USA/Canada  
517-896-4356 (cell)**

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**Gathering Ministries Specialist--Bobbie Ann Robinson**

**We extend a huge thank you to Bobbie Ann Robinson, Disciple Formation Specialist, who retired from that position on Feb. 28th. Bobbie will continue working as a full time volunteer as Gathering Ministries Specialist. In this responsibility, she will focus on camping philosophy, camping ministries, and other gathering possibilities such as mission trips, or historic site visits for youth that may be possible in the future.**

**Bobbie will mentor others to handle former responsibilities such as SALT, calendaring, etc.**

**Please be sure to thank Bobbie Ann...and welcome her to her new position! She has committed as a full time volunteer until June 30th.**

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**African American Ministries Retreat**

**Dear Friends, Here is the AAM retreat registration form and tentative retreat schedule for our upcoming April 17-19, 2015 retreat located at the Joseph Smith Historic Site in Nauvoo, IL.**

**Please share this information with your members, family and friends about our visit to one of the historic sites of our church and invite them along. Our theme is: Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present, Envisioning the Future.**

**You may mail or email your completed registration forms to Cindy Thomas at email: [cthomas@cofchrist.org](mailto:cthomas@cofchrist.org) or by mail to: Community of Christ International Headquarters 1001 W Walnut Street Independence, MO 64050 - Attention: Cindy Thomas. If you are in need of travel assistance, first talk with your Mission Center President about support. If addi-**

**tional assistance is needed, please have your Mission Center President contact John Wight at email: [jwight@cofchrist.org](mailto:jwight@cofchrist.org).**

**Looking forward to seeing you at the retreat!**

**Sincerely,**

**Gwendolyn Hawks-Blue and Carol Walden Co-Directors**

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**Barna Labs Survey**

**The mission center is participating in the 2015 Labs Cohort through the Barna Group which does research and analysis of religious thinking and trends. Please encourage people connected with your congregations to complete survey #1 by clicking on the unique link below. We're looking for input from both active and inactive congregation members/friends. The survey will close on Friday, May 8.**

**Survey #1 - [www.BarnaSurveys.com/snapwebhost/s.asp](http://www.BarnaSurveys.com/snapwebhost/s.asp)**

**"Barna Labs is to give Christian leaders the insight and tools needed to understand their congregations (with particular emphasis on Millennial attendees) and to fully engage Millennials in their church and community. Our aim is to help you think more intentionally about the substance of your ministry to Millennials, so you can make deep disciples of Jesus." -Labs Event 2015, Barna Group**

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**Temple School TE 120 Introduction to World Religions**

This course provides a beginning for understanding facts and details about the major religions in the world. It also encourages the exploration of common beliefs shared by many religions.

The facilitator is Esther Volz and the cost is \$22.

The class begins April 7 at 7 pm.  
Register at [www.cofchristmi.org](http://www.cofchristmi.org)

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**Ministry of the Deacon - Pilot Course**

The Ministry of the Deacon Pilot will be offered at the Waterford Church beginning March 11 T 6 pm and continuing each week through April 8. All experienced Deacons are encouraged to come and share their experiences with new Deacon ordinands. Cost of the class is \$10, with an additional \$5 if you use a MC printed textbook. (You may print your own).  
Make payment at the first class.

Dean Robinson, facilitator.  
Register at [www.cofchristmi.org](http://www.cofchristmi.org)

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