

of Christ with others? Detroit Hope offers a summer youth day camp program in partnership with the Community Technology Center. Our campers range in age from 6 to 15, and are exposed to peacemaking skills, recreational and team-building activities, and technological engagement with their world. We are seeking adults who will bring a new perspective in sharing peacemaking skills with our campers. Our camp runs from July 6th through July 31st; however we are asking willing individuals to make as little as a one-day commitment to this experience.

Please contact Julie Bock for more information: jbock@cofchrist.org or 734.735.6931. Blessings!



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Michigan Mission Center

MISSION CENTER ACTIVITIES

To schedule a mission center activity, contact Noelle Gaffka at ngaffka@cofchrist.org

MISSION CENTER INFORMATION

For more detailed information regarding Mission Center news and activities, please go to the website: 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 * 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



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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of May 21, 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

What Matters Most?

We are in the midst of our fifth year being together as the Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center. As we prepare for 2016 and the next five years, we want to engage all of you in a process of creatively thinking about what could be possible in the future.

Join us for a "town hall" style gathering to share your ideas and join with others to exercise our prophetic imagination. Together we need to think about our priorities and discern what matters most for our journey ahead.

When: Tuesday, June 2 @ 7:00PM

Where: Five locations across the mission center

Bay City (not yet confirmed)

Big Rapids

Gaylord

Kalamazoo (not yet confirmed)

Lapeer (not yet confirmed)

What: Brainstorming and open sharing about the future

Why: Determine priorities for mission center ministries and budget in 2016

Who: All who have ideas to share

June Camp registration due date extended!!

Due to some conversation with camp directors and parents along with low camp registration numbers, the registration deadline for June camps has been pushed back to June 1st. So, let's get those campers to get those forms in by June 1st to avoid the \$75 late fee.

Registration Information: cofchristmi.org/our-mission/develop-disciples-to-serve/mycofchristmi-michigan-youth-ministries/

Bring a friend to camp

There is also a scholarship available for first time campers who are brought by a friend, The Bring a Friend to Camp Scholarship. An online form is available here: cofchristmi.org/blog/2015/04/15/bring-a-friend-to-camp/ This scholarship has been extended for first time friends brought to SPEC also.

SPEC

High school aged youth are encouraged to attend SPEC for an experience of a lifetime on the campus of Graceland University. Info for that event can be found here: cofchristmi.org/blog/category/youth-ministries/spec/

Staff

Camps can most always use staff so, if there is a desire to serve the church by serving the youth, this is a great area in which to be involved. Contact me if you or someone you know may have interest in being staff at youth camp at Blue Water, Camp Manitou, Park of the Pines or Sanford campgrounds. There are no youth camps at The Woodlands.

Update on Sale of Manitou and The Woodlands

Over the past month the Mission Center President (MCP) and Mission Center Financial Officer (MCFO) have begun work to carry out the Mission Center Conference decision to sell the Manitou and Woodlands campground properties. Several conversations have taken place with risk management, legal services, and other church leaders to clearly understand the steps that will be followed for the sale process. The MCP and MCFO have appointed Gary Gordier, Kevin Anderson, and Kirk Kramer to provide assistance and advice throughout the sales process. This Sales Team will work with the current campground boards to prepare and list the properties for sale in the coming months. Please visit the link below for more information regarding the sale of campgrounds. Questions and answers listed on this page will be updated periodically as new information is received.

Link to Campground Sales Page here:

<http://cofchristmi.org/?p=2040>

Gathering Ministries Committee

Volunteers are needed to serve with others on the Gathering Ministries Committee. We especially need those from the southwest, northwest, and the north. These parts of the MC are under-

represented as we pray, discern, and work to enhance gatherings at our campgrounds and other places we meet. Most meetings will be conducted via WebEx. The number of volunteer slots is limited, so don't delay.

If you are interested please contact

Noelle Gaffka (ngaffka@cofchrist.org) or

Bobbie Ann Robinson (brobinson@cofchrist.org).

Temple School Class: SS 610 Inspired Counsel Since 1915

Please register by May 21st. Cost is \$20

Registration with Linda Johnson at 616-534-0007 or

johnsonlee8243@sbcglobal.net

Instructor: Linda Johnson

Where: Grand Valley Congregation, 4790 Jacob St. SW, Wyoming, MI 49418

When: June 20th and 27th 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Lunch provided for a freewill offering.

World Church Minister and Spouse Retreat

All Evangelists, High Priests, Seventy and their spouses are invited to Nauvoo for the weekend of August 14-16 for their annual retreat. The cost for the weekend is \$70 a person. This covers meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday plus other expenses for facility use. We encourage you to carpool to help cut expenses.

Our Guest Minister will be Kris Judd. We plan to tour both the LDS and Community of Christ sites, share in fellowship and worship, and be led in discussion by Kris. The first session begins at 7 CDT on Friday, the 14th, and we will finish by noon on the 16th. It is time now to make your reservations for accommodations as Nauvoo is a popular destination for many families during August.

Register on line now and send your \$35 deposit (per person) to the MC office designated for the WCM Retreat.

Please register here at www.cofchristmi.org

Child Protection Core Training

Child Protection Core training is needed for Youth Worker Registration which is needed for camp staff and anyone working with kids in Community of Christ as well as all priesthood. If you are not already registered or if it has been several years, then this training is for you! There are many opportunities available.

May 16—Caro * May 23—Blue Water * May 30—Hastings * May 31—Farwell * May 30—Hastings * May 31—Richmond

Please go to: <http://cofchristmi.org/?p=153> for a full list of upcoming training sessions.

Experience Congregations in Mission

Are you feeling called to engage in new ways to express the love