

**MICHIGAN USA/CANADA MISSION CENTER MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2, 2013**

The Fall 2013 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 2, 2013. The conference convened at 10:45 a.m.

Debora Crowley, Mission Center President called the 2013 Mission Center to order and made the following introductions:

Conference Managers	Jack Tigner, Dianna Vanderkarr
Conference Secretary	Jan Wiltse
Parliamentarian	Dan Nowiski
Head Deacon	Carl Nichols
Children/Youth Leader	Brenda Villeneuve
Special Guests	President Scott Murphy Apostle Stassi Cramm Apostolic Assistant Wim van Klinken President of Seventy John Wight Joey Williams, Hymnal Committee

Dianna Vanderkarr reported that 324 delegates were properly registered to conduct conference business. Additional registrants attending the conference are 50. Total delegate and conference attendees are 374. Dianna Vanderkarr moved acceptance of the Credentials Committee report; a second was received and the Credentials Committee Report was accepted.

The Chair recognized Dan Nowiski, Conference Parliamentarian, to present the Standing Rules for the conference. Dan moved adoption of the Standing Rules; a second was received. The Standing Rules were accepted as read by the required two-thirds majority.

Eleanor West was called upon to offer the invocation to invite God in our midst.

Deb Crowley declared the 2013 Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Conference officially organized and ready for business.

The Minutes for the 2012 Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Conference were reviewed by the Minutes Review Committee. Contact the Conference Secretary for any corrections. Deb declared the minutes approved. The Conference Secretary was contacted concerning an omission in the 2012 Conference Minutes. The minutes will be corrected by adding the Crossroads Congregation for their 125th Anniversary into the 2012 Minutes.

The Chair appointed a 2013 Minutes Review Committee. Dianna Vanderkarr, Dena DeVormer, and Robin LaBrecque were appointed without objection.

Greetings to the Conference were extended by Apostle Stassi Cramm. Apostle Cramm read a letter from President K. Scott Murphy recommending Deborah Crowley be sustained as

Michigan/USA/Canada Mission Center President. Gregg McDonald moved, a second was received, the vote was taken and Deb Crowley was sustained as the Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Conference President.

Apostle Cramm read a letter from President K. Scott Murphy recommending Dena DeVormer as the Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Financial Officer. Sherry MacGregor moved and a second was received. Dena DeVormer was sustained as the Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Financial Officer.

The Chair asked that the Mission Center Staff, Counselors to the Mission Center President, Mission Center Council, Finance Committee, and Congregation Support Group leaders be sustained as printed. They were sustained without objection.

Dena DeVormer was called upon for the audit reports. Dena moved to adopt the Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Conference Audit Report as printed. A second was received. The vote was taken and the audit report was adopted. The campground audit reports were approved by the boards and were provided in the materials for the Conference's information.

The Conference was asked to review the campground reports and the Mission Center President's Report as well as other specialized ministry reports.

The Chair then referred the Conference to New Business.

Election of Board Members for Community Outreach Services Corporation was brought to the floor for the purpose of filling vacant positions. Rogers Claussen, David McCray, Andy Omans, and John Seifert as Mission Center membership positions on the Community Outreach Services Corporation Board were nominated. The Chair opened the floor for other nominations, hearing none, a verbal one-voice-vote for all nominees was taken. These representatives were elected to a three year term. Michael Herrick and Catherine Williamson were nominated for the community representative positions on the Community Outreach Services Corporation Board for a three year term. The floor was opened for other nominations. Hearing no other nominations, the chair called for a collective, audible vote and both nominees were elected.

The Chair moved the Conference's attention to the resolution, Encouraging Environmental Stewardship, approved by the East Lansing Congregation and submitted to the Mission Center President in June 2012. The resolution was read by Deb Crowley. Dave Caceres moved the resolution. A second was received. After some discussion, the previous question was called and the resolution passed.

The conference was recessed for lunch.

Deb Crowley reconvened the conference at 2 p.m.

During the Prayer for Peace worship, an offering was taken for the Mission Center's Youth Camp Scholarship Fund. "The Summons" was sung by the conference.

WORLD CHURCH PRIESTHOOD CALLS

Apostle Stassi Cramm came to the podium to speak for the calls of Robert Wismer to High Priest, Matt Kinsinger to Evangelist, and Cathy Hopkins to the office of Bishop.

Deb Crowley asked for a motion to approve Robert (Bob) Wismer to the office of High Priest. Dean Robinson moved and a second was received. After the conference sang a hymn, Bob came to the podium to offer his experiences in preparing for this call and then accepted his call. Deb Crowley offered her testimony of the validity of this call as well. The Chair called for the vote for Bob Wismer to the office of High Priest. The Conference approved this call.

The Chair was ready to entertain a motion for the call of Matt Kinsinger to the office of Evangelist. Jim Sweet moved to approve this call and a second was received. After another verse was sung by the Conference, Matt went to the podium to speak to his call. Deb also confirmed the validity of this call. The vote for this priesthood office was taken and approved.

The call for Cathy Hopkins to the office of Bishop was brought to the floor. Gregg McDonald moved to approve this call and a second was received. After the conference sang another verse, in Cathy's absence, Deb Crowley read Cathy's statement concerning this call. Deb called for the vote to approve Cathy to the office of Bishop. The vote was taken and the call was approved.

John Wight was called on to speak to the calls for Julie Bock and Sarah Allan to the office of Seventy.

After another verse was sung, Julie Bock spoke to and accepted her call. Stassi Cramm and Deb Crowley testified to the validity of Julie's call. Rick MacGregor moved to approve this call and a second was received. The vote was taken and Julie's call was approved.

Sarah Allen spoke to her call. Stassi Cramm and Deb Crowley spoke to her call as well. Vicki Beebe moved to approve this call and a second was received. The vote was taken and Sarah Allen's call to Seventy was approved.

RECOGNITION

The Chair directed the Conference to the Community Outreach Services Corporation report. Seventy Clinton Moore was called upon to share with the Conference that Restoration Towers and its management company, Paragon Management, Inc., received the nation's top award in multi-family, affordable housing, the 2013 National Community of Quality Award for Exemplary Development for the Elderly by the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA). The award is on display at Restoration Towers.

Bobbie Ann Robinson was called upon to recognize this year's S.A.L.T. graduates: Kathy Erwin, Kim Penix, Esther Voz, Connie Sauer, Ellie Heacock, Ruth Goldstrom-Anger, Sally Hager, Jean Ridenour, Reginald Rabidue, Carol Walden, Angel Ball, Gerry Hice, Dale Volz, and Cheryl Seifert.

Eleanor West was called upon to recognize the newly ordained priesthood for this year. This year ten elders and ten priests were ordained. The Conference showed their appreciation. She then

recognized the priesthood members who have been superannuated this year - five elders, Evangelist Margaret Swartzendruber, High Priest Bill Wells, and Seventy Dave Smith.

John Wight was called upon to speak and present the Certificate of Superannuation to Seventy Dave L. Smith.

Eleanor then congratulated the Marion Congregation as they celebrated 100 years of ministry and Farwell is celebrating 120 years of ministry. The Alma Congregation is celebrating 100 years of ministry as well. Members from each of these congregations were asked to stand and be recognized by the Conference.

Apostle Cramm shared some words of wisdom and encouragement with the Conference.

ELECTION OF CAMPGROUNDS BOARDS OF DIRECTOR

Blue Water Campgrounds: no further nominations being made, Tom Banks, Kelly Christian, Kris Daggett, Richard Herr, and Russell Knight were elected.

Manitou Campgrounds: no further nominations being made, Brian Hice, Carol Walden, Gerry Hice, and Sherry Jagger were elected.

Park of the Pines Campgrounds: no further nominations being made, Nadine Volz, Lynn Field, Darrin Carter, Carol Harrison, and David Smith were elected.

Sanford Campgrounds: An additional nomination for Angie Varney of Midland was received from the floor. Ruth Ann Nagle, Betty Beauchamp, Renee Congleton, Leon Wiltse, and Angie Varney were elected.

The Woodlands: no further nominations being made, Kathy Erwin, Tom Banks, Ervin Haley, Ron Rousse, and Deloris White were elected.

CAMPGROUNDS 2014 BUDGETS

Blue Water budget was moved by Richard Herr and a second was received and \$229,200.00 budget was approved.

Manitou budget was moved by Gary Wiltse and a second was received and \$103,427.00 budget was approved.

Park of the Pines budget was moved by Bill Dodds and a second was received and \$108,800.00 budget was approved.

Sanford budget was moved by Jack Tigner and a second was received and \$83,800.00 budget was approved.

The Woodlands budget was moved by Tom Banks and a second was received and \$52,750.00 budget was approved.

MISSION CENTER BUDGET

The chair called on Dana Thering who moved to adopt the 2014 Mission Center Budget as printed. A second was received. Dena DeVormer was called on to speak and explain the proposed budget.

Kelly Christian was recognized and moved to repeal Standing Rule number 3 in order to amend the 2014 Mission Center budget. A second was received. Kelly spoke to this amendment. Some discussion was held. A vote was taken and the request to repeal the Standing Rules failed.

After some discussion was held on the budget, the vote was called for. The 2014 Mission Center Budget passed with a total of \$182,853.54.

CAMPGROUND STUDY TEAM REPORT

Kevin Anderson was called upon to offer the first year update concerning this study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Wesch gave a report and provided information for the Sanford Special Needs Camp.

Deb Crowley asked volunteers to contact her to serve on the Earth Stewardship Team.

Business being concluded, Deb Crowley adjourned the 2013 Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Conference with the conference singing "Called by Christ to Love Each Other." The closing prayer was offered by Evangelist Loretha Smith.