

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.

North Star

North Star is a youth group for those in grades 8-12 in the Michigan Mission Center. The purpose of the group is to train youth in ways to become a Missional Church through education, service, fellowship and worship in ways that involve youth, interacting with others of all ages in ways that makes the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ real for everyone.

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

Ministry of the Disciple

- Onaway
The Ministry of the Disciple course will be offered at the Onaway Congregation April 1,2,3
Onaway Comm. of Christ, 1419 Michigan Ave, Onaway, MI 49765
Contact Wendy Brooks at brooksw@alpenacc.edu

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

Michigan Mission Center

MISSION CENTER ACTIVITIES

To schedule a mission center activity, contact Dianna Vanderkarr at dianna@cofchristmi.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 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



Community of Christ

Michigan Mission Center

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of March 31, 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

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

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 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

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

Letter of Counsel and Field Changes

President Veazey shared a letter of counsel today regarding changes in World Church leadership. Another letter outlined changes in the USA Mission Field structure. Please read these letters and share this information with others in your congregation.

Letter of Counsel: <http://www.cofchrist.org/Common/Cms/documents/LetterofCounsel03-31-16.pdf>

USA Mission Field structure: <http://www.cofchrist.org/Common/Cms/documents/USAField03-31-16.pdf>

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/

Work days and weeks at Park of the Pines and Sanford:

Park of the Pines:

Stewardship Work Week May 14 – 21

Jobs for all skill levels. Check with the resident manager. Lunch provided each day. No charge for camping or the lodge. In the past some congregations have taken on a building or area as a congregational project. Contact the resident manager. Lunch prep volunteers are also needed.

Sanford:

April 16 and May 7

Rain or Shine

3500 West River Rd, Sanford MI

Come and help get the grounds ready for the upcoming camping season. There is a lot to do and your help is needed and appreciated! Free camping is available for those that come and work! Come for the day or come for the weekend!

President's Address-Q&A-Financial Update

Join sisters and brothers around the world for the April 3 President's Address, starting at 6:00 p.m. (CDT), followed by a live Q&A and the latest financial update.

Explore paragraphs 16–18 of the 2013 words of counsel that President Steve Veazey describes as emphasizing "the intrinsic relationships of spirituality, discipleship, and mission."

Send your questions about these paragraphs to AskSteve-Veazey@CofChrist.org or post to social media with [#AskSteveVeazey](https://twitter.com/AskSteveVeazey). Steve

will answer as many as possible during the live Q&A. Have you had trouble with our live streams in the past?

Since the last President's Address, CofChrist.org has been moved to an upgraded server to accommodate the high volume of traffic we experience for live webcasts.

Youth Worker Registration Classes

In order to ensure everyone has had the opportunity to become a Registered Youth Worker before the camping season, we are offering this class at the Mt. Pleasant Community of Christ. As a reminder, this class is a required component of becoming a registered youth worker!

It is also highly recommended (but not currently required) that the course is retaken every 3-4 years as a refresher. Becoming a registered youth worker is required for all priesthood members and anyone working with the youth (youth activities, youth and special needs camps, Sunday school, etc).

Please let the contacts below know who may be attending to ensure there are enough materials for everyone!

Please note, the date for the class at Capital Congregation is now Sunday, April 10, 2016, the time remains the same.

Capital: Capital Community of Christ 1514 W Miller Rd Lansing, MI 48911 * April 9, 2016 at 2pm
Please contact Kris Beckman at krisbeckman50@gmail.com or 517-882-1208 by April 8 at 8pm to register to ensure there are enough materials.

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 with any questions about camps. Questions about registration can be directed to mmcoffice@cofchristmi.org or (517) 541-2575.

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