

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/

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.

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 July 8, 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

Staff needed for upcoming 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 Senior High has an opening for 1 female counselor
- Blue Water Junior Camp has openings for 2 female counselors and a camp pastor
- Park of the Pines Junior Camp has positions open for 1 male counselor and 1 female CIT
- Sanford Senior High is looking for 2 male and 2 female counselors
- Sanford Junior High has openings for 2 male counselors and a nurse/health officer
- Sanford Junior camps are looking for 1 female counselor, 1 male counselor and a nurse/health officer.

Please contact me, Winnie Johnston, 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

World Church Ministers Retreat: "To Community and Beyond"

A Retreat for World Church Ministers (Bishop, Evangelist, High Priest, and Seventy) and Spouses

Guests:

- Molly Sweeney, Director of 482 Forward
- Larry Simmons, Pastor of Baber AME Brightmoor
- John Wight, Community of Christ Senior President of Seventy

Weekend Cost:

- Individual with housing – \$136 * Couple with housing – \$176 [Includes lodging for Friday night; breakfast, lunch, and lodging for Saturday; breakfast on Sunday; and meeting rooms

- Individual commuting – \$40 * Couple commuting – \$80
[Includes breakfast and lunch for Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, and meeting rooms]

***Dinner on Saturday evening will be hosted at and provided by the Detroit Hope Congregation. Your generous contribution will be appreciated.

Registration can be found at: http://cofchristmi.org/?event=world-church-ministers-and-spouses-retreat&event_date=2016-08-19

Doctrine & Covenants Section 165

Words of Counsel presented by President Veazey in 2013 were considered in their final form at the recent 2016 World Conference. The conference approved inclusion of the words in the Doctrine and Covenants as Section 165. See the link below to view the text. Printed inserts will be available for order from Herald House later this summer.

www.cofchrist.org/doctrine-and-covenants-section-165

Mission and Tithing Policy - Adopted through Common Consent Process

After months of dialogue leading up to World Conference, delegates were presented with a modified proposal related to a definition of tithing. Further dialogue and common consent tools used during the week of conference lead to a second revision from the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric. The modified proposal was adopted with over 90% support on the final day of World Conference.

Modified I-1B Mission and Tithing, Submitted by the First Presidency and the Presiding Bishopric Community of Christ has agreed that "tithing is a spiritual practice that demonstrates willingness to offer every dimension of one's life to God" (Doctrine and Covenants 165:2d).

Therefore, it is proposed, as these words find expression in the church, the following affirmations guide us:

- Stewardship is whole-life response to God's grace and the ministry of Jesus Christ.
- One way stewardship is expressed is through the spiritual practice of tithing.
- Although tithing literally means a tenth, giving generously to one's true capacity is the spirit of tithing.
- Tithing of time, talent, treasure, and testimony supports local and worldwide church ministries in pursuit of Jesus Christ's mission.
- All disciples are called to live as faithful stewards who tithe.

Furthermore, it is proposed the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric provide resources to support priesthood and leaders in developing disciples who understand faithful tithing as part of the six principles of A Disciple's Generous Response.

World Conference Videos, Pictures, and Daily Updates

Daily updates from the recent 2016 World Conference can be found through the World Conference app online: eventmobi.com/wc2016/infobooth/141118

Videos from World Conference are available on YouTube:
www.youtube.com/playlist

We had about 10 extremely-gifted volunteer photographers capturing big and small moments all around the complex. Check out some of their best work in our World Conference photo albums housed on our Flickr page. No account needed to view the photos! www.flickr.com/photos/120271953@N07/albums

Worldwide Mission Endowments

President Veazey announced during the Sunday evening worship at World

Conference that \$62 Million has been committed by generous disciples over the next 25 years to fund the Worldwide Mission Endowments. When these commitments are received in the coming decades these endowments will generate ongoing income to support the World Ministries budget. A goal of reaching \$75 Million for the Endowments by 2019 has been set. More information about the endowments can be found at the site below.

<http://www.cofchrist.org/worldwide-mission-endowments>

Play Director Needed

Date: August 1, 2016 * Time: 10:00AM

Attention Drama Folks! (You know who you are!) - Detroit Hope is in need of someone to lead the play portion of our Peacemakers Camp this summer. Dates are August 1st - 12th. A stipend is available to compensate for travel costs; housing for the duration maybe available for someone who prefers not to drive a long distance each day. Experience with congregational, school, or professional play directing is preferred. Registered Youth Worker status is required.

The play "Peace Begins with Me" was written by Cheryl Melody, B.M.Ed., M.A., and teaches empathy, sensitivity, diversity celebration, conflict-resolution, teamwork, empowerment, and hope. Ms. Melody has given permission for the play to be edited as desired for our group, and we need you to work with the Camp Directors to do that, as well as working with support staff to ensure everyone is ready for opening night!

Please contact Julie Bock at 734.735.6931 or by email at bock.jj74@gmail.com for more questions, or to give your "YES!" to this special opportunity.

Ministry of the Disciple - Galien

Ministry of the Disciple will be held at the Galien congregation on Oct 15 & 22, 2016, Times will be coming in the near future!
Please contact Sherry Jagger at sjagger@hotmail.com or 219-326-7894 by June 1st. to let her know if you're planning to attend she will pick up the books at World conference to save on shipping. Otherwise you'll be responsible for getting your own.

May 2016 Campground Sales Update

Q: What is the latest sales update on Camp Manitou?

A: As Spring emerges, we anticipate renewed interest in our campgrounds that are for sale. One of the individuals who previously expressed interest in Camp Manitou has followed up with us and asked some questions, which have been responded to. Additional follow-up with each of the interested parties is being taken by the sales team. So far, no party has contacted our Realtor.

Q: What is the latest sales update on The Woodlands?

A: One of the parties who had expressed interest has been in contact with the sales team with renewed interest in acquiring The Woodlands. Like most interested parties, acquiring financing is the challenge. Gary Gordier met at The Woodlands with the interested party, along with their potential investor. Both renewed their interest in acquiring the campground if they can align their finances. So, we hurry up and wait.

Additionally, our Realtor informed us there was a "sportsman club" from the Detroit area making inquiry. They had some questions and wanted some additional information, which has been supplied to them. Again, we are at the mercy and pace of any potential buyer.

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