

**Michigan Mission Center**  
**2020 Fall Conference**  
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## Persist in Hope

*“Then go with conviction into the locations of your discipleship and be the peace of Christ. As you do, you will discover a variety of ways in which spiritual community forms and flows as expressions of the gospel of peace. Trust what is being born. Have faith in divine purposes. Persist in Hope.”*  
 – President Steve Veazey Sermon at World Conference on April 13, 2019

<b>Friday, Nov. 6</b>	<b>Saturday, Nov. 7</b>	<b>Sunday, Nov. 8</b>
<p><i>Delegates Online in Zoom*</i>  <i>Guests may watch streaming video on Facebook or YouTube</i></p> <p>6:30p – Welcome                      7:00p – Review of Conference Rules, Procedures, Agenda,                      7:30p – Questions/Dialogue                      8:00p – Blessing</p> <p>*Delegates will be registered for business sessions by mission center staff and will receive a unique link which cannot be shared.</p>	<p><i>Delegates Online in Zoom*</i>  <i>Guests may watch streaming video on Facebook or YouTube</i></p> <p>8:00a – Delegate Check-in                      8:30a – Welcome and Guests                      9:00a – Organizing &amp; Reports                      10:00a – Recess                      10:30a – Special Orders                      12:00p – Adjourn/Blessing</p> <p><i>Open Session in Zoom</i></p> <p>12:15p – Youth Activities                      2:00p – Worship (Ordinations)                      3:00p – Presentations                      5:00p – Blessing</p> <p><i>Sanctuary Hosted Zoom</i></p> <p>8:00p – Online Game Night for Junior &amp; Senior High</p>	<p><i>Open Session in Zoom</i></p> <p>9:00a – Q&amp;A with leaders                      10:00a – Break                      11:00a – Worship</p>

### **Delegate Preparation**

Two preparation sessions will be held for delegates the weekend prior to the fall conference. These sessions will allow delegates opportunities to become familiar with the Zoom platform and to ask questions about the conference rules, procedures, and items of business. A final opportunity to practice using Zoom and asking questions will be Friday, Nov. 6 during the conference welcome. All preparation sessions and the business meeting on Nov. 7 will use the same recurring Zoom meeting link sent to verified delegates who register online at the fall conference website: [www.CofChristMI.org/fall-conference](http://www.CofChristMI.org/fall-conference).

**Prep Sessions:** Saturday, October 31 @ 8:30am - or - Sunday, November 1 @ 8:30am

**Michigan Mission Center - Fall Conference**  
**Business Session - November 7, 2020**

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Conference Organizing Actions

- World Church Leaders Welcome & Presentations
- Credentials Report
- Standing Rules

Reports of Officers

- Mission Center President Team Report
- Mission Center Financial Officer Report
  - Consideration of 2019 Auditor's Report
  - Consideration of 2021 Mission Center Operating Budget

Reports of Boards

- Blue Water Campground
- Park of the Pines
- Park of the Pines Endowment Fund
  - Consideration of Recommendation to Dissolve Endowment Fund Board
- Sanford Campground
- The Woodlands
- Journey House Campus Ministry Center

Reports of Committees/Teams

- Campground Sales Committee
- Disciple Development Fund Committee
- Earth Stewardship Team

Special Orders

- Sustaining First Presidency's Recommendation for Mission Center President
- Sustaining First Presidency's Recommendation for Mission Center Financial Officer
- Sustaining Apostle's Recommendation for Invitation Support Minister
- Sustaining MCP Team's Recommendations for MC Council, Leaders, and Staff
- Election of Journey House Board Members
- Election of Blue Water Campground Board Members
- Election of Park of the Pines Board Members
- Election of Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board Members (if necessary)
- Election of Sanford Campground Board Members
- Election of The Woodlands Board Members
- Consideration of Priesthood Calls to World Church Minister Offices
  - Barbara Barcume to the offices of high priest and evangelist
  - Karen Bouverette to the offices of high priest and evangelist
  - Jack Benac to the offices of high priest and bishop
  - Others TBD

New Business

*No resolutions have been submitted by congregations*

## **Proposed Standing Rules for 2020 Fall Conference**

Preface: In emergency situations provisions in Community of Christ bylaws permit church administrators to recommend procedures and protect the interests of the church. During the COVID-19 pandemic the first presidency is authorizing mission centers to utilize electronic meetings to conduct business as directed by the field apostle and mission center officers.

1. The Credentials Committee shall be responsible for registering delegates for the electronic meeting platform, distributing information to delegates to join the electronic meeting, and admitting delegates into the electronic meeting. The Credentials Committee shall report the number of delegates registered as present at the opening of the Conference. A member registered as an alternate may, upon clearance by the Credentials Committee, be transferred from alternate to delegate at any time during the continuance of the business meeting.
2. Members shall identify themselves as required to enter the electronic meeting and shall maintain audio access throughout the meeting whenever present. Members shall sign out upon any departure before adjournment. Each member is responsible for maintaining connection to the meeting. No action shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, a member's individual connection prevented participation in the meeting. The chair may disconnect or mute a member's connection if it is causing undue interference with the meeting.
3. No member of the conference shall speak in debate more than once on the same question nor for longer than three minutes without permission of the conference granted by a two-thirds vote without debate. In the case of the mover and first speaker in opposition, five minutes shall be allowed. Individuals called upon to provide information or reports are not governed by this rule.
4. The Mission Center Budget shall be considered as a whole. After the Mission Center Financial Officer or designee has given explanation and information to the conference, discussion and amendments on line items will be in order.
5. The Mission Center President shall formulate and adjust the agenda as required. The printed agenda is for guidance only.
6. A motion for the "previous question" will apply only to the immediately pending question unless otherwise noted by the body.
7. Business may be conducted by unanimous consent. The chair may also conduct viva-voice votes with all participants permitted to audibly vote. In cases when a rising vote or ballot is desired or required an electronic response system may be utilized.

*Note: According to Community of Christ Bylaws Article VII "The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern all conferences of the church in all cases where they are culturally appropriate and where they are not in conflict with these rules of order or any special rules of order adopted by the appropriate conference."*

**Community of Christ – Michigan Mission Center  
2021 Proposed Budget & Narrative**

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
1	Congregational Support	\$106,500	64.2%
2	Envelope Contributions	\$15,000	9.0%
3	Investment Earnings for Mission Support	\$30,000	18.1%
4	Transfers from Designated Ministry Funds	\$5,500	3.3%
5	Congregation Services Income	\$4,000	2.4%
6	Interest Income	-	-
7	Other Income	\$5,000	3.0%
8	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$166,000	
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
9	Audit	\$550	0.3%
10	Equipment Replacement	\$500	0.3%
11	Insurance	\$2500	1.5%
12	License & Fees	\$700	0.4%
13	Miscellaneous/Pastoral Care	\$250	0.2%
14	Office Supplies	\$500	0.3%
15	Salaries & Benefits	\$150,000	90.4%
16	Payroll Processing	\$2000	1.2%
17	Communications	\$3000	1.8%
18	Volunteer Travel Support	\$500	0.3%
19	Disciple & Leadership Development	\$2500	1.5%
20	Congregation Mission Expansion Grants	\$3000	1.8%
21	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$166,000	
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>		-	

**INCOME**

**Congregational Support:** The support commitments that are pledged by each congregation and included in their budget to support the ministries of the mission center. It is our hope that your congregation will continue the current level of support to the mission center operating budget. Congregations with capacity for increased giving are encouraged to increase commitments to campgrounds, youth camp ministries, Spectacular, Journey House or Worldwide Mission Tithes.

**Envelope Contributions:** Contributions from individuals who mark their offering envelopes with a personal gift to the mission center. These special offerings are forwarded from the congregation CFO to the mission center and are included as part of a person's local mission tithes on their tithing statement.

**Investment Earnings for Mission Support:** This line item provides income support by using the investment earnings from some of our fund balances. The amount is typically calculated at 4% or less and taken from the account balances of the Operating Fund Reserves or Operating Investment Fund (previously the Earnings from Investment Fund, Administrative Support Fund, and Mission Support Fund).

## **Community of Christ – Michigan Mission Center 2021 Proposed Budget & Narrative**

**Transfers from Designated Ministry Funds:** We will transfer an amount from the Disciple Development Fund for Disciple and Leadership Formation expenses and the New Expressions Fund for Mission Expansion Grants. If the congregation support commitments fall short of the proposed amount, transfers from the Operating Reserve Fund, Operating Investment Fund, and/or other designated funds, may be added to this line item to balance the income with the expenses.

**Congregation Services Income:** Income received from congregations for which the mission center provides administrative services such as payroll and CFO duties such as bookkeeping and Shelby entries.

**Interest Income:** Allocated interest we receive from the Affiliate Investment Pool B account.

**Other Income:** Miscellaneous income that we receive that is not included in any of the previous categories. This would include previous year's support payments made in the current year.

### **EXPENSES**

**Audit:** Fees associated with the annual audit of mission center financial records.

**Equipment:** This includes the copier maintenance agreement.

**Insurance:** For office contents, liability coverage, and worker's compensation insurance.

**Licenses & Fees:** Copyright license fees for music, and Percept demographic reports.

**Miscellaneous/Pastoral Care:** Miscellaneous expenses not covered by the previous categories.

**Office Supplies:** Materials used in generating information and mission center business.

**Salaries and Expenses for Staff:** This includes salaries and benefit costs, reimbursement for travel expenses for staff and a small buffer for possible benefit changes for mission center staff. In 2020 the MCP team decreased their number of hours worked each week. The budgeted amount allows for an increase if needed.

**Payroll Processing Fees:** Fees associated with mission center payroll and Paycom, the payroll processing company we use.

**Communications:** This includes expenses for internet, telephone, website, postage, Church Updates, Zoom and other means used in communicating the business of the mission center.

**Volunteer Travel Support:** Mileage reimbursement for mission center volunteers providing programs and support to congregations.

**Disciple and Leadership Formation:** Funding for disciple and leadership development formation and training.

**Congregation Mission Expansion Grants:** Funding assistance for congregations seeking to expand their ministries in alignment with the mission initiatives.

**Community of Christ – Michigan Mission Center  
2021 Recommendations for Officers and Leaders**

**Mission Center President Team**

Adam Bouverette (Employee)  
Dan Nowiski (Employee)  
Erica Nye (Employee)

**Mission Center Financial Officer**

Jessica Montague (Employee)  
Assistant – Jack Tigner (Employee)

**Mission Center Invitation Support Minister**

Linda Stanbridge (Employee)

**Mission Center Recorder**

Ellie Easley (Volunteer)

**Camping Coordinator**

Winnie Johnston (Employee)

**Staff Pastor**

Loretha Smith (Volunteer)

**Evangelist Coordinator**

Carol Walden (Volunteer)

**High Priest Coordinator**

Talitha Pennington (Volunteer)

**Seventy Coordinator**

Sarah Allen (Volunteer)

**Mission Center Council Members**

TBD (Volunteers)

## Nominations for Elected Positions

### Journey House Campus Ministry Center Board of Directors

#### Previously Elected Directors

7/1/18 to 6/30/21: Ben Crowley, Dave Caceres, vacant seat

7/1/19 to 6/30/22: Jack Benac, Terry Brown, Dorothy Sommer

7/1/20 to 6/30/23: Richard Hawks, David Premoe, Tim Ross

#### Nominees for Three Directors to serve from 7/1/21 to 6/30/24

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### Blue Water Campground Board of Directors

#### Previously Elected Directors

1/1/18 to 12/31/20: Kelly Christian, Vance Herbert, Janet Hoyt, Richard Parker, Chloe Ross

1/1/19 to 12/31/21: Darrell Bechtel, Dick Pennington, Patti Piper, Tim Ross, Dale Volz

1/1/20 to 12/31/22: Rich Allen, Russell Knight, Troy Piper, Brandon Robertson, Tracie Sheets

#### Nominees for Five Directors to Serve from 1/1/21 to 12/31/23

**Tom Banks** – Clio, Evangelist, Age 71+, Male, Retired

Personal Statement: Over 35 years experience on campground boards.

**Kelly Christian** – Eastside, Elder, Age 36-53, Male, High School Science Teacher

Personal Statement: I have been a lifelong supporter of Blue Water and believe that campground ministries is an excellent means to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to people and to apply the principles of stewardship to ensure the longevity of those programs and I desire to continue to supporting on serving.

**Lisa Meyer** – Otter Lake, Elder, Age 36-53, Female, Early Head Start Director

Personal Statement: I am an elder and pastor and have received ministry at Bluewater for years. I would like to give back to ensure that space is available for my children, their friends, and their children for ministry. I am a program director professionally and have many administrative skills and ideas to share.

**Chloe Ross** – Blue Water, Age 18-35, Female, Laser Technician

Personal Statement: I am a current member of the board and am very interested in what happens at Bluewater. I have been attending camps and reunions my whole life at Bluewater. As one of two young adults who are currently serving on the board, I believe that we bring a fresh perspective to the board.

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### Park of the Pines Board of Directors

#### Previously Elected Directors

1/1/18 to 12/31/20: Amy Bridson, Roger Elkins, Justin Hacker, Rich King, Stephanie Marsh

1/1/19 to 12/31/21: Lee Ecker, Deb Koenig, Robert Pagels, Carla Parkes, Ruth White

1/1/20 to 12/31/22: Tyler Eaton, Megan Hacker, Jamie Lis, Grace King, Dusty Seifert

#### Nominees for Five Directors to serve from 1/1/21 to 12/31/23

**Darrin Carter** – Cheboygan, Age 36-53, Male, Plumbing & Heating Technician

Personal Statement: Served as counselor & director at youth camps, served previously on Park of the Pines Board of Directors. Plumbing & Heating Technician currently with 10 years prior experience in construction trades. Strong personal interest in the successful function of the campgrounds.

## Nominations for Elected Positions

**Stephanie Marsh** – Cheboygan, Age 36-53, Female, Childcare

Personal Statement: Lifetime involvement with camping at Park of the Pines. served on staff at many camps as counselor, assistant director, & cook. I have just served my first term on the Board of Directors - I would like to have the opportunity to have a hand/voice in completing some projects in progress.

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### **Park of the Pines Endowment Board of Directors**

#### Previously Elected Directors

1/1/18 to 12/31/20: Roger Elkins and Cathy Hopkins

1/1/19 to 12/31/21: Linda Shindler and Robert Pagels (Appointed to Vacancy)

1/1/20 to 12/31/22: Carla Parkes

Nominees for One Director to serve from 1/1/21 to 12/31/23

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### **Sanford Campground Board of Directors**

#### Previously Elected Directors

1/1/18 to 12/31/20: Richard Hamilton, Heidi Kleinhardt, Heather Peasley, Ray Persall, Dana Thering

1/1/19 to 12/31/21: Julie Frasure, Dale Leyder, Sue Leyder, Mary Jane Miller, Lewis Mogg

1/1/20 to 12/31/22: Wayne Addis, Ben Crowley, William Persall, Ginny Tigner, Lisa Valentine

Nominees for Five Directors to serve from 1/1/20 to 12/31/22

**Roger Elkins** – Marion, High Priest, Age 71+, Male, Retired

Personal Statement: I have held numerous positions throughout my life in the church. I have served as campground board member and board president at the Park of the Pines. I am term limited for running for another term at the Park of the Pines. Experience is a major asset I have to offer.

**Heidi Kleinhardt** – Coleman, Teacher, Age 36-53, Female

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### **The Woodlands Board of Directors**

#### Previously Elected Directors

1/1/2018 to 12/31/2020: Robert Barr, Dave Caceres, Mindy Jeffries, Kevin White, (vacant seat)

1/1/2019 to 12/31/2021: Jim Barr, Sam Bellinger, Tim Ross, Dale Volz, Lori White

1/1/2020 to 12/31/2022: Ron Rouse, 4 vacant seats

Nominees for Five Directors to serve from 1/1/21 to 12/31/23



## Calls to World Church Minister Priesthood Offices



### **Barbara Barcume – Call to High Priest & Evangelist**

Looking back over my life I believe that God has been blessing me, preparing me, and leading me to this point in my journey, and this Calling. From the family I was born into, the congregations I have attended, the profession I was led into, and the experiences I have had along the way. I have learned the love of God is always surrounding me and supporting me and the people with whom I interact. There are so many people in my life that have opened up my understanding and helped me along the path, and for that I am deeply grateful.

In my blessing I was told that God would be with me on the mountain top and in the valley, and He would be with me at every cross road of decision. I was promised that I never need walk alone and that I would be conscious of His presence. I can testify that this has been absolutely true.

At this time I humbly accept this call and embark on this new challenge. I prayerfully move out into a new horizon, trusting God and asking for not only the guidance of the Holy Spirit, but also the help and support of the people God has and will continue to place in my life.

In Christian Love,  
Barbara Barcume

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### **Karen Bouverette – Call to High Priest & Evangelist**

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Karen Gardner, Bouverette. I've lived in Michigan most of my life and I don't remember a time when the Reorganized Latter Day Saints or Community of Christ wasn't part of my world. I have been blessed to grow up in a loving family and enjoy good friends. They led me to places and moments where I could experience God's touch and his love for me and his creation. Early in my life I developed a fascination with church history and my love for Community of Christ and her people grew. Attending Graceland and all that goes with it, gave me much to think about and after changing my major 3 times I finally settled into a degree in Religious Studies.



Most of my adult life I have been drawn to positions in human services type of work. I went to school to be a medical assistant and enjoyed working with patients. My longest employment was in the Hospice field and I still work part time for a local funeral chapel doing services for people who have no church affiliation.

My response to being called to the office of evangelist makes my heart well up with emotion, my knees wobble and my tongue doesn't want to speak words out loud. My mind races through all the memories that I have of the evangelists I've known and I wonder over and over, how will I do what they do. But...when I think of God's plethora of blessings in my life, I want to give back something - anything to be useful to God. He has loved me endlessly and I want to express that love to the people I cross paths with every day. God is giving me a new opportunity and new avenues for ministry and I look forward to learning and experiencing this with all of you.

## Calls to World Church Minister Priesthood Offices



### **Jack Benac – Call to High Priest & Bishop**

With a great deal of humility and humbleness in my heart I have made this call a matter of prayer and focus. I accept this call to High Priest/Bishop. The apostles both past and present come to mind. Specifically, Peter and Paul. Both, in their own way, like all of us, had huge character flaws. Paul the Christian persecutor and Peter the one who denied Christ three times turned out to be the church, the Mission of Christ. So like Peter and Paul, God recognizes the tremendous gifts in all of us. It is with a sense of trepidation that I, without question, trust the wisdom of God, and my many loving mentors. I willingly step out in faith to respond to God's generous grace.

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### **Resolution 1 - Dissolving the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board** *Submitted by the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board*

*Resolved*, That Resolution 8A and Resolution 8B adopted by the 2015 Fall Mission Center conference be rescinded, the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board be dissolved, and the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund be transferred to the Park of the Pines Board.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Resolution 8A adopted in 2015 created the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund under the jurisdiction endowment fund guidelines in place at the time. Resolution 8B adopted in 2015 enacted the bylaws for the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board as required by jurisdictional endowment fund guidelines in place at the time.

Currently the presiding bishopric is providing guidelines that allow local jurisdictions such as mission centers, campgrounds, and congregations to establish endowment funds without the creation of a board. The Park of the Pines campground board has voted to accept the existing Park of the Pines Endowment Fund and manage it under the current guidelines.