

## 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.

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### **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.