

Minutes
Michigan Mission Center Organizing Conference
October 16, 2010

The Conference met on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at the Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw, Michigan. There were 392 members registered. The Conference opened with the singing of "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing." Evangelist Darwin Wismer offered the opening prayer.

Apostle Stassi Cramm explained that the special conference was called for the purpose of organizing the Michigan Mission Center. She introduced Jack Tigner, Conference Manager, Pat Sibbald, Conference Secretary, John Wight, Parliamentarian, Wilma & Richard Osborn, Head Ushers, and Dave LaBrecque, Teller. She called Prophet-President Steve Veazey to the podium for greetings and comments to the Conference.

Apostle Stassi Cramm returned to the chair and called on Cheryl Seifert for a report of the Credentials Committee. The question was put to the Conference on the adoption of the report of Credentials Committee. The vote was taken and the report was adopted.

The Chair called on John Wight to present the proposed Standing Rules for the Conference. John Wight read the Standing Rules with two corrections. Following discussion, the question was before the assembly. Shall the Standing Rules as amended be adopted. The vote was taken and the Standing Rules were passed by required 2/3 vote.

The Chair appointed Dianna Vanderkarr, Jim Danielson, and Barb Villeneuve to serve as members of the Minutes Review Committee.

Apostle Stassi Cramm officially brought the Conference to order at 10:30 a.m. for the sustaining of Officers.

Mission Center Officers from Northern Michigan Mission Center, Heart of Michigan Mission Center, Blue Water Mission Center, and Southern Great Lakes International Mission Center were recognized for their service.

The Chair shared biographical information on Debora Crowley and Gregg McDonald. The chair commented that she had invited people to provide comments about the appointments of Debora Crowley as President of the Michigan Mission Center, and Gregg McDonald as Michigan Mission Center Financial Officer, and the feedback was very supportive of both.

The Chair read a letter from David D. Schaal, First Presidency, appointing Debora Crowley as President of the Michigan Mission Center. Sherry McGregor, Ann Arbor, moved the question. The motion was seconded. The Chair asked if there were any comments. Following discussion, the vote was taken and the appointment was sustained.

The Chair read a letter from David D. Schaal, First Presidency, appointing Gregg McDonald as Mission Center Financial Officer. Margaret Swartzendruber, Center Road, moved the question. The motion was seconded. The Chair asked if there were any comments. Following discussion, the vote was taken and the appointment was sustained.

The Chair called for a motion to sustain the Mission Center Staff as a whole.

World Church Field Specialists:

Disciple Formation Specialist
Mission/Campus Ministry

Bobbie Ann Robinson
Diane McNeil

Young Adult Minister
Church Planter--Detroit Hope

Andrew Robinson
Jacob Blakesley

Mission Center Field Assistants:

MCFO Assistant
MCFO Assistant
MCFO Assistant/Oblation
MC/CSG/Campgrounds
MC Support/Oblation/CSG

Dena DeVormer
Cathy Hopkins
Ron Kuenzli
Jack Tigner
Dianna Vanderkarr

Other:

MC Recorder
Youth Ministry Formation Specialist
High Priest/Evangelist Coordinator

Esther Volz
Brenda Villeneuve
Carol Walden

Diane Bates, Sault St. Marie, Ontario, moved the sustainment of the Mission Center Staff. Motion was seconded. Vote taken. Motion sustained.

At this time there was a pause in the business session for the setting apart of Michigan Mission Center President and Financial Officer. Following the singing of "A Charge to Keep I have" President Debora Crowley was set apart by President Steve Veazey and Apostle Stassi Cramm. Gregg McDonald was set apart as Financial Officer by Apostle Stassi Cramm and President Steve Veazey.

Apostle Stassi Cramm declared the Michigan Mission Center to be formally organized and relinquished the chair to Mission Center President Debora Crowley.

Mission Center President Debora Crowley called for a motion to sustain the appointments of Eleanor West and Bobbie Ann Robinson as counselors to the Mission Center President. The motion was made by Hank Bates, Sault St. Marie, Ontario. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion passed.

The Chair called for a motion to sustain the appointments of the Mission Center Council:

Sarah Allen
Betty Beauchamp
Rachel Blakesley
Wendy Brooks
Hap Frizzell
Murphy Mathews
Tanya Moore
Noelle Morlock
Mary Peterson
Patti Piper
Robert Smith
Jim Sweet
Roger Wiltse
Jessica Montague

Troy Oaks
Bay City
Detroit Hope
Onaway
Union Avenue
Capital Area Center
Highland Park
Mt. Pleasant
Allegan
Wadhams Grove
Riverview
Marion
Gladwin
Eastside

The motion was made by Richard Shotwell, Northview. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion passed. The Chair introduced the members of the Mission Center Council.

The Chair asked for a motion to sustain the Congregational Support Group Leaders:

Group #1

Gary Villeneuve
Matt Kinsinger
Eleanor West

Group #8

Dick Shotwell
Bobbi Mier

Group #2

Dennis Ormsbee
Roger Elkins
Jean Sweet

Group #9

Keith Chappelow
Murphy Mathews

Group #3

Richard Hamilton
Bob Sheppard

Group #10

Dianna Vanderkarr
Dean Robinson

Group #4

Ted Griggs
Jack Tigner

Group #11

Dave & Mary Peterson
Dave Wiley

Group #5

Gil Burgeson
Rodney Colmus

Group #12

Bill Curtis
Duane Salswedel

Group #6

Berniece Abbe
Carol Campbell

Group #13

Ed Clapham
Robert Smith

Group #7

Janet Herbert
Gary Piper

The motion was made by Earl Watt, Rose Lake. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion passed.

The Chair called attention to Resolution "A" which was printed in the Conference Bulletin. The Chair read Resolution A.

DELEGATE AND EX OFFICIO REPRESENTATION AT MISSION CENTER

Whereas, the Michigan Mission Center will hold conferences at least annually, and

Whereas, it is desirable to have fair and equitable representation from throughout the Mission Center and its leadership; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the voting body of Michigan Mission Center Conferences shall be as follows:

- Ex officio --
- a.) The Mission Center President and two of his/her counselors, the Mission Center Financial Office and two of his/her counselors and the conference secretary shall be entitled to voice and vote and shall not be eligible to serve as delegates from any congregation.
 - b.) Michigan Mission Center Volunteer Field Specialists shall be entitled to voice and vote.
 - c.) Full time World Church ministers assigned to Michigan Mission Center shall be entitled to voice and vote.

d.) One congregational pastor (or designee) shall be entitled to voice and vote.

e.) One congregational financial officer (or designee) shall be entitled to voice and vote.

Delegates - Each congregation shall be allowed to elect one delegate at large.

Additionally, each congregation shall be allowed to elect one delegate for every 50 members (or portion thereof) based on World Church membership records as of December 31 of the year preceding the year in which the conference is held.

RESOLVED, that each congregation shall report the name(s) of its ex officio and elected delegates to the Mission Center Office not later than four weeks prior to the opening day of the conference utilizing forms and procedures to be provided by the Mission Center.

Gary Villeneuve, Alpena, moved Resolution A. Seconded.

Kelly Christian, Eastside offered a substitute motion.

Substitute motion for A

Whereas, the Community of Christ has a long tradition of and practice towards a theocratic democracy guided by the Holy Spirit and the common consent process in a deliberative assembly which strives to allow all members to express their individual opinions in coming to a conclusion and vote, and

Whereas, the Community of Christ has dealt with issues that bring out strong emotions from it's members in the past and will handle potentially divisive issues in the future with love and compassion and a goal to respect a members right to address a conference/business meeting, and

Whereas, the business of the Michigan Mission Center is to decide on issues of importance to the Saints in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Ontario, such as, budgets, methods of evangelism, and missionary, stewardship of resources managed by the Mission Center buildings and property and not on matters that would affect other Community of Christ jurisdictions, and

Whereas, the issues that are foreseen to come before a Mission Center Conference that might warrant a delegate conference is the assets that result from the sale of property, church buildings or campgrounds, and

Whereas, it has been the practice that when a group such as a congregation sells property that those members that have been directly involved with the day to day stewardship of the property submit a plan for the use of the assets to the Presiding Bishopric for approval such as the recent sale of the Westwood congregation and the potential sale of the Woodlands in 2004, and

Whereas, during the formation of the Mission Centers in 2004/2005 it was the policy of the Community of Christ that the campground association with the campground board would develop a plan for the use of assets that result from the sale of campground property, and

Whereas, the plan for the assets from the Woodlands Campground has been approved by the Michigan Region Conference October, 2004 and the other campgrounds in the Michigan Mission Center have active boards to develop a plan for the assets from the future sale of a campground; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the voting body of the Michigan Mission Center Conferences/Business Meetings that are called, special or regular, will not be delegate but open to all members of the Michigan Mission Center.

Several people spoke for and against the substitute motion. Mindy Jeffries, West Branch called the question on all matters before the house. The assembly indicated it was ready to vote. The vote was taken on the substitute motion and it lost.

The Chair reread the original resolution. The vote was taken and Resolution A passed.

The Chair adjourned the Conference for lunch at 11:50 a.m.

The Conference resumed at 1:45 p.m. with Bobbie Ann Robinson offering a prayer for peace. She led the conference in prayers for people - the people prayed in silence.

President Debora Crowley returned to the chair and called on Dave and Mary Peterson for special recognition of service by Barb and Ted Griggs. They were presented with roses and a plaque following the reading of a letter of gratitude.

President Debora Crowley then called on the tellers to pass out the ballots for the election of the Boards of Directors for the five campgrounds. Gregg McDonald explained how the process would be completed. The ballots had five slates of officers of people who would be willing to serve on each Board. More ballots needed to be printed so the President turned to Resolution B.

President Debora Crowley read Resolution B:

INITIATION AND CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

Whereas, the Michigan Mission Center includes 94 congregations throughout the state of Michigan, Indiana, and the province of Ontario, and

Whereas, it is essential to the principle of common consent that all delegates to the Michigan Mission Center Conference have sufficient time to consider legislation that is to be considered at Mission Center conferences, and

Whereas, adequate time is provided for the preparation and communication of proposed legislation to all congregations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That proposed legislation *from the membership* shall come before the Mission Center Conference only upon the approval of a congregation business meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in order for legislation to come before the Mission Center conference, such legislation must be submitted to the Mission Center Presidency no later than sixty (60) days prior to the opening of each Mission Center Conference; and be it further

RESOLVED, That with the approval of the Mission Center Presidency, legislation may be submitted during the Mission Center Conference if such legislation is of an urgent nature or is required because of actions taken during the current Mission Center Conference.

Carole Dudley, Capital Area Congregation moved Resolution B. It was seconded, and Carole Dudley spoke to the Resolution.

Kelly Christian, Eastside, offered a substitute motion. The substitute motion was seconded.

Substitute Motion for B

Whereas, the Michigan Mission Center includes 94 congregations throughout the state of Michigan, Indiana, and the province of Ontario, and

Whereas, it is essential to the principle of common consent that all members of the Michigan Mission Center and Conference attendees have sufficient time to consider legislation that is or will be presented at Mission Center Conference; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the deadline for submission of proposed legislation by a delegate for a regular Mission Center Conference be 24 hours prior to the posted start of the business session; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that, if the proposed legislation has the written support (indicated on the legislation by signatures and congregation membership) of 5 delegates from different congregations that are all in attendance at the conference, then the legislation may be submitted at any time; and be it further,

Resolved, that proposed legislation will be submitted to the Conference Secretary and the Mission Center President or his/her designee; and be it further,

Resolved, that the Mission Center President or his/her designee will announce to the conference as soon as possible that new legislation to the conference has been submitted and will be responsible for the new legislation to be published to the conference in either print form or electronic form, so long as all in attendance have access to the proposed legislation; and be it further,

Resolved, that the conference secretary will state to the conference the names and congregational membership of those providing written support for the proposed new legislation.

Kelly Christian, Eastside spoke to his motion. Discussion followed and several people spoke in favor and against the substitute motion.

The Chair called for the vote on the substitute motion. The vote was taken and the substitute motion failed.

More discussion followed on the original Resolution B.

Kelly Christian, Eastside moved to amend Resolution B by striking the first "Resolved." His motion was seconded.

Andy Robinson, Bristolwood, moved a substitute amendment to the amendment. Resolved, that proposed legislation from the membership shall come before the Mission Center Conference only after consideration at a congregation business meeting, and be it further. His substitute motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Lowell Swartzendruber, Center Road called the question on both the amendment and the substitute amendment. The Conference was ready to vote. The vote was taken on the substitute amendment to the amendment. The substitute amendment failed. The vote was then taken on the amendment and it also failed.

Mindy Jeffries, West Branch, moved to amend the original Resolution B from "60" days to "30" days. Seconded. Discussion followed.

Lowell Swartzendruber, Center Road called the question on this amendment. The assembly indicated they were ready to vote. The vote was taken and the Chair could not

determine by looking and called for a counted vote. The tellers took the count and the amendment passed 162 to 160.

Lowell Swartzendruber, Center Road, then called the question on Resolution B as amended. The vote was taken and the Resolution passed.

The Chair then turned to the election of Campground Boards of Directors. The Chair asked for nominations from the floor.

The following names were added to the Blue Water slate: Patti Piper, Jim Danielson, Allen Palmer, and Jessica Montague.

There were no additional names added to the Camp Manitou ballot, and the slate was approved by vote.

There were no additional names added to the Park of the Pines ballot, and the slate was approved by vote.

The following names were added to the Sanford Campgrounds slate: Robin Wiltse and Gwen Commire.

The following names were added to the Woodlands slate: Eric Foster, Roger Wiltse, and Cindy Dewar.

The Conference was given time to vote and the ballots were collected for counting.

The Chair turned to Consideration of Priesthood calls:

Dick Pennington -- High Priest/Evangelist
 Rachel Blakesley -- High Priest
 Edwin Clapham -- High Priest
 Erica Blevins-Nye -- High Priest (not in attendance, in Europe)

Apostle Stassi Cramm made a statement on these calls and offered her full and complete support. President Deb Crowley asked for a motion to approve these calls. Bobbie Ann Robinson, Bristolwood made the motion. Motion was seconded. Each call was voted on and all were approved. Ordination to take place at the evening worship service.

The Chair called on Wendy Brooks, Onaway for a motion. Wendy Brooks moved that the Mission Center Budget for 2011 be approved as printed in the Conference Bulletin. Motion was seconded.

The Chair called on Gregg McDonald who spoke to the proposed budget and answered several questions from the floor.

President Deb Crowley returned to the chair. The Conference voted and the Mission Center 2011 Budget was approved.

The Chair called the attention of the Conference to the Campground Budgets which were also printed in the Conference Bulletin.

Rick Herr, Waterford, moved the Blue Water 2011 Operating Budget be approved as printed. Vote taken. Motion passed.

Dave Peterson, Allegan, moved the Camp Manitou 2011 Operating Budget be approved as printed. Vote taken. Motion passed.

Bill Dodds, Marion, moved the Park of the Pines 2011 Operating Budget be approved as printed. Vote taken. Motion passed.

Ken Dudley, Capital Area Congregation, moved the Sanford Campgrounds 2011 Operating Budget be approved as printed. Vote taken. Motion passed.

Tom Banks, Clio, moved the Woodlands 2011 Operating Budget be approved as printed. Vote taken. Motion passed.

The Chair recognized Gregg McDonald who spoke to the Community of Christ Michigan Campgrounds 2010 Youth Camps and Reunion/Family Camp Report.

President Debora Crowley returned to the chair and called attention to the 2010 Election of Community Outreach Services Corporation Board of Directors. The following persons were nominated by the Board of Directors nominating committee to serve as Board members representing the Michigan Mission Center for three year terms ending on December 31, 2013. The nominees were: Rogers Claussen, Andy Omans, and John Seifert. The vote was taken. Nominations approved.

The Chair advised that the nominating committee also placed the name of Jeff Stoker as a Community Representative board member for a three year term ending December 31, 2013. The Chair asked if there were nominations from the floor, and David McCray was nominated. The vote was taken and needed to be counted. David McCray was elected by a vote of 98 to 97. The Chair will recommend that Jeff Stoker also serve in an open position.

The Chair called upon Apostle Stassi Cramm for an explanation of the National Conference Advisory Team. The nominees to the USA National Conference Advisory Committee from the Michigan Mission Center are: Herb Smith, Kalamazoo and Rachel Blakesley, Detroit Hope. There were no other nominations. The vote was taken. Approved.

The Chair made several announcements while waiting for the tellers to finish counting the ballots for the election of Campground Boards of Directors.

Since the tellers were still counting the ballots, it was determined that the Conference would be in recess from 5:15 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. Gregg McDonald gave the closing prayer.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Debora Crowley. The Chair read the results of the election of the Campground Boards of Directors.

Blue Water Campgrounds

Tom Banks, Clio
Darryl Bechtel, Crosswell
Kelly Christian, Eastside
Richard Herr, Waterford
Janet Hoyt, Shabbona
Henry Knight, Troy Oaks
Ron Kuenzli, Caro
Claude McEldery, Richmond
Lewis Muir, Valley Center
Richard Parker, Lapeer
Autumn Sellers, Lake Orion
Kurtis Smith, Riverview
Dale Volz, Harbor Beach
Patti Piper,

Camp Manitou

Miki Armstrong, Galien
Tammi Binkley, Coldwater
Ashlynn Bonhomme, Kalamazoo
Julie Bonhomme, Kalamazoo
Robert Bonhomme, Kalamazoo
Amanda Callender (Willits) Alaska
Amanda Fentress, Coldwater
Sherry Jagger, Galien
David Peterson, Allegan
Dick Wiley, Allegan
Carol Walden, South Bend
Connie Sauer, South Bend

Park of the Pines

Darrin Carter, Cheboygan
Bill Dodds, Marion
Lee Ecker, Boyne City
Roger Elkins, Marion
Lynn Field, Alpena
Arden Johnson, Inland
Bill Johnson, Cheboygan
Mike Mead, Inland
Dennis Ormsbee, Grayling
Jim Sweet, Marion
Nadine Volz, Gulliver
Ruth White, Traverse City
Dennis Christopher, T.C.
Craig Bridson, Cadillac
Carol Harrison, Houghton
Lake

Sanford Campgrounds

Jim Baird, Center Road
Carl Leis, Mt. Pleasant
Lewis Mogg, Coleman
Ray Persall, Vestaburg
Dana Thering, Farwell
Betty Beauchamp, Bay City
Patti Leis, Mt. Pleasant
RuthAnn Nagle, Sanford
Julie Reinke, Harrison
Ray Valley, Rose Lake
Ken Dudley, Capital
Richard Hamilton, W. Branch
Kim Penix, Gladwin
Kim Spence, Sanford
Leon Wiltse, Mt. Pleasant

Woodlands

Ervin Haley, Bayport
Robert Ball, Houghton Lake
Joe Robbins, Crossroads
Deloris White, West Branch
Kevin White, West Branch
Henry Cohen, Owosso
Kathy Erwin, Clio
Dale Leyder, Greenville
Tom Banks, Clio
Robert Barr, Twining
Kent Kramer, Sault St. Marie
Dale Volz, Harbor Beach
Jean Sweet, Marion
Melinda Jeffries, West Branch
Allen Jeffries, West Branch

The Chair called on Bobbie Ann Robinson for several announcements. President Debora Crowley then returned to the chair to adjourn the Conference at 7:20 p.m.

The next Conference will be November 5-6, 2011.

Patricia Sibbald
Conference Secretary

Minutes approved by:

_____ Date
Dianna Vanderkarr

_____ Date
Jim Danielson

_____ Date
Barb Villeneuve

MICHIGAN USA/CANADA MISSION CENTER MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 2011

The Michigan USA/ Canada Mission Center, meeting in Conference at the Holiday Inn in Big Rapids, Michigan, on November 5, 2011, opened with the singing of the hymn, "*Now in this Moment.*"

High Priest Eleanor West extended a welcome to the Conference. Jean Sweet offered an opening prayer. Jack Tigner announced several items pertaining to Conference organization and comfort. Various detailed financial reports are available upon request to the Mission Center office; Mission Center Directories also are available for each congregation.

Mission Center President, Debora Crowley, called the conference to order at 10:17 am, reminding attendees that although all were welcomed, only delegates had voice and vote.

Introductions followed:

Conference managers	Dianna Vanderkarr, Jack Tigner
Conference secretary	Mary Jane Miller
Parliamentarian	John Wight
Head Deacons	Carl Nichols, Wilma Osborn
Tellers	Carl Nielson
Children and Youth	Brenda Villeneuve

Big Rapids City Manager, Steve Sober, brought greetings to the Conference.

Dave Brown of the Presiding Bishopric brought greetings from the World Church. As the first item of business, Debora Crowley and her counselors were approved to preside over the conference.

With Deb Crowley presiding, Jack Tigner reported for the Credentials Committee: there were 341 total registrations, with 269 delegates and 72 non-delegates registered. The report was approved on a motion by Chuck Anderson.

After presentation of the Standing Rules by John Wight, the rules were adopted on a motion by Dean Robinson.

The minutes of the 2010 Conference had been reviewed by a minutes review committee, and were printed in the program. A Minutes Review committee consisting of Dianna Vanderkarr, Dena DeVormer, and Jim Danielson was appointed to review the proceedings of this conference.

Dave Brown again resumed the chair for the sustaining of the Mission Center officers. After letters of recommendation from President Dave Schaal were read, conference approval was given for High Priest Debora Crowley as Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center president and then for Bishop Gregg McDonald as Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Financial Officer.

Deb Crowley resumed the chair for the sustaining of the following persons:

Mission Center 2012 Staff

World Church Field Specialists

Disciple Formation Specialist	Bobbie Ann Robinson
Missionary/Campus Ministry	TBD
Young Adult Minister	Andrew Robinson
Church Planter – Detroit Hope	Julie Bock

Mission Center Field Assistants

MCFO Assistants	Dena DeVormer, Cathy Hopkins
MCFO Assistant/Oblation	Ron Kuenzli
MC/CSG/Campground	Jack Tigner
MC Support/Oblation/CSG	Dianna Vanderkarr

Other

MC Recorder	Esther Volz
Youth Ministry Formation Specialist	Brenda Villeneuve
High Priest/Evangelist Coordinator	Carol Walden

Mission Center President Counselors

Bobbie Ann Robinson, High Priest
Eleanor West, High Priest

Mission Center Council

Sarah Allen	Troy Oaks, City 3:17
Betty Beauchamp	Bay City
Wendy Brooks	Onaway
Hap Frizzell	Union Avenue
Murphy Mathews	Capital Area Center
Tanya Moore	Highland Park
Noelle Morlock	Mt. Pleasant

Linda Wiley
Terry Brown
Robert Smith
Jim Sweet
Roger Wiltse
Angel Ball

Allegan
Bay Port
Riverview
Marion
Gladwin
Eastside

Congregational Support Group Leaders (CSGs)

Group #1
Gary Villeneuve
Matt Kinsinger
Eleanor West

Group #8
Dick Shotwell
Bobbi Mier

Group #2
Roger Elkins
Jean Sweet

Group #9
Andy Robinson
Murphy Mathews

Group #4
Ted Griggs
Jack Tigner
Richard Hamilton

Group #10
Dianna Vanderkarr
Dean Robinson

Group #5
Gil Burgeson
Jack Tigner
Bob Sheppard

Group #11
Keith Chappelow
Dave Wiley

Group #6
Berniece Abbe
Carol Campbell

Group #12
Henry Knight
Duane Salswedel

Group #7
Janet Herbert
Gary Piper

Group #13
Ed Clapham
Robert Smith

Finance Committee

Mary Jane Miller
Dana Thering
Robin LaBrecque
Carla Parkes
Dick Shotwell

Capital Area Center
Farwell
Allegan
Gaylord
Northview

The 2011 Conference was then declared to be in order and ready to do business.

Nominated and elected for three-year terms to Mission Center Membership positions on the Community Outreach Services Corporation Board of Directors were Tom Jeffers, Cynthia Omans, and Robert Smith; Tanya Moore will fill the two-year vacancy. Rick MacGregor, and Richard Brownlee were elected to three-year terms as Community Representatives on the same board; Catherine Williamson will fill the two-year vacancy.

Elected to the following campground boards for three-year terms were:

Blue Water

Claude McEldery	Richmond
Janet Hoyt	Shabbona
Henry Knight	Troy Oaks
Richard Parker	Lapeer
Kurtis Smith	Riverview

Camp Manitou (by electronic voting)

Gary Wiltse	Grand Valley
Bill Craig	Galien
Julie Bonhomme	Kalamazoo
Dave LaBrecque	Allegan

Park of the Pines

Bill Dodds	Marion
Roger Elkins	Marion
Jim Sweet	Marion
Ruth White	Traverse City
Craig Bridson	Cadillac

Sanford Campgrounds

Ray Persall	Vestaburg
Dana Thering	Farwell
Ray Valley	Rose Lake
Richard Hamilton	West Branch
Kim Spence	Sanford

Woodlands

Bob Sheppard
Robert Ball
Dale Leyder
Robert Barr
Melinda Jeffries

Twining
Houghton Lake
Greenville
Twining
West Branch

After Gregg McDonald gave a brief explanation of the multitude of audit reports necessitated by the closing of the former mission centers, each of the following reports was approved with separate votes:

Mission Center Audit reports

Heart of Michigan 2009
Heart of Michigan 2010
Michigan Blue Water 2009
Michigan Blue Water 2010
Northern Great Lakes 2009
Northern Great Lakes 2010
Southern Great Lakes

Campground Audit reports

Blue Water Campgrounds 2009
Blue Water Campgrounds 2010
Camp Manitou 2009
Camp Manitou 2010
Park of the Pines 2009
Park of the Pines 2010
Sanford Campgrounds 2009
Sanford Campgrounds 2010
The Woodlands 2009
The Woodlands 2010

Gregg McDonald took the chair to present a recognition of service in absentia for Dave and Mary Peterson. Bob Ball's superannuation will be recognized at the conference on Sunday.

Congregations celebrating anniversaries were recognized by Eleanor West:

Gulliver	100 years
Lachine	100 years
Valley Center	100 years

Marlette	100 years
Bristolwood	50 years

Congregational Field Grant information is available on the web site and is included in the directory. It was requested that updates for the directory be sent to the Mission Center office as soon as they are known.

The conference recessed for lunch at 11:40, to reconvene at 1:30.

The conference resumed at 1:50 after a prayer for peace and an offering for children's camping scholarships.

Julie Bock was set apart as the church planter pastor for Detroit Hope.

Deb Crowley took the chair for the consideration of priesthood calls. After a letter of recommendation and affirmation from Apostle Stassi Cramm was read, and a brief statement of acceptance from each candidate, the conference approved the following calls:

Bobbi Mier, Evangelist
Harvey Johnecheck, Evangelist
Loretha Smith, High Priest/Evangelist

Jean Sweet spoke of her commitment to her calling of Evangelist; this call was previously approved by the Mission Center Council.

After Seventy John Wight, President of the Tenth Quorum of Seventies, read his letter of support, and after each candidate gave a brief statement of acceptance, the following calls were approved:

Tim Beavers, Seventy
Rick MacGregor, Seventy

Service recognition was given to Diane McNeil for her upcoming December retirement from World Church appointment as Missionary Coordinator/Campus Minister.

Co-missioned Pastor Initiative, CPI, participants were recognized by Bobbie Ann Robinson for completion of their program commitment:

Clinton Moore	Highland Park
Brent Michell	Marion
Bud Teal	Eastland
Adam Bouverette	East Lansing

Deb Crowley acknowledged superannuated, newly ordained, and deceased priesthood members.

Robin LaBrecque moved adoption of the 2012 Mission Center budget. Following explanation by Gregg McDonald and questions from the delegates answered by Dena DeVormer, the budget of \$186,442.07 was approved as presented.

Gregg McDonald assumed the chair and brought to the attention of the conference additional financial reports that were included in the printed conference materials. He then acknowledged members of the campground boards. After slide presentations on budget allocations, the following budgets were separately moved and approved as printed:

Rick Herr moved adoption of the Blue Water Campground budget of \$208,100.00.

Carol Walden moved adoption of the Manitou operating budget of \$112,700.00; a development Fund budget of \$15,000.00 was also approved for this campground.

Bill Dodds moved adoption of the Park of the Pines budget of \$107,800.00.

Ruth Ann Nagle moved adoption of the Sanford Campground budget of \$81,110.00.

Tom Banks moved adoption of The Woodlands budget of \$54,180.00. All were approved.

After a recess, with no other business to come to the conference, and a 2013 National Conference presentation was given by Stephen Hatch, assistant to the Apostle, with non-delegates being allowed to speak and ask questions.

Congregations were encouraged to post emergency contact names on the doors of their buildings. Also, knowledge of water shut-off valves is invaluable in case of flooding.

Thanks were expressed to Rebecca Henze for her signing of the day's proceedings.

The calendar is not complete due to space limitations, but just lists highlights. Go to the web site for more dates and information.

The conference adjourned at 5:00 after an expression of thanks from Deb Crowley for the support of Mission Center members.

Mary Jane Miller
Conference Secretary

Minutes Approved by:

Dianna Vanderkarr

Dena DeVormer

Jim Danielson

MICHIGAN USA/CANADA MISSION CENTER MINUTES

NOVEMBER 3, 2012

The Fall 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 3, 2012. The Conference convened at 10:00 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, "Christ Has Called Us to New Visions."

Welcome to conference attendees and delegates was extended by Bishop Gregg McDonald. Apostle Bunda Chibwe offered the opening prayer. Conference Manager, Jack Tigner, of the Coleman Congregation was introduced and presented organizational announcements.

Debora Crowley, Mission Center President, called the 2012 Michigan Mission Center to order and introduced the following:

Conference Managers
Conference Secretary
Parliamentarian
Head Deacon
Children/Youth Leader
Special Guests

Jack Tigner, Dianna Vanderkarr
Jan Wiltse
Dan Nowiski
Carl Nichols
Brenda Villeneuve
Presiding Bishop Steve Jones
Apostle Stassi Cramm
Apostle Bunda Chibwe

Apostle Stassi Cramm was introduced and offered greetings to the Conference on behalf of the World Church.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Dianna Vanderkarr offered the Credentials Committee report. As of 9:40 a.m., 291 delegates were properly registered to conduct conference business. The Credentials Committee report was adopted entitling 291 delegates to vote on all matters before the conference. (There were additional registrations received after the Credentials Report was given; total registered Conference attendees equaled 424 for the day.)

STANDING RULES

The chair recognized Dan Nowiski, Conference Parliamentarian, to present the Standing Rules for the conference. Dan moved adoption of the Standing Rules and a second was received. The Chair asked for debate, hearing none, the Chair invited all in favor of accepting the Standing Rules to stand. After asking the delegates to be seated, the chair invited any opposing the Standing Rules to vote in the same manner, seeing none, the Standing Rules were adopted unanimously.

Changes to the printed Agenda were announced: (1) Election of Campground Board Members would be moved to the afternoon session and considered under New Business. (2) Consideration of Resolution A "Resolution for Seating Alternates at Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Conferences" and (3) Resolution B "Delegate and Ex Officio Representation at Mission Center Conferences" were moved to the morning session to be addressed after Ministry Reports.

Deb Crowley declared the 2012 Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Conference officially organized and ready to conduct business.

The Chair directed the delegates to the Minutes of the 2011 Fall Conference. The minutes reviewed by the Review Committee were accepted as printed in the Conference booklet.

The 2012 Review Committee was appointed. Dianna Vanderkarr, Dena DeVormer and Jim Danielson were appointed and accepted with no objections.

The Chair was relinquished to Apostle Stassi Cramm for greetings from World Church. A letter from the First Presidency recommending Deb Crowley to serve as President of the Michigan Mission Center was read. Bobbie Ann Robinson, Bristolwood Congregation, moved and a second was received. Deb Crowley was sustained by the Conference with the necessary majority.

Apostle Cramm read a letter from the World Church First Presidency recommending Dena DeVormer to serve as Financial Officer for the Michigan Mission Center. Gregg McDonald of the Traverse City Congregation moved to accept this appointment and a second was received. The necessary votes were received to sustain Dena DeVormer's appointment. Stassi encouraged the body to allow these officers to "lead for the Kingdom of God."

In addition to the list in the information packet, Darwin Wismer, Amherstburg Congregation, will serve on the Michigan Mission Center Council. Mission Center Staff, counselors to the President, Congregational Support Group Leaders and the Finance Committee were sustained, without objection.

Apostle Cramm relinquished the chair to Deb Crowley. Nominations for the Mission Center membership positions on the Community Outreach Service Corporation Board of Directors were made. Tamera Bollman, Tanya Moore and Jerry van Rossum were nominated to fill these positions beginning in 2013. Nominations were opened, hearing none, the nominees were elected.

Nominations for the Community Representative positions on the Community Outreach Service Corporation Board, whose terms begin in 2013, were made. The nominees are Julie Bock and L. Clinton Moore. The chair opened the floor for other nominations. Hearing none, nominees were elected without objection.

WORLD CONFERENCE AND NATIONAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

The Chair opened the floor to accept nominations for World Conference delegates and for National Conference delegates. The Michigan Mission Center is allowed 206 delegates to World Conference and 171 Delegates to National Conference. After receiving nominations, 196 nominations were received for World Conference and 172 nominations were received for National Conference. Nominations were closed.

Gregg McDonald withdrew his name from the National Conference and asked to be placed on the Alternate list. The 196 World Conference delegates and 171 National Conference delegates were elected by the conference. Apostle Cramm clarified that 10 World Conference delegate positions remained vacant and would be filled on a first request basis.

AUDIT REPORTS

Gregg McDonald brought the 2011 Audit Reports of the Michigan Mission Center and the five Michigan Campgrounds to the conference's attention. Detailed Audit Reports could be reviewed in notebooks in the lobby. Each campground board acted upon their respective audit report prior to the conference. Gregg opened the floor for questions and discussion on the Audit Reports, hearing none; the Chair declared the Audit Reports adopted as printed.

CAMPGROUND HYMNAL RESOLUTION

New "Community of Christ Sings" Hymnals will be released October 2013. In order to take advantage of the discount being offered, the Conference was asked to take action to purchase copies for each campground. Gregg McDonald moved the adoption of the Campground Hymnal Resolution and a second was received. The Chair entertained questions concerning this resolution. Clarification was made that funds from the Mission Center Operating Fund would not exceed \$10,000 to purchase the hymnals and the digital text files that would be used at the campgrounds. The purchase is to be made prior to the April 30, 2013, deadline. The resolution was approved as proposed.

The Chair read **RESOLUTION A - Seating Alternates** - Jim Sweet, Marion Congregation, moved Resolution A and a second was received. Jim spoke to the Resolution. The previous question was called and the Conference indicated they were ready to vote. Resolution A was adopted by a majority vote. Future Mission Center Conferences will follow this newly adopted policy.

The Chair read **RESOLUTION B - Amendments to Delegate Policy** -. Carole Dudley, Capital Congregation, moved the adoption of the resolution. An amendment was introduced to read:

Ex-Officio-

(d) "One pastor" (or designee) from each Congregation shall be entitled to voice and vote."

(e) "One financial officer (or their designee) from each Congregation shall be entitled to voice and vote."

Delegates-

"Additionally, each Congregation shall be allowed to elect one delegate for every 50 members or any fraction thereof based on the World Church membership records as of December 31 of the year preceding the year in which the conference is held."

The Chair called for a separate vote by parts for Resolution B. The "Ex-Officio" portion was considered and was passed. The "Delegates" portion was considered and was passed as amended.

Jack Tigner, Coleman Congregation, explained the procedure delegates would need to follow to receive voting devices. Delegates would receive a device on entering the conference room prior to reconvening for the afternoon session.

LUNCH RECESS

The Conference was recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE RESUMED

Deb Crowley called the Conference to order at 1:45 p.m.

THE PRAYER FOR PEACE

Bill and Shirley Dodds, Marion Congregation, offered the Prayer for Peace. Scripture and a reading was shared and then the Conference sang, "Let Us Pray for One Another."

YOUTH CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERING

Gregg McDonald presented information to the Conference indicating 99 Youth Camp Scholarships were extended in 2012 to Michigan Mission Center youths. While gifts were being received, a slide show was presented.

PRIESTHOOD CALLS AND SETTING APART

World Church Priesthood Calls were brought before the Conference. The Chair recognized Apostle Stassi Cramm to speak to the calls of Nan Anderson to the Office of High Priest, Kevin Anderson to

the Office of High Priest, Tom Smelser to the Office of High Priest/Evangelist and Daniel Nowiski to the Office of Seventy

Nan Anderson offered personal testimony of her call to High Priest; afterwards, the vote to support this call was taken and approved.

Kevin Anderson offered personal testimony of his call to High Priest; afterwards, the vote to support this call was taken and approved.

Tom Smelser offer personal testimony concerning his call to High Priest/Evangelist. Afterwards, the vote to support this call was taken and approved.

Daniel Nowiski stepped to the microphone to offer comments concerning his call to Seventy. Afterwards, the vote to support this call was taken was approved.

The Chair recognized David Premoe, East Lansing Congregation to preside over the Setting Apart portion of the Conference.

Dena DeVormer was set apart as the Mission Center Financial Officer by Bishop Gregg McDonald and Presiding Bishop Stephen Jones.

Daniel Nowiski was set apart as the Mission Center Missionary Coordinator by Apostle Stassi Cramm and Apostle Bunda Chibwe.

S.A.L.T. 1 COHORT

Bobbie Ann Robinson, Bristolwood Congregation, presented certificates for those completing the S.A.L.T. 1 Cohort.

NEW BUSINESS

2013 MISSION CENTER BUDGET

The Chair recognized Robin LaBrecque, Allegan Congregation, to move adoption of the 2013 Mission Center Budget and a second was received.

The Chair was relinquished to Gregg McDonald for a presentation on the budget. Gregg McDonald, Dena DeVormer and Deb Crowley addressed questions concerning the budget. The vote was taken and the 2013 Michigan Mission Center Budget was approved as printed.

2013 CAMPGROUND BUDGETS – *each campground budget was considered separately.*

BLUE WATER CAMPGROUND -The Chair recognized Richard Herr, Waterford Congregation, to move adoption of the 2013 budget for Blue Water Campground as printed. The budget was approved with no dissent.

MANITOU- The Chair recognized Gary Wiltse, Grand Valley Congregation, to move adoption of the 2013 budget for Manitou Campground as printed. The budget was approved with no dissent.

PARK OF THE PINES- the Chair recognized Bill Dodds, Marion Congregation, to move adoption of the 2013 budget for Park of the Pines Campground as printed. The budget was approved with no dissent.

SANFORD- the Chair recognized Ken Dudley, Capital Congregation, to move adoption of the 2013 budget for Sanford Campground as printed. The budget was approved with no dissent.

WOODLANDS- The Chair recognized Tom Banks, Clio Congregation, to move adoption of the 2013 budget for the Woodlands Campground as printed. The budget was approved with no dissent.

The Chair recognized Andy Robinson, Bristolwood Congregation, to explain using the electronic voting devices. The body of Conference Delegates checked out 318 devices.

SERVICE OF RECOGNITION

Gregg and Sue McDonald were invited to the podium. A slide presentation sharing highlights of Gregg's ministry was shared with the Conference. Apostle Bunda Chibwe spoke of their Ministry in Africa and many years of friendship. A gift was presented to Gregg and a bouquet of flowers was given to Sue. Gregg thanked everyone for the support he had received during his years of ministry in the church.

ELECTION OF CAMPGROUND BOARD MEMBERS

Campground Board of Directors was elected.

BLUE WATER CAMPGROUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS- Dale Volz-Harbor Beach, Ron Kuenzil-Caro, Glenn Curtis-Waterford, Lewis Muir-Valley Center, Greg Varner-Lapeer

MANITOU BOARD OF DIRECTORS-Robert Bonhomme-Kalamazoo, Amanda Binkley Fentress-Coldwater, Connie Sauer-South Bend, Richard Wiley-Allegan

PARK OF THE PINES BOARD OF DIRECTORS-Dennis Ormsbee-Grayling, Dennis Christopher-Traverse City, Bill Johnston-Cheboygan, Annika White-Traverse City, Mike Mead-Inland

SANFORD-Ken Dudley-Capital Area Center, Kim Penix-Gladwin, Lewis Mogg-Coleman, Robyn Wiltse-Mt. Pleasant, Patti Leis-Mt. Pleasant

THE WOODLANDS-Dale Volz-Harbor Beach, Sam Bellinger-East Lansing, Harlow Elsholz-Sandusky, Jim Barr-West Branch, Kent Kramer-Sault Ste Marie, MI

CAMPGROUND EVALUATION PROPOSALS

At 4:30 p.m., business was suspended in order to allow discussion on the Campground Evaluation Proposals. Each speaker was allowed 2 minutes in order to voice his/her views and opinions on the proposals.

The Conference reconvened at 5:10 p.m. by Deb Crowley, President.

Jack Tigner, Coleman Congregation, was recognized and moved Resolution C –Campground Evaluation. A second was received and Jack spoke to this resolution. Debate on the resolution was opened.

Kevin Anderson, Kalamazoo Congregation, proposed to refer Resolution C. The motion to refer is as follows:

Refer resolution C until the 2013 Mission Center Conference to the Mission Center Finance Committee to identify the cost of engaging an outside agency and recommending a source of funding said engagement.

A second was received. After debate, the Question was called, the vote was taken and the motion to refer was defeated.

Jim Danielson, Eastside, proposed an amendment. The chair called the amendment out of order.

David Premoe, East Lansing, proposed a substitute amendment.

ORIGINAL Resolved, That the Michigan Campground Team will have the authority to act based on the evaluation of the data collected from all sources.	PASSED Resolved, that the Michigan Campground Team provide at least two recommendations that would be put before a Mission Center conference with the expectation for the conference to choose one of the recommendations.
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The vote was taken and the amendment passed.

Andy Robinson, Bristolwood Congregation, proposed an amendment to the seventh resolved and a second was received.

ORIGINAL Resolved, A Michigan Campground Team be formed consisting of 15 people: Two appointed by each campground, and Five at-large members elected at this conference , plus the Presiding Bishopric and MCFO as ex officio team members, to receive input from the Mission Center at large, and be it further	PASSED Resolved, A Michigan Campground Team be formed consisting of 15 people: Two appointed by each campground, and Five at-large members <u>identified by the Mission Center Council</u> plus the Presiding Bishopric and MCFO as ex officio team members, to receive input from the Mission Center at large, and be it further
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The vote was taken and the amendment passed.

After additional discussion, the question was called. The conference indicated they were ready to vote. The resolution as amended passed.

Announcements: The Conference was reminded to turn their clocks back for Daylight Savings Time.

Deb Crowley, President adjourned the 2013 Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Conference with the singing of "Go Now Forth Into the World." Clinton Moore, Highland Park Congregation, offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jan Wiltse
Conference Secretary

Minutes Approved by the Minutes Review Committee:
Jim Danielson, Dena DeVormer, and Dianna Vanderkarr

**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.

Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center
Fall Business Conference – Lord, Lead Us
November 8, 2014

The Fall 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, on November 8, 2014. The Conference was called to order by Mission Center President Deb Crowley at 9:15 a.m.

She introduced Jack Tigner as Conference Manager and he gave general announcements for our conference.

Introductions of conference officials were made.

Conference Managers	Jack Tigner and Dianna Vanderkarr
Conference Secretary	Joey Kernstock
Parliamentarian	Dan Nowiski
Head Deacon	Carl Nichols
Children/Youth Leader	Brenda Villeneuve
Special Guests	Presiding Bishop Steve Jones Apostle Stassi Cramm President of Seventy John Wight

Bishop Steve Jones brought greetings from Stassi Cramm and John Wight who will arrive later. He gave an overview of World Church regarding the \$7 million budget gap. A Moment of Blessing was given. We sang the hymn, “Listen”, Community of Christ Sings #153.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Dianna Vanderkarr was recognized to provide the credentials committee report. As of 9:15 a.m., 351 delegates were properly registered to conduct conference business and there are 51 guests present. Dianna moved that the roll of delegates hereby submitted be the official roll of the voting members of the convention. The Credentials Committee report was adopted entitling 351 delegates to vote on all matters before the conference.

STANDING RULES

Dan Nowiski read the proposed standing rules and moved the adoption of the Standing Rules of the Conference as they were read. Kelly Christian, Eastside congregation, made an amendment to strike the last sentence of item three of the

standing rules, as follows “The income and expense totals are not subject to change.” The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. A vote was taken. The amendment had votes as follows - 154 yes and 150 no. The amendment passed.

The chair declared the 2014 Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Conference officially organized for conducting business.

Kelly Christian, Eastside congregation, made a motion to change the order of the day to discuss the campground proposal in the morning instead of in the afternoon. Deb Crowley called the motion out of order. Kelly Christian moved to appeal the rule of the chair. The conference sustained Deb Crowley’s saying the motion was out of order by vote.

The chair referred the assembly to the printed minutes of the 2013 fall conference. The minutes were approved by a review committee. With no objection, the minutes were approved.

The chair appointed Dianna Vanderkarr, Dena DeVormer, and Robin LaBrecque to serve on the minutes review committee for approval of the 2014 conference minutes. The motion passed to have the minutes reviewed by the committee.

Deb Crowley relinquished the chair to Presiding Bishop Steve Jones for the sustaining of the mission center president and mission center financial officer. A motion to sustain Deb Crowley as mission center president and Dena DeVormer as mission center financial officer passed.

Presiding Bishop Steve Jones returned the chair to Mission Center President Deb Crowley. The chair referred the conference to the list of persons serving in mission center leadership roles. The chair asked for a vote to sustain the Mission Center Staff, Mission Center Council, Finance Committee members, and Congregation Support Group Leaders as printed in the conference materials with one addition to the Staff list to include David McCray as Urban Minister. The vote passed.

It was moved by Ed Heaviland to adopt the 2013 auditor’s report for the Michigan Mission Center. The motion was seconded. Dena gave additional information on the financial reports. She is willing to receive questions at any point in the future as questions arise (email works best for her). The motion was voted on, and passed.

The chair referred the conference to the reports of the Mission Center Officers, ministry area leaders, and campground boards that were printed in the conference booklet.

Service Recognitions

- Recognition of Esther Volz, Mission Center Recorder
- Recognition of Mark Johnson, SPEC/IYF
- SALT Graduates
- Superannuated Priesthood, New Priesthood, 6 people were superannuated and 16 new priesthood ordained, 35 are in preordination at this time
- Congregation Anniversary Celebrations in 2014—Eleanor West
 - Coldwater—150 years
 - Twining—100 years

Since the meeting was ahead of schedule, Deb Crowley moved to consider the elections for the Community Outreach Service Corporation Board of Directors. (pg 53 in booklet) The nominating committee nominated Cynthia Omans and Tom Jeffers as mission center membership positions for three year terms, a vote was taken and their nominations were approved. The nominating committee nominated Richard Brownlee and Rick MacGregor as community representatives for three year terms, a vote was taken and it passed.

A motion was made to consider the campground budgets. It was seconded. Discussion followed. Rick Herr moved to adopt the 2015 proposed budget for Blue Water, a vote was taken and it passed. Gary Wiltse moved to adopt the 2015 proposed budget for Camp Manitou, a vote was taken and it passed. Roger Elkins moved to adopt the 2015 proposed budget for Park of the Pines, a vote was taken and it passed. Ken Dudley moved to adopt the 2015 proposed budget for Sanford Campground, a vote was taken and it passed. Deloris White moved to adopt the proposed budget for The Woodlands, a vote was taken and it passed. The conference took a 30 minute break and picked up voting devices to continue on. Conference resumed at 11:15 a.m.

A vote was taken for campground board members. Those elected are as follows:

Blue Water Campgrounds

Henry Knight, Troy Oaks

Janet Hoyt, Shabbona

Richard Parker, Lapeer

Vance Herbert, Crosswell
Brandon Robertson, Eastside

Camp Manitou

Mark Baldwin, Northview
Julia Bonhomme, Kalamazoo
Leona Hollingsworth, Galien
Linda Wiley, Allegan

Park of the Pines

Bill Dodds, Marion
Roger Elkins, Marion
Terry Ormsbee, Gaylord
Ruth White, Traverse City
Stephanie Marsh, Cheboygan

Sanford Campgrounds

Candace Govitz, Sanford
Ray Persall, Vestaburg
Dana Thering, Farwell
Richard Hamilton, West Branch
Everett Wiltse, Mt. Pleasant

The Woodlands

Robert Barr, Twining
Mindy Jeffries, West Branch
Bob Sheppard, Twining
Mary Lou Sheppard, Twining
Kevin White, West Branch

A Moment of Blessing occurred. The Conference then took a lunch break from 12:00 - 1:45 p.m.

The Conference reconvened at 1:45 p.m. The Prayer for Peace and an offering for the Mission Center Youth Camp Scholarship Camp Fund occurred.

Priesthood calls were presented to the conference (pages 49-52).

Murphy Matthews made the motion (and it was seconded) to consider Adam

Bouverette to the office of High Priest. Adam read his response. The motion passed.

Ken Dudley made the motion (and it was seconded) to consider Mary Jane Miller to the office of High Priest. Mary Jane indicated that her response can be read in the booklet. The motion passed.

The call of Mark Dalton to the office of High Priest/Evangelist was brought before the conference. He spoke to his call, a vote was taken, and it passed.

The call of Lynn Field to the office of Evangelist was brought before the conference. He spoke to his call, a vote was taken, and it passed.

Dean Robinson made the motion (and it was seconded) to consider Noelle Gaffka to the office of Seventy. Deb Crowley read the letter of recommendation from John Wight. Noelle spoke to her call, a vote was taken, and it passed.

Kevin Anderson was called to provide information on the process that would be used for the afternoon dialogue session regarding the Michigan campgrounds.

Rod Fullerton made a motion regarding Reclassification of Designated Ministry Funds (page 54). The motion did not need a second, discussed, voted on, and passed.

Amber Billman made a motion regarding Establishment of Disciple Development Funds (page 55). It was seconded. Mark Dalton, asked the amount to be placed in the fund. Discussion followed. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

A motion was made (and seconded) to consider the mission center budget by Robin LaBrecque. Dena DeVormer gave information pertaining to the proposed budget. Kelly Christian, made an amendment to the motion. Under the Income portion of the budget, increase the amount of Investment Support from Designated Ministry Funds from \$25,000 to \$30,000. The corresponding additional expense would provide \$5,000 to support the Special Needs Camp. John Bowman moved an amendment to the amendment to change "Special Needs Camp" to "special needs campers." Discussion followed. Julie Reinke moved the previous question on all matters. A vote was called on the previous question and it passed by the required majority. An evangelist moment of blessing was provided through prayer. The amendment to the amendment did not pass. The amendment did not pass.

The vote for accepting the budget passed as originally presented.

Bobbie Ann Robinson asked for volunteers to submit their names for establishing a camping philosophy committee. Dena DeVormer mentioned additional information regarding camping funds in the budget and the Special Needs Camp financial report in the notebooks indicating the generous support of congregations and individuals to the camp currently and encouraged continued responses.

Mindy Jeffries made the motion of the Campground Development Group (page 56), it was seconded and discussion followed. An amendment was made by April Sneathen to change the 4th resolved from 2015 spring conference to the 2015 fall conference. The amendment did not pass. The motion did not pass.

Kelly Christian moved to rescind Resolution B from the Michigan Mission Center organizing conference regarding initiation of legislation with a deadline for 30 days before conference. Discussion followed. Ben Crowley asked to suspend business to allow reading of the proposed motion. Deb Crowley indicated that Kelly Christian can read the motion that he would like to have considered. Julie Bock moved the previous question. A vote was called on the previous question and it passed by the required majority. Vote to rescind Resolution B legislation did not pass.

Announcements – Sunday morning classes tomorrow at 9 a.m. with Steve Jones and Adam Bouverette. If we want classes for our youth, we need volunteers. Worship time tomorrow is at 10:30 a.m. The Seventy will meet tonight for supper at 6 p.m. with John Wight. Campground dialogue session will begin in 15 minutes. Please turn in your voting device if you are leaving.

An Evangelist Blessing Moment was given by Carole Dudley. Adjournment occurred at 4:05 p.m.

Nan Anderson gave a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joey Kernstock, Conference Secretary

Minutes Approved by the Minutes Review Committee – Dena DeVormer, Robin LaBrecque, Dianna Vanderkarr

Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center
Spring Business Conference – Mt. Pleasant, MI
April 11, 2015

The Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Spring Conference Business Meeting was called to order by President Deb Crowley on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 3:12 p.m.

Deb introduced conference managers, Jack Tigner and Dianna Vanderkarr, secretary Joey Kernstock, parliamentarian Dan Nowiski, head usher Carl Nichols, youth activity coordinator Brenda Villeneuve, registration chairperson Sherry MacGregor and Apostle Stassi Cramm and thanked them for their assistance at this conference. She also thanked our Evangelists for their prayerful consideration during our gathering.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Sherry McGregor was recognized to provide a credentials committee report. She stated 417 delegates were properly registered to conduct conference business and there were 41 guests, with a total of 458 in attendance. Sherry moved that the roll of delegates hereby submitted be the official roll of the voting members of the conference. The Credentials Committee report was adopted entitling 417 delegates to vote on all matters before the conference.

STANDING RULES

Dan Nowiski read the proposed standing rules. The adoption of the standing rules was moved, seconded, voted on and passed. Clarification was given that delegates vote according to the spirit as it moves during the meeting.

President Crowley declared the conference officially organized and ready to conduct business.

The minutes from the November 8, 2014 conference were previously reviewed by the minutes review committee and the conference approved the minutes as printed. They will do so for the minutes today to be presented at the November conference. (Dena DeVormer, Robin LaBrecque, Dianna Vanderkarr.)

The resolution to maintain and operate two campgrounds on page 24 in the conference bulletin (and reprinted below) was moved by Kevin Anderson and a second was received.

Resolution to Maintain and Operate Two (2) Campgrounds

Whereas, the Michigan Campground Team (MCT) is keenly aware of the ministry of Jesus Christ and the dedicated stewardship of so many disciples that has occurred and is occurring at each one of the Michigan Mission Center Campgrounds; and,

Whereas, it is also becoming apparent that camping ministry in the Community of Christ and in other denominations is changing and it has become increasingly difficult to properly maintain these campgrounds; and,

Whereas, upon prayerful and discerning deliberation in meetings over the past two (2) years and upon evaluation of surveys of the membership, reports from the consulting firm SmithGroupJJR, a market analysis from Real Estate Professional Services, Mission Center Conference dialogs, letters, emails, and testimonies; and

Whereas, the Community of Christ Use of New Proceeds Policy states “when a mission center disposes of a capital asset, the mission center officers, in consultation with the Apostle and mission center council, will submit to a mission center conference a resolution for the use of the net proceeds,” therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Michigan USA/Canada Mission center operate and maintain two campgrounds, Blue Water and Park of the Pines, and sell three campgrounds, Manitou, Sanford and The Woodlands; and be it further

Resolved, that communication be provided through quarterly updates to the Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center congregations regarding progress towards selling campground properties; and be it further

Resolved, that the mission center officers appoint a committee(s) with members from the mission center to handle aspects of the sale and future planning, with oversight exercised by the appropriate mission center and world church officers; and be it further

Resolved, that the net proceeds from the sale of campgrounds shall be utilized for pursuing mission through the development of campground properties and mission center camping and gathering activities, and net proceeds will initially be held in a Michigan Mission Center affiliate investment pool account(s) until mission center officers, with input from the above referenced committee(s), are able to consult with the Apostle and mission center council to propose a resolution for the use of funds for mission center conference approval in accordance with the Use of Net Proceeds Policy.

Brian Hice moved to amend the first Resolved to change the campgrounds being operated and maintained to Blue Water and Manitou and to sell Park of the Pines, Sanford and The Woodlands. A second was received. After discussion, the vote on the amendment failed (yes 37, no 369).

Lori White moved to amend the first Resolved to change the campgrounds being operated and maintained to Manitou and The Woodlands and to sell Park of the Pines, Sanford, and Blue Water. A second was received. After discussion, the vote on the amendment failed (yes 92, no 314).

Gary Wesch moved to amend the first Resolved to “operate and maintain three campgrounds, Blue Water, Park of the Pines, and Sanford and sell two campgrounds, Manitou and The Woodlands.” A second was received. Discussion followed.

Julie Reinke moved the previous question on all matters and the conference agreed that it was ready to vote. A vote on the amendment occurred and it was approved (yes 246, no 163). A vote on the resolution as amended occurred and it was approved (yes 283, 70.4%; no 119).

It was announced there would be a short break and then a closing worship after the business meeting which adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joey Kernstock, Conference Secretary

As reviewed and approved by the Minutes Review Committee (Dena DeVormer and Dianna Vanderkarr).

Not part of the official minutes. Additional information shared during the day:

Announcement – turn in clickers or pay a \$50 fine.

Prayer for Peace – Singapore – Carol Walden

Retirement Recognition of Deb Crowley and Bobbie Ann Robinson

Shared leadership team as Mission Center President - Nan Anderson, Adam Bouverette, Diana Vanderkarr, Dan Nowiski, and Noelle Gaffka starting May 1 and going through December 31, 2015. Fall Conference will announce the new changes as of January 1, 2016.

Announcement from Brenda Villeneuve acknowledging a youth leader for three years of service – Laura Tew. Ventures Leader.

Topics brought up for discussion during the non-legislative dialogue session:

Should the MMC sell all 5 campgrounds? Yes 50, No 337

Should the MMC operate and maintain 3 campgrounds?

Keep Blue Water, Park of the Pines, and Sanford -- Yes 133, No 247

Keep Blue Water, Park of the Pines, and The Woodlands -- Yes 94, No 267

Should the MMC operate and maintain 2 campgrounds?

Keep Blue Water and The Woodlands -- Yes 90, No 312

Keep Sanford and The Woodlands -- Yes 70, No 318

Should the MMC operate and maintain 1 campground?

Keep The Woodlands only -- Yes 118, No 280

Should the MMC operate and maintain 1 campground?

Keep Manitou only -- Yes 34, No 371

Should the campground decision be postponed/tabled/not acted upon?

Yes 90, No 302

Should the MMC sell 4 campgrounds (Blue Water, Park of the Pines, Sanford, and Manitou) and 200 acres of Woodlands and develop the remaining acres of The Woodlands for use? -- Yes 78, No 314

Should we keep all campgrounds and hold sacrificial offerings in order to keep all five of them? -- Yes 82, No 311

Two polls:

Which resolution does the conference wish to consider first?

Maintain & Operate Two Campgrounds – 270

Maintain & Operate One Campground – 115

Should there be a special rule of order indicating how the decision should be made and by which percentage of people who vote would be required for approval of a resolution?

Majority vote (more than one-half)? – 231

Two-thirds vote (66.67%)? - 170

Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center
Fall Business Conference – Saginaw, MI – November 7, 2015

The Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Fall Conference Business Meeting was called to order by Interim Mission Center President Team Member Dan Nowiski at 10:35 a.m.

The chair introduced conference managers, Jack Tigner and Dianna Vanderkarr; secretary Joey Kernstock; parliamentarian John Wight; head deacon Carl Nichols; children/youth leader Ruth Eaton; and special guests Apostle Stassi Cramm, Senior President of Seventy John Wight, and 2016 Mission Support Leader David Waring. Apostle Stassi Cramm was recognized and brought greetings from World Church.

Sherry MacGregor, Ann Arbor congregation was recognized to provide the credentials committee report. As of 10:30 a.m., 401 delegates were properly registered to conduct conference business and there were 65 guests and 17 non-delegate youth, for a total attendance of 483 people. Sherry moved that the roll of delegates hereby submitted be the official roll of the voting members of the conference and it was seconded. The Credentials Committee report was adopted entitling 401 delegates to vote on all matters before the conference.

Parliamentarian, John Wight read the proposed Standing Rules. Dean Robinson, Bristolwood congregation, moved the adoption of the Standing Rules of the Conference as read. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

The chair brought attention to the tentative agenda for the day and noted that the order for considering items of business had been carefully shaped to ensure that questions which rely on previous decisions were considered in an appropriate order. Dan declared the 2015 Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Conference officially organized for conducting business. He made comments on the procedure to be followed for the conference.

Kelly Christian, Eastside congregation, made a motion to move Resolutions 3 and 11 forward in the agenda as special orders to be taken up immediately. It was seconded and discussed. The vote was taken (Yes 187; No 174). The required 2/3 was not obtained and the motion failed.

The report of the Mission Center President Team and Mission Center Financial Officer was noted to be found in the printed materials along with specialized ministry and committee reports. Attention was drawn to the Blue Water Emerging Congregation report and it was shared that this will be an exciting effort to create a new expression of Community of Christ aimed at connecting with those who are not currently participating in congregational life.

The chair pointed out the Campground Sales Team quarterly update printed in the conference materials and indicated that updates from May and August can be found on the mission center website. Delegates were asked to take time to read campground board reports submitted in the printed materials and indicated where other documents in the conference folder could be found.

The minutes from the April 11, 2015 special conference were previously reviewed by the minutes review committee and the conference approved the minutes as printed. Dan proposed appointment of a committee of three persons to review and approve the minutes of today's conference. Without objection Jim Danielson, Dena DeVormer, and Sandi Ecker were appointed to serve on the minutes approval committee.

The chair recognized Ed Clapham, Plymouth congregation, who moved to adopt Resolution 1 (Use of Eastland Net Proceeds). The motion was seconded and discussion followed. An amendment was moved by Kelly Christian, Eastside congregation, as follows: "Strike out the 7th Whereas that reads, 'Decreased funding...' and strike out the 1st Resolved that reads, 'That all...' and insert the following keeping the last Resolved. Whereas, youth camping is experiencing increasing administrative cost, such as but not limited to the rules and regulations of Department of Health and Human Services, which when a camp is compliant the Department is issued a yearly license allowing the Mission Center to operate the program(s) of camping ministry at a specific campground; therefore, Be it resolved, that the Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center Conference submit this amended resolution for approval by the Presiding Bishopric; and, Resolved, that all current and future proceeds received from the sale of the Eastland church facility, whether it be the full land contract final payment or installment payments from a future refinanced land contract, be held in Youth Camping Administrative Fund for the support of the administration ministries that are part of youth camping in the Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center; and Resolved, that a committee of youth camp directors or their designee, youth camp coordinators, and the Mission Center President or their designee meet at least yearly to identify administrative youth camping expenses, and to determine the amount of the Youth Camping Administrative Fund to be used for the upcoming year; and Resolved, that the committee have an initial meeting prior to March 1, 2016 to identify expenses for the 2016 youth camping season." The proposed amendment was seconded, discussed, and a vote was taken. The amendment failed. The original resolution was then voted on by the conference and was approved.

The chair recognized Rod Fullerton, Onaway congregation, who moved to adopt the 2016 Mission Center budget as proposed by the Finance Committee and the motion was seconded. The chair recognized Mission Center Financial Officer (MCFO), Dena DeVormer, for information pertaining to the proposed budget. Kelly Christian, Eastside congregation, proposed an amendment to line 26 increasing licenses and fees by \$5000 and adding an income line item, "Transfer from General Reserves Fund" for \$5,000 under Investment Support." A second was received and discussion followed. Ben Bauman, Mt. Pleasant congregation, moved the previous question on the amendment and a second was received. The conference agreed that they were ready to take the vote on the amendment and the amendment failed. After some additional discussion on the budget, Debra Bruch, Detroit Hope emerging congregation, moved the previous question on the proposed budget. A second was received and the conference agreed that they were ready to take the vote on the budget as originally proposed. The vote was taken and the Mission Center budget for 2016 was approved.

The chair referred the conference to the mission center audit report. The chair recognized Cathy Hopkins, Traverse City congregation, who moved to adopt the 2014 auditor's report for the Michigan Mission Center and the motion was seconded. Dan recognized MCFO Dena DeVormer to provide information on the auditor's report. Dena noted that the campground

audit reports had previously been adopted at the applicable campground boards and did not need to be approved at this conference but are available for the conference's review. The 2014 auditor's report for the Michigan Mission Center was adopted.

Dan Nowiski relinquished the chair to David Waring, who will serve in 2016 as the Mission Support leader for the area of the USA Field including the Michigan Mission Center, for the sustaining of mission center officers.

The First Presidency recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Dan Nowiski as Mission Center President and Dan Nowiski, Adam Bouverette, and Dianna Vanderkarr as the Mission Center President Team. Jim Danielson, Eastside congregation, asked for clarification as to who would be the president of record. It was explained that Dan Nowiski would be the president of record and that Adam Bouverette and Dianna Vanderkarr serve as members of the Mission Center President Team. The appointment of Dan Nowiski, Adam Bouverette, and Dianna Vanderkarr to serve as the Mission Center President Team was carried and sustained by conference vote.

The First Presidency recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Jack Tigner as Mission Center Financial Officer. The appointment of Jack Tigner as Mission Center Financial Officer was carried and sustained by conference vote. David Waring returned the chair to Dan Nowiski.

The chair indicated that Community of Christ bylaws call for "each mission center to establish a mission center council, a standing body whose primary purpose is to advise mission center officers and staff on matters affecting the core functions of the mission center."

The chair reported that as the MCP Team worked to discern a vision for the future of the mission center it became clear that a model for combining the current staff team, congregation support group (CSG) leaders, and mission center council could provide for increased efficiencies and streamlined communications. The feedback of current leaders in each of these groups helped the MCP Team develop a plan for a larger mission center council consisting of members who will carry on the support and communication roles of the current CSG Leaders with no administrative involvement. The MCP Team is excited about the opportunity for these local leaders to be focused on mission and building relationships.

Before consideration of sustaining the council members for 2016, recognition was given to the leaders who had faithfully served for the past year. The MCP Team expressed appreciation for the support and guidance they had provided during a time of transition and uncertainty. Sarah Allen, Betty Beauchamp, Amber Billman, Terry Brown, Hap Frizzell, Murphy Mathews, Tanya Moore, Dennis Ormsbee, Robert Smith, Jim Sweet, Linda Wiley, Darwin Wismer, Eleanor West, Roger Elkins, Jack Tigner, Gil Burgeson, Ron Kuenzli, Dick Shotwell, Mary Jane Miller, Carl Nichols, Nan Anderson, Henry Knight, and Cynthia Omans were thanked with applause for their time, energy, and service as Mission Center Council Members and Congregation Support Group Leaders.

The chair indicated that a list of persons who have agreed to serve on the Mission Center Council for 2016 could be found on page 12 of the conference booklet. Gary Gordier was added to the list of MC Council members for the Bay City, Burt, Clio, Otter Lake, and

Saginaw congregations. Gary Wesch was added to the list of MC Council members for the Blue Water, Croswell, Marlette, Sixth Street, Valley Center, and Wadhams Grove congregations. The chair indicated that there may be adjustments made to the congregations each member will maintain relationship with during the year as ministry opportunities are identified. The Mission Center President Team recommended sustaining the individuals listed and named to serve on the mission center council for 2016. Those persons listed and named as Mission Center Council Members for 2016 were sustained.

The chair indicated that on pages 12 and 13 of the conference booklet there was a list of individuals who have volunteered to serve in various leadership roles for mission center ministries and committees. The leaders for Friday Knights is to be determined. Anyone interested in helping with Friday Knights activities may contact Sue Beavers or Drika Grutter for more information. Notice that anyone interested in serving on the Finance Committee should contact Jack Tigner and those interested in serving on the Environmental Stewardship Committee should contact Dan Nowiski.

On the Campground Operating Principles Team the final at-large team member will be Jim Sweet. This is a new team that is being formed by the Mission Center Officers to work between now and May 2016 to examine and recommend options for how operations and management would best be structured for campground properties. The team members will work with church leaders and staff to explore possible options that fit best within the new USA Field model. Any changes recommended by the team will be announced and implemented at the next conference for 2017 operations. All of these individuals were thanked for their willingness to serve and their commitment of time and energy during the coming year.

The chair announced that additional nominations for World Conference should be provided to the conference secretary.

The conference was directed to the list of nominees to serve on the Journey House Campus Ministry Center Board of Directors. The Journey House Board of Directors has been operating for over 16 years, however due to recent bylaw changes approved by the Board and church leaders this is the first time the mission center conference will be electing directors for the Journey House Board. The conference will elect all nine board members at this conference. The nine elected board members will determine three people who will serve a one year term, three who will serve a two year term, and three who will serve a three year term during the first meeting after they take office on July 1, 2016. The three year terms will then be staggered so future conferences will only need to elect for three positions each year. The nominees are Jack Benac, Terry Brown (nominated from the conference floor), David Caceres, Ben Crowley, Carole Dudley, Richard Hawks, Joanne Horton, and Rick MacGregor. All eight nominees were elected by acclamation.

The Community Outreach Services Corporation (COSC) Board of Directors nominating committee nominated Tammera Bollman and G. Jerry van Rossum as mission center representatives. Tammera Bollman and G. Jerry van Rossum were elected to a three year term as mission center representatives on the COSC Board. The COSC Board of Directors nominating committee nominated Julie Bock and L. Clinton Moore as community representatives. Julie Bock and L. Clinton Moore were elected to a three year term as community representatives to the COSC Board.

Additional nominations were received from the conference floor for the Blue Water Board: Dick Pennington (Troy Oaks), Jim Robertson (Lapeer), and Patti Piper (Wadhams Grove). Additional nominations were received from the conference floor for the Park of the Pines Board: Amy Bridson (Cadillac) and Robert Bonhomme (Kalamazoo). There were no additional nominations from the floor for the Sanford Board. Campground Board elections will occur after the recess for lunch.

Conference manager, Jack Tigner, gave announcements regarding lunch availability at Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU), the Bob Evans fundraiser, reminders to pick up youth at their rooms, keep track of your voting devices, visit the display tables, and silent auction ends at 6:30 p.m. The conference was excused for lunch at 12:25 p.m. and will be in recess until 2 p.m. A "Moment of Blessing" was given by Evangelist Gary Piper.

At 2 p.m., Noelle Gaffka shared with the conference a Prayer for Peace and an offering for the Youth Camp Scholarship Fund was received.

Nan Anderson called the meeting to order after the recess. The chair then recognized SALT graduates, superannuated World Church ministers (Duane Salswedel and Casper Winkler, Evangelists) and new priesthood. The Kalamazoo congregation was honored for one hundred years of ministry. Camp and reunion directors, pastors and CFOs were recognized for their service.

The chair was returned to Dan Nowiski who announced that the Credentials Report had been amended and the number of registered delegates was 397.

The election of World Conference Delegates was brought before the Mission Center Conference. A list of 107 nominees who were interested in serving as a delegate at the 2016 World Conference was presented. An additional list of 32 nominees was gathered from those in attendance and read by the chair (attached), which brings the total to 139 names. The Michigan Mission Center has been allocated 200 delegate seats for the conference. If there are less than 200 nominees, one vote to elect all nominees would be in order. Since there are fewer than 200 nominees it appears that all nominees would be elected by acclamation. Hearing no objections, all nominees were elected to serve as World Conference Delegates. Delegates were thanked for their willingness to serve. Don Harvey, Union Avenue congregation, moved to grant the Mission Center President the power to approve additional delegates and alternates to fill the remaining seats and serve on behalf of the Michigan Mission Center at the 2016 World Conference. It was seconded and approved.

The conference then proceeded to the election of the campground boards. There were five positions open for election to a three year term on the Blue Water Campground Board of Directors. Those elected were Dick Pennington, Patti Piper, Tim Ross, Greg Varner, and Dale Volz.

There were five positions open for election to a three year term on the Park of the Pines Board of Directors. Those elected were Kevin Anderson, Dennis Christopher, Dennis Ormsbee, Eleanor West, and Mike Mead. Deb Buehner was elected to a two year term.

There were five positions open for election to a three year term on the Sanford Campground Board of Directors. Those elected were Kristine Beckman, Kenneth Dudley, Patti Leis, Mary Jane Miller, and Lewis Mogg.

A “Moment of Blessing” was given by Evangelist Bobbi Mier.

The chair was relinquished to Adam Bouverette who then directed the Conference’s attention to the World Church minister priesthood calls on pages 34-38 in the Conference bulletin.

Senior President of Seventy John Wight then spoke to the calls for Mark Johnson, John Jones, and Kevin White to the office of Seventy.

Rick MacGregor, Ann Arbor congregation, moved to approve the call of Mark Johnson to the office of Seventy, it was seconded and Mark spoke to his call. The call of Mark Johnson was approved.

Rick MacGregor, Ann Arbor congregation, moved to approve the call of John Jones to the office of Seventy, it was seconded and John spoke to his call. The call of John Jones was approved.

Rick MacGregor, Ann Arbor congregation, moved to approve the call of Kevin White to the office of Seventy, it was seconded and Kevin spoke to his call. The call of Kevin White was approved.

Apostle Stassi Cramm spoke to the calls for Mel Crowley, Hap Frizzell, and Bobbie Ann Robinson to the office of Evangelist.

Carol Walden, South Bend congregation, moved to approve the call of Mel Crowley to the office of Evangelist, it was seconded and Mel spoke to his call. The call of Mel Crowley was approved.

Carol Walden, South Bend congregation, moved to approve the call of Hap Frizzell to the office of Evangelist, it was seconded and Hap spoke to his call. The call of Hap Frizzell was approved.

Carol Walden, South Bend congregation, moved to approve the call of Bobbie Ann Robinson to the office of Evangelist, it was seconded and Bobbie Ann spoke to her call. The call of Bobbie Ann Robinson was approved.

Apostle Stassi Cramm spoke to the calls for Wendy Brooks and Steve Qualman to the office of High Priest.

Talitha Pennington, Troy Oaks congregation, moved to approve the call of Wendy Brooks to the office of High Priest, it was seconded and Wendy spoke to her call. The call of Wendy Brooks was approved.

Talitha Pennington, Troy Oaks congregation, moved to approve the call of Steve Qualman to the office of High Priest, it was seconded and Steve spoke to his call. The call of Steve Qualman was approved.

Congratulations and thanks were given to all who accepted these calls of servanthood. Ordinations of these individuals will occur this evening during the worship experience following the break for dinner. All were encouraged to attend and support the ordinations. A "Moment of Blessing" by Evangelist Carole Dudley was observed.

The chair was returned to Dan Nowiski who announced that the Youth Camp Scholarship offering that was collected during the Prayer for Pease worship received \$2,467.60.

Proposed campground budgets for 2016 (page 3 of the white financial packet handout) were then considered.

Rick Herr, Board President, made a motion to adopt the Blue Water Campground Budget for 2016, the motion was seconded, and the Blue Water Campground Budget was adopted.

Robert Bonhomme, Board Treasurer, made a motion to adopt the Camp Manitou Budget for 2016, the motion was seconded, and the Camp Manitou Budget was adopted.

Roger Elkins, Board President, made a motion to adopt the Park of the Pines Budget for 2016, the motion was seconded, and the Park of the Pines Budget was adopted.

Ken Dudley, Board President, made a motion to adopt the Sanford Campground Budget for 2016, the motion was seconded, and the Sanford Campground Budget for 2016 was adopted.

Deloris White, Board President, made a motion to adopt the Woodlands Budget for 2016, the motion was seconded, and the Woodlands Budget for 2016 was adopted.

The chair then asked the conference to refer to Resolution 2 in the conference bulletin.

Gary Wesch, Sixth Street congregation, made a motion to adopt Resolution 2 (Amend "Establishment of Disciple Development Fund" Resolution). The motion was seconded, discussed, voted on and Resolution 2 was approved.

Kathy Erwin, Clio congregation, made a motion to adopt Resolution 3 (Rescind "Maintain and Operate Three Campgrounds" Resolution). The motion was seconded and discussed. Ginny Tigner, Coleman congregation, moved the previous question on the resolution and there was a second. The conference agreed they were ready to vote. The vote was taken and Resolution 3 failed. (Yes 85; No 291)

Mindy Jeffries, West Branch congregation, made a motion to adopt Resolution 4 (Amend "Maintain and Operate Three Campgrounds" Resolution to Also Sell Sanford, Blue Water, and Park of Pines and Purchase Two New Properties). A second was received on the motion and the motion was discussed. Ginny Tigner, Coleman congregation, moved the

previous question on the resolution and there was a second. The conference agreed they were ready to vote. The vote was taken and Resolution 3 failed. (Yes 59; No 320)

Kelly Christian, Eastside congregation, made a motion to adopt Resolution 5A (Amend "Maintain and Operate Three Campgrounds" Resolution to Continue Operating Campgrounds Until Sold). The motion was seconded and discussed. Ken Colburn, Hastings congregation, proposed an amendment to change the first Resolved to add "at The Woodlands" behind the word "fashion" and in the last Resolved strike "Manitou." There was a second on the amendment followed by discussion. Megan Welke, Coleman congregation, moved the previous question on the amendment and there was a second. The conference agreed they were ready to vote on the amendment. The vote was taken on the amendment and it passed. (Yes 194; No 171) The conference then was directed to the resolution as amended. Debra Bruch, Detroit Hope emerging congregation, moved the previous question on the main motion as amended and there was a second. The conference agreed they were ready to vote. The vote was taken and Resolution 5A as amended was approved. (Yes 214; No 154)

Resolutions 5B, 5C, and 5D were not considered as they presented substantially the same question as proposed in Resolution 5A. Therefore, the resolutions were not in order because "the same or substantially the same question cannot be brought up a second time during the same session except by means of the parliamentary motions that bring a question again before the assembly" per Roberts' Rules of Order (RONR 11th ed., p. 88, ll. 15-18).

Kathy Erwin, Clio congregation, made a motion to adopt Resolution 6 (Amend "Maintain and Operate Three Campgrounds" Resolution to Establish Procedure for Management of Equipment from Sale of Woodlands and Manitou). The motion was seconded, discussed, and voted on. Resolution 6 failed. (Yes 96; No 262)

Mindy Jeffries, West Branch congregation, made a motion to adopt Resolution 7A (Resolution to Recommend a Minimum Price Range for Manitou and Woodlands) as modified in the first Resolved as follows: "Resolved, That it be recommended to the Presiding Bishopric that the lowest acceptable sale price for The Woodlands and Camp Manitou be for no less than 80% of their suggested and recommended asking price, as found in the updated Campground Study Report, Attachment G, which was presented to the Body during the April 2015 conference; and." The motion was seconded and discussed. Kathy Erwin moved to amend the motion by substitution to consider Resolution 7B as modified to indicate that the lowest acceptable price is a recommendation to the Presiding Bishopric. A second was received for the proposed substitution. Kathy Erwin made an amendment to Resolution 7B to strike "fair market value" and substitute it for "appraised value." A second was received for the amendment. A vote was taken and the proposed amendment to Resolution 7B as modified was approved. Deloris White, West Branch congregation, moved the previous question on the motion to amend 7A by substitution with amended 7B. There was a second and the conference agreed they were ready to vote on the amendment to substitute 7B as amended for 7A. The amendment to substitute passed. (Yes 201; No 137) The conference then considered the amended resolution which now read "Resolved, That it be recommended to the Presiding Bishopric that neither Manitou nor The Woodlands should be sold for less than 90 percent of the appraised value at the time of the sale." The vote was taken and the resolution failed. (Yes 158; No 186)

Roger Elkins, Park of the Pines Board President, made a motion to adopt Resolution 8A (Create Park of the Pines Endowment Fund). The motion was seconded and discussed. Ben Bauman, Mt. Pleasant congregation, moved to amend the final Resolved to strike "Park of the Pines" and change it to "the Michigan campgrounds" and to change the first Resolved from "Park of the Pines Endowment Fund" to "Michigan Campgrounds Endowment Fund" and remove the reference to sixteen thousand dollars. The proposed amendment was seconded and discussion followed. Gene Beach, Cheboygan congregation, moved the previous question on the amendment and there was a second. The conference agreed they were ready to vote on the amendment. The vote was taken and the amendment failed. The original motion for Resolution 8A was then voted on and it was approved.

Roger Elkins, Park of the Pines Board President, made a motion to adopt Resolution 8B (Adopt Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Bylaws). The motion was seconded, discussed, voted on and Resolution 8B was approved.

The chair then asked for nominations for the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board. Per the Bylaws that were approved in Resolution 8B, the Board shall consist of five directors elected by the jurisdictional conference. Nominations received from the floor included Roger Elkins, Carla Parkes, Bill Dodds, Eleanor West, Jim Sweet, Nadine Volz, Cathy Hopkins, and Kevin Anderson. Nominations were closed and the election proceeded. Board members elected were Kevin Anderson, Bill Dodds, Roger Elkins, Cathy Hopkins, and Eleanor West.

Kelly Christian, Eastside congregation, made a motion to adopt Resolution 9 (Limit Mission Center Reserve Fund) as modified to amend the first resolved paragraph by inserting, "That it be recommended to the Mission Center Officers..." The motion was seconded and discussed. The vote was taken and Resolution 9 failed. (Yes 113; No 166)

Kelly Christian, Eastside congregation, moved to postpone Resolution 10 to the next spring or fall Mission Center Conference. The chair ruled the motion to postpone out of order.

Kelly Christian, Eastside congregation, made a motion to adopt Resolution 10 (Distribute Thank You Gift Cards to Volunteers at Youth Camps and Reunions) as modified to change the word "will" to "may" in the first Resolved paragraph. The motion was seconded and discussed. The rules were suspended to allow a guest to speak to Resolution 10. Deloris White, West Branch congregation, moved the previous question and it was seconded. The conference agreed it was ready to vote. The vote was taken and Resolution 10 failed.

Kelly Christian, Eastside congregation, made a motion to adopt Resolution 11 (Study and Fund Mission Center Reunions) as modified to the first resolved as follows: "Resolved, That it be recommended to the mission center officers that the reunion/family camp schedule of 2015 be continued at all campgrounds operating in 2016 and 2017 to facilitate a study of reunions, providing the director(s) of a reunion in 2015 are willing to serve in that capacity for 2016 and 2017 and if new directors are needed that the vacancy be announced throughout the Mission Center using several media methods;" The motion was seconded. Bill Dodds, Marion congregation, made a motion to refer to this matter to the Mission Center Officers and Council. A second was received to the motion to refer and discussion followed. The motion to refer Resolution 11 to the Mission Center Officers and Council was approved.

Resolution 12 (Limits for Camp and Reunion Attendance Fees and Programming Fees) was not moved by the sponsoring congregation and thus it was not considered.

The chair announced that the Setting Apart service for the Mission Center officers would occur on Sunday morning prior to the class time. Jack Tigner made announcements regarding the calendar handout, voting devices must be turned in before leaving, Sunday morning classes, bring your spiritual journals, youth pick up, Bob Evans fundraiser, and the vendor rooms are still open. All worship participants were asked to meet at 7:15 p.m. and the ordination worship service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The chair asked if there was any additional business to come before the conference. Seeing no one seeking the floor, the 2015 Fall Mission Center Conference was adjourned. Following adjournment there was a final moment of blessing provided by Evangelist Carol Campbell.

Respectfully submitted,
Joey Kernstock, Conference Secretary

Minutes reviewed by Jim Danielson, Dena DeVormer, and Sandi Ecker.

Michigan USA Mission Center

Fall Business Conference – A Future of Hope

November 5, 2016

The Fall Conference of the Michigan USA Mission Center met in Saginaw, Michigan at Saginaw Valley State University's Curtiss Hall, 7400 Bay Road, University Center, on November 5, 2016. The Conference was called to order by Mission Center President Team Member Dan Nowiski at 10:10 a.m.

Introductions of conference officials were made: Conference Managers, Ellie Heacock and Joel Sentz; Conference Secretary, Joey Kernstock; Parliamentarian, John Wight; Head Deacon, Carl Nichols; and Guest Ministers, Apostle Lachlan Mackay and Senior President of Seventy John Wight. Apostle Lachlan Mackay was recognized and brought greetings from the World Church.

Carol Husted (Mt. Pleasant Congregation) was recognized to provide the credentials committee report. As of 9:30 a.m. 345 delegates were properly registered to conduct conference business and there were 16 guests present. Carol moved that the roll of delegates submitted be the official roll of the voting members of the conference. The credentials committee report was adopted entitling 345 delegates to vote on all matters before the conference.

Parliamentarian John Wight read the proposed standing rules and moved the adoption of the standing rules of the conference as read. Without objection Rule 3 was amended by replacing "his" for "her." The rules were adopted as amended. The chair declared the 2016 Michigan USA Mission Center Conference officially organized for conducting business.

The chair made comments on procedure to be followed for the conference. The chair indicated that the minutes from the fall 2015 mission center conference have been approved by the review committee. Delegates were asked to submit corrections to the secretary.

Without objection, the chair appointed Terry Brown, Dena DeVormer, and Sandi Ecker to serve on a minutes review committee to review and approve the minutes of this conference.

The chair indicated that written reports of officers, boards, teams, and committees could be found in the printed materials. The chair asked delegates to take time to read the reports submitted in the printed materials and share the information with their congregations.

The MCP Team of Adam Bouverette, Dan Nowiski, and Dianna Vanderkarr shared highlights of their report.

Jack Tigner, MCFO, shared highlights of his report. Jack recommended the adoption of the 2015 auditor's report. The chair referred the conference to the printed 2015 auditor's report. A second was received to adopt the 2015 auditor's report for the Michigan Mission Center. The 2015 auditor's report for the Michigan Mission center was adopted.

Rick Herr, Board President, shared highlights of the Blue Water Campground Board report. Roger Elkins, Board President, shared highlights of the Park of the Pines Board report. Kevin Anderson shared a report of the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board. Ken Dudley, Board President, shared highlights of the Sanford Campground Board report. Deloris White, Board President shared highlights of the Woodlands Board report. Carole Dudley, Board President, and Nicole Keverne, Resident Manager, shared highlights of the Journey House Campus Ministries Center Board report. Tammera Bollman, Board President, shared highlights of the Community Outreach Services Corporation Board report.

Tim Ross shared information about the Youth Ministries Team report. Winnie Johnston gave a Youth Camps report. Ellie Heacock shared information about the Disciple Development Fund Committee. The chair requested that those interested in serving on the Earth Stewardship Team contact Dan Nowiski. Gary Gordier shared highlights of the Campground Sales Team report. Jack Tigner shared highlights of the Finance Committee report.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Jack Tigner moved adoption of the proposed 2017 Mission Center Operation Budget. The budget was adopted.

A moment of blessing was provided by Evangelist Dean Robinson.

Dan Nowiski relinquished the chair to Lachlan Mackay, Apostle for the Northeast USA Mission Field including the Michigan Mission Center, for the sustaining of mission center officers.

The First Presidency recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Dan Nowiski as Mission Center President and Dan Nowiski, Adam Bouverette, and Dianna Vanderkarr as the Mission Center President's Team. The appointment of Dan Nowiski, Adam Bouverette, and Dianna Vanderkarr to serve as the Mission Center President Team was sustained.

The First Presidency recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Jack Tigner as Mission Center Financial Officer. The appointment of Jack Tigner as Mission Center Financial Officer was sustained.

The chair provided information about a new Invitation Support Minister position being recommended for implementation in all USA mission centers. The Field Apostle and President of Seventy recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Nanette Anderson as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister. The appointment of Nanette Anderson as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister was approved. Nanette will be set apart in this role at the Saturday evening worship.

Lachlan Mackay returned the chair to Dan Nowiski.

The chair indicated that Community of Christ bylaws call for "each mission center to establish a mission center council, a standing body whose primary purpose is to advise mission center officers and staff on matters affecting the core functions of the mission center." The chair indicated that a list of persons who have agreed to serve on the Mission Center Council for 2017 could be found on page 37 of the printed material. The Mission Center President Team recommended sustaining the individuals listed to serve on the mission center council for 2017. Those persons listed as Mission Center Council Members for 2017 were sustained as follows – Wendy Brooks, Ruth Eaton, Gary Villeneuve, Roger Elkins, Sue Leyder, Dick Shotwell, Mary Jane Miller, Gary Gordier, Terry Brown, Linda Stanbridge, Carl Nichols, Ellie Heacock, John Jones, and Bud Teal.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Journey House Campus Ministry Center Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were three positions open for election to three year terms on the board. Carole Dudley and Richard Hawks had expressed desire to be nominated. Tim Ross was also nominated. Carole Dudley, Richard Hawks, and Tim Ross were elected to three year terms on the Journey House Board.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Blue Water Campground Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three year terms on the board. Tom Banks, Kelly Christian, Richard Herr and Russell Knight had expressed desire to be nominated. Rich Allen and Troy Piper were also nominated. Rich Allen, Tom Banks, Richard Herr, Russell Knight and Troy Piper were elected to three year terms on the Blue Water Campground Board.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Park of the Pines Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five

positions open for election to three year terms on the board. Darrin Carter, Megan Hacker, Carol Harrison, James Sweet, and Nadine Volz had expressed desire to be nominated. No others were nominated, therefore, Darrin Carter, Megan Hacker, Carol Harrison, James Sweet, and Nadine Volz were elected to three year terms on the Park of the Pines Board.

The chair informed the conference that there was one position open for election to a three year term on the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board of Directors. Carla Parkes was nominated and elected to a three year term on the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board.

The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three year terms on the Sanford Campground Board of Directors. Ben Crowley, Joey Kernstock, Rick Ludy, David McDonald, and Joel Sentz were nominated and elected.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Woodlands Board of Directors and explained that elections for this board were not held at the 2015 conference. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to two year terms on the board and five positions open for election to three year terms on the board. James Barr, Sam Bellinger, Dale Volz, and Lori White had expressed desire to be nominated for partial two year terms. No others were nominated. James Barr, Sam Bellinger, Dale Volz, and Lori White were elected. Tom Banks, Ervin Haley, Ronald Rouse, and Deloris White had expressed desire to be nominated for three year terms. Kathy Erwin was also nominated. Tom Banks, Kathy Erwin, Ervin Haley, Ronald Rouse and Deloris White were elected.

Ellie Heacock shared announcements with the conference.

The conference recessed at 12:05 p.m. and a moment of blessing was offered by Evangelist Mark Dalton.

The conference reconvened at 2:00 p.m. with a Prayer for Peace and an offering for the Youth Camp Scholarship Fund.

The following superannuations were announced: Al Dieterman, High Priest, and Diane McNeil, Seventy. The chair thanked them for their many years of service and the conference gave them a standing ovation of appreciation.

Recognition was given to SALT Graduates Harold Hough and Mary Jane Miller, Recognition was also given to first time conference attendees, and congregation anniversary celebrations of Crowell, Lake Orion, and Muskegon.

The conference was called to order at 2:25 p.m. by Dianna Vanderkarr, Mission Center President Team member. Dianna turned over the chair to Adam Bouverette, Mission Center President Team member.

The chair referred the conference to the printed statements of candidates being called to world church minister priesthood offices. The chair recognized Senior President of Seventy John Wight to speak to the call for Josephine Dalton to the office of seventy. Sarah Allen moved to approve the call of Josephine Dalton to the office of seventy. The chair recognized Josephine to speak to her call. The call of Josephine Dalton to the office of seventy was approved.

The chair recognized Apostle Lachlan Mackay to speak to the calls for Mindy Jeffries and Dan Nowiski to the office of high priest. Talitha Pennington moved to approve the call of Mindy Jeffries to the office of high priest. The chair recognized Mindy to speak to her call. The call of Mindy Jeffries to the office of high priest was approved. Talitha Pennington moved to approve the call of Dan Nowiski to the office of high priest. The chair recognized Dan to speak to his call. The call of Dan Nowiski to the office of high priest was approved.

The chair congratulated and thanked all who have accepted the calls of servanthood and informed the conference that ordinations would occur that evening during the 7:00 p.m. worship experience following the break for dinner.

A moment of blessing was provided by Evangelist Loretha Smith and Evangelist Ken Dudley.

The chair then brought the conference's attention to Resolution 1 titled "Amend 'Maintain and Operate Three Campgrounds' Resolution to Also Sell Sanford Campgrounds."

Resolved, That the resolution to operate and maintain three campgrounds previously adopted by the 2015 Spring Conference and amended by the 2015 Fall Conference be amended further by

- 1) Striking "Sanford" from the list of campgrounds to be operated and maintained and inserting "Sanford" after "Manitou" in the list of campgrounds to be sold
- 2) Inserting "Resolved, That Sanford Campground continue to operate during the 2017 camping season" after the first resolved paragraph.

Editorial changes would also be made to the resolution text and title to change the number of campgrounds to be maintained and operated from three (3) to two (2) and the number of campgrounds to be sold from two (2) to three (3).

Tim Ross, Hastings Congregation, moved to adopt resolution 1. The motion received a second and discussion followed. Carla Parkes moved the previous question on the matter and the conference agreed they were ready to take the vote. The vote was taken and the motion failed. (Yes 81; No 232)

The conference was then directed to Resolution 2 titled "Recommendations for Youth Camp Scheduling and Planning."

Resolved, That the Michigan Mission Center provide programming for only one (1) Jr. High and one (1) Sr. High camp for the 2017 summer camp season; and

Resolved, That the location and directors of such camps be determined by the Mission Center President team; and

Resolved, That the staff of such camps pay a reasonable portion of their food and grounds use fee, as determined by the Mission Center President team, in order to reduce the burden currently placed on the youth attending.

Kevin White, West Branch Congregation, moved to adopt resolution 2. The motion received a second and discussion followed.

Erin Cavanaugh, Otter Lake Congregation, moved to amend resolution 2 by adding a resolved paragraph as follows: *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Mission Center President that a method be determined to transport or assist in transportation for those youth in need. The motion received a second and discussion followed. Ben Crowley moved the previous question on the amendment only. The conference agreed that it was ready to vote. The amendment was voted on and failed.

Murphy Matthews moved the previous question on Resolution 2. The conference agreed that it was ready to vote. Resolution 2 was voted on and failed. (Yes 58; No 245)

The conference was then directed to Resolution 3 titled "Change Regular Conferences to Non-Delegate Conferences."

Resolved, That the delegate policy previously adopted at the Fall 2010 organizing conference and amended at the 2012 Fall Conference be amended by striking "The voting body of Michigan Mission Center Conferences shall be as follows:" and inserting the following paragraph:

Michigan Mission Center regular conferences shall be open to all members. Delegate conferences shall be reserved for special conferences called by World

Church and/or Mission Center Leadership. For special delegate conferences the voting body shall be as follows:

Michael Brooks, Sixth Street Congregation, moved to adopt resolution 3. The motion received a second and discussion followed.

Eleanor West, Boyne City Congregation, made a motion to amend the resolution by substitution to change the phrase "elect one delegate for every 50 members" to "elect one delegate for every 25 members." A second was received and discussion followed. The amendment failed.

Bill Dodds, Marion Congregation, moved the previous question. The conference agreed that it was ready to take the vote. Resolution 3 was voted on and failed. (Yes 40; No 273)

The conference was then directed to Resolution 4 titled "Location and Date of Mission Center Conferences."

Resolved, That the regular conferences of the Michigan Mission Center be held at one of the campgrounds in the Michigan Mission Center (Blue Water, Park of the Pines, Sanford) on a three year rotation, starting with the 2017 Fall Conference, for example in 2017, the fall conference could be held at Blue Water, in 2018 at Park of the Pines, in 2019 at Sanford and so on; and

Resolved, That the fall and spring conference be held at a time of the year that would more likely allow for the use of a campground's RV facilities for lodging such as the third or fourth weekend of October for the fall conference instead of a November date; and

Resolved, That the Michigan Mission Center Leadership Team meet with the combined campground executive board to evaluate the facilities of each campground and the needs of conference and then determine which campground to hold the 2017 conferences and set the rotation schedule; and

Resolved, That one goal of using the Mission Center campgrounds to hold conferences be a fundraiser for the hosting campground and this fundraising be a collaboration between the Mission Center Leadership and the combined campground executive boards.

Erin Cavanaugh, Otter Lake Congregation, moved to adopt resolution 4. The motion received a second and discussion followed.

Marsha Binkley, Kalamazoo Congregation, moved to amend the resolution to strike resolved paragraphs 1, 3, and 4. A second was received. The amendment was discussed, voted on and failed.

Ruth Goldstrom, Ann Arbor Congregation, called the previous question on Resolution 4. The conference agreed that it was ready to take the vote. Resolution 4 was voted on and failed. (Yes 26; No 285)

The conference then considered Resolution 5 titled "Use of Contemporary Christian Ministries Congregation Net Proceeds."

Resolved, That a voluntary contribution equal to 10% of the net proceeds (\$3,964.58) be granted to Worldwide Mission Tithes to support the Abolish Poverty, End Suffering mission initiative;

Resolved, That an amount equal to 5% of the net proceeds (\$1,982.29) be allocated for the Michigan Mission Center Youth Camp Ministries Fund with input from youth camp directors for disbursement purposes; and

Resolved, That the remaining current and future proceeds received from the sale of the Contemporary Christian Ministries church facility, be distributed equally between the Mission Center Youth Ministries Fund and the Mission Center Youth Camp Scholarship Fund to support youth in the Michigan Mission Center.

This resolution from Mission Center Officers was moved, seconded, discussed, voted on and approved. (No vote count recorded on electronic devices.)

Announcements were made by Ellie Heacock. A presentation from Dena DeVormer regarding e-Tithing was presented.

The conference adjourned at 4:45 p.m. with a moment of blessing given by Evangelist Carol Walden.

Respectfully submitted,

Joey Kernstock, Conference Secretary

Minutes approved by the Minutes Review Committee consisting of Terry Brown, Dena DeVormer, and Sandi Ecker.

Michigan USA Mission Center
Fall Business Conference – Awaken From Illusion
November 4, 2017

The Fall Conference of the Michigan USA Mission Center met in Saginaw, Michigan at Saginaw Valley State University's Curtiss Hall, 7400 Bay Road, University Center, on November 4, 2017. The Conference was called to order by Mission Center President Team Member Dan Nowiski.

Introductions of conference officials were made: Conference Managers, Ellie Heacock and Joel Sentz; Conference Secretary, Joey Kernstock; Parliamentarian, John Wight; Head Deacon, Dick Parker; and Guest Ministers, Apostle Lachlan Mackay, Senior President of Seventy John Wight, Counselor to the Presiding Bishop Steve Graffeo, Field Support Minister Dena DeVormer, and Mission Funding Sandra Ferguson. Apostle Lachlan Mackay was recognized and brought greetings from the World Church.

Carol Husted (Mt. Pleasant Congregation) was recognized to provide the credentials committee report. As of 9:30 a.m. 357 delegates were properly registered to conduct conference business and there were 21 guests present. Carol moved that the roll of delegates submitted be the official roll of the voting members of the conference. The credentials committee report was adopted entitling 357 delegates to vote on all matters before the conference.

Parliamentarian John Wight read the proposed standing rules and moved the adoption of the standing rules of the conference as read. The standing rules were adopted. The chair declared the 2017 Michigan USA Mission Center Conference officially organized for conducting business at 10 a.m.

The chair made comments on procedure to be followed for the conference. The chair indicated that the minutes from the fall 2016 mission center conference have been approved by the review committee. Delegates were asked to submit any corrections to the secretary.

Without objection, the chair appointed Terry Brown, Dena DeVormer, and Sandi Ecker to serve on a minutes review committee to review and approve the minutes of this conference.

The chair indicated that written reports of officers, boards, teams, and committees could be found in the conference materials. The chair asked delegates to take time to read the reports submitted in the materials and share the information with their congregations.

The chair shared highlights of the Mission Center President Team's written report.

Jack Tigner, MCFO, shared highlights of his report. Jack recommended the adoption of the 2016 auditor's report. The chair referred the conference to the printed 2016 auditor's report. A second was received to adopt the 2016 auditor's report for the Michigan Mission Center. The 2016 auditor's report for the Michigan Mission Center was adopted.

Jack Tigner recommended adoption of the proposed 2018 Mission Center Operating Budget. A second was received. The budget was adopted. A moment of blessing was provided by Steve Graffeo, Counselor to the Presiding Bishop.

Rick Herr, Board President, shared highlights of the Blue Water Campground Board report. Roger Elkins, Board President, shared highlights of the Park of the Pines Board Report. Dana Thering, Board Vice President, shared highlights of the Sanford Campground Board report. Kevin White, Board President shared highlights of the Woodlands Board report. Nicole Keverne, Journey House Resident Manager and Campus Minister, shared highlights of the Journey House Campus Ministries Center Board report.

Winnie Johnston shared information about the youth camp report. Alicia Pearson shared information about the Spectacular report. John Jones and Laura Tew provided a verbal report on Youth Venture for Christ. Tim Ross shared a verbal report on the North Star youth ministry. The chair directed delegates to the written reports of the Disciple Development Fund Committee, Earth Stewardship Team, and Campground Sales Team.

Dan Nowiski relinquished the chair to Lachlan Mackay, Apostle for the Northeast USA Mission Field including the Michigan Mission Center, for the sustaining of mission center officers.

The First Presidency recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Dan Nowiski as Mission Center President and Dan Nowiski, Adam Bouverette, and Dianna Vanderkarr as the Mission Center President Team. The appointment of Dan Nowiski, Adam Bouverette, and Dianna Vanderkarr to serve as the Mission Center President Team was sustained.

The First Presidency recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Jack Tigner as Mission Center Financial Officer. The appointment of Jack Tigner as Mission Center Financial Officer was sustained.

The Field Apostle and President of Seventy recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Noelle Gaffka as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister. The appointment of Noelle Gaffka as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister was approved. Lachlan Mackay returned the chair to Dan Nowiski. Lachlan Mackay and John Wight offered a prayer to set apart Noelle Gaffka to the role of Mission Center Invitation Support Minister.

The chair referred the conference to the written statement of the candidate being called to a world church minister priesthood office. The chair recognized Apostle Lachlan Mackay to speak to the call for Roger Elkins to the office of high priest. Talitha Pennington made a motion to approve the call of Roger Elkins to high priest. The chair recognized Roger to speak to his call. The call of Roger Elkins to the office of high priest was approved.

The chair indicated that Community of Christ bylaws call for "each mission center to establish a mission center council, a standing body whose primary purpose is to advise mission center officers and staff on matters affecting the core functions of the mission center." The chair indicated that a list of persons who have agreed to serve on the Mission Center Council for 2018 could be found in the conference materials and indicated that the names of Dorothy Sommer and Linda Wiley should be added to that list. The Mission Center President Team recommended sustaining the individuals listed to serve on the mission center council for 2018. Those persons listed as Mission Center Council Members for 2018 were sustained.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Journey House Campus Ministry Center Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were three positions open for election to three year terms on the board. Dave Caceres and Ben Crowley had expressed desire to be nominated. Dave Caceres and Ben Crowley were elected to three year terms on the Journey House Board.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Blue Water Campground Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three year terms on the board. Kelly Christian, Janet Hoyt, Richard Parker, Vance Herbert, and Chloe Ross had expressed desire to be nominated. Pamela Knight-Stouffer was also nominated. Kelly Christian, Vance Herbert, Janet Hoyt, Richard Parker, and Chloe Ross were elected to three year terms on the Blue Water Campground Board.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Park of the Pines Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three year terms on the board. Amy Bridson, Deb Buechner, Roger Elkins, Justin Hacker, Stephanie Marsh, and Robert Pagels had expressed desire to be nominated. Amy Bridson, Deb Buechner, Roger Elkins, Justin Hacker, and Stephanie Marsh were elected to three year terms on the Park of the Pines Board.

The chair informed the conference that there were two positions open for election to a three year term on the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board of Directors. Roger Elkins and Cathy Hopkins had expressed desire to be nominated. Roger Elkins and Cathy Hopkins were elected to three year terms on the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board.

The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three year terms on the Sanford Campground Board of Directors. Richard Hamilton and Dana Thering had expressed desire to be nominated. Katie Frye, Marlene Haines, Roger Haines, Heidi Kleinhardt, Ray Persall, Heather Peasley, and Paige Thering were also nominated. Richard Hamilton, Heidi Kleinhardt, Ray Persall, Heather Peasley, and Dana Thering were elected.

The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three year terms on the Woodlands Board of Directors. Robert Barr and Kevin White had expressed desire to be nominated. Dave Caceres, Mindy Jeffries, Robert Pagels, Chloe Ross, and Tim Ross were also nominated. Robert Barr, Dave Caceres, Mindy Jeffries, Robert Pagels, and Kevin White were elected.

Ellie Heacock shared announcements with the conference. The conference recessed at 12:05 p.m. A moment of blessing was offered by Evangelist Carol Walden.

Following a question and answer session with local and world church leaders, a prayer for peace provided by Winnie Johnston, the receiving of a disciples' generous response for the youth camp scholarship fund, recognition of SALT Graduates and SALT leaders Greg and Melissa Varner, and Bobbie Ann and Dean Robinson, the conference was called to order at 3:24 p.m. by Dan Nowiski with the number of delegates reported as 362 which includes additional registrations received after the morning credentials report was provided.

Resolution 1 entitled "Designating Previous Contribution to Bridge of Hope Tithes" was submitted by the mission center officers, so neither a motion nor a second from the floor were required.

Resolved, That the Michigan Mission Center is willing and supportive of having the Presiding Bishopric change the designation of the \$29,500 contribution made from Eastland net proceeds to the Worldwide Mission Endowment Fund to Bridge of Hope Tithes.

Resolution 1 was adopted.

Resolution 2 entitled "Owosso Net Proceeds" was submitted by mission center officers, so neither a motion nor a second from the floor were required.

Resolved, That twenty percent (20%) of the Owosso Group Fund balance (\$6,692.25) be provided to the Presiding Bishopric as a voluntary contribution to Bridge of Hope Tithes;

Resolved, That forty percent(40%) of the Owosso Group Fund balance (\$13,384.52) be provided to Sanford Campground for use as determined by the Sanford Campground Board of Directors;

Resolved, That forty percent (40%) of the Owosso Group Fund balance(\$13,384.52) be provided to Journey House Campus Ministries for use as determined by the Journey House Campus Ministries Board of Directors.

Resolution 2 was adopted.

Resolution 3 entitled "Authorization to Sell Detroit Properties" was not moved at this time at the discretion of the mission center president's team.

Resolution 4 entitled "Payment of Campground Study Advance" was submitted by mission center officers, so neither a motion nor a second from the floor were required.

Resolved, That the note receivable for the Campground Study Advance in the amount of \$66,282.25 shall be expensed from the Operating Reserve Fund of the Michigan Mission Center.

Ed Clapham, Plymouth congregation, moved an amendment to strike "Operating Reserve Fund of the Michigan Mission Center" and insert "proceeds of campground sales prior to determining net proceeds for distribution." It was seconded, discussed, voted on and failed.

Resolution 4 was adopted as originally presented.

Resolution 5 entitled "Expanded Use of Disciple Development Fund" was submitted by mission center officers, so neither a motion nor a second from the floor were required.

Resolved, That the "Establishment of Disciple Development Fund" resolution previously adopted on November 8, 2014 and amended on November 7, 2015 be further amended by adding the following paragraph to the resolution:

Resolved, That the Disciple Development Fund may also be utilized by mission center officers in consultation with the mission center council for developing or purchasing materials for disciple development efforts in congregation and mission center programs, employing staff to plan, implement, or facilitate disciple development activities, supporting events that provide disciple development opportunities, supplementing the mission center operating budget for disciple development expenses, and other initiatives that further the mission initiative of developing disciples to serve.

Resolution 5 was adopted.

Resolution 6 entitled "Use of Net Proceeds from Campground Sales" was submitted by mission center officers, so neither a motion nor a second from the floor were required.

Resolved, That the Maintain and Operate Three Campgrounds resolution adopted on April 11, 2015 and amended on November 11, 2015 be amended by inserting "mission needs of the worldwide church and" after "net proceeds from the sale of campgrounds shall be utilized for,"

Resolved, That 20% of net proceeds from the sale of Camp Manitou and the Woodlands shall be contributed to the Bridge of Hope project, Worldwide Mission Tithes, or other worldwide funds as designated by the Presiding Bishopric;

Resolved, That 60% of net proceeds from the sale of Camp Manitou and the Woodlands shall be designated for the development of campground properties through capital improvement projects, which meet World Church building guidelines, submitted by campground boards and approved by the mission center officers in consultation with the combined campground executive committees; and

Resolved, That 20% of net proceeds from the sale of Camp Manitou and the Woodlands shall be designated for support of camping and gathering ministries as determined by the mission center officers in consultation with the mission center council.

Julia Bonhomme, Kalamazoo congregation, moved to amend the third Resolved to 50% (from 60%) and add after the word "designated" the words "in a revolving loan fund" and change the fourth

Resolved to 30% (from 20%) and add after the word "ministries" the words "in research, development, and marketing programming with a special interest in young family and young adult ministries." A second was received and discussion followed.

Linda Stanbridge, Blue Water emerging congregation, moved to amend the amendment to remove the phrase "in a revolving loan fund." A second was received and discussion followed.

Earl Watt, Rose Lake congregation, moved the previous question on the amendment to the amendment and a second was received. The required two-thirds vote was received by the conference that they were ready to vote. The vote on the amendment to the amendment failed. (Yes 164; No 186).

Discussion continued on the amendment. Chuck Anderson, Brighton congregation, moved to amend the amendment to strike the 50% and 30% changes (which returns the resolution to the 60% and 20% of the original resolution) but leave the other text changes. A second was received.

Harold Hough, Capital Area Center congregation, moved the previous question on all pending questions and a second was received. The required two-thirds vote was received by the conference that they were ready to vote. The vote on the amendment to the amendment was approved. (Yes 217; No 132).

The vote was then taken on the amendment as amended and it was approved. (Yes 203; No 144).

The vote on the original Resolution 6 as amended was taken and it was approved. (Yes 249; No 99).

For clarification purposes, the approved Resolution 6 entitled "Use of Net Proceeds from Campground Sales" is as follows:

Resolved, That the Maintain and Operate Three Campgrounds resolution adopted on April 11, 2015 and amended on November 11, 2015 be amended by inserting "mission needs of the worldwide church and" after "net proceeds from the sale of campgrounds shall be utilized for,"

Resolved, That 20% of net proceeds from the sale of Camp Manitou and the Woodlands shall be contributed to the Bridge of Hope project, Worldwide Mission Tithes, or other worldwide funds as designated by the Presiding Bishopric;

Resolved, That 60% of net proceeds from the sale of Camp Manitou and the Woodlands shall be designated in a revolving loan fund for the development of campground properties through capital improvement projects, which meet World Church building guidelines, submitted by campground boards and approved by the mission center officers in consultation with the combined campground executive committees; and

Resolved, That 20% of net proceeds from the sale of Camp Manitou and the Woodlands shall be designated for support of camping and gathering ministries in research, development and marketing programming with a special interest in young family and young adult ministries as determined by the mission center officers in consultation with the mission center council.

A moment of blessing was offered by Evangelist Loretha Smith.

Resolution 7 entitled "Amend the Previously Adopted 'Maintain and Operate Three Campgrounds' Resolution to Sell Sanford and Maintain The Woodlands" was moved by Kevin White, West Branch congregation, and there was a second.

Resolved, That the resolution titled Maintain and Operate Three Campgrounds previously adopted at the April 11, 2015 conference and amended at the November 7, 2015 conference be further amended by

- 1) Striking "Sanford" and inserting "The Woodlands" in the list of campgrounds to be operated and maintained, and
- 2) Striking "The Woodlands" and inserting "Sanford Campground" in the list of campgrounds to be sold and in the paragraph authorizing the campground board to continue functioning until transfer of title/ownership.

Sally Hager, Richmond congregation, moved to amend point 1 by striking the words "Striking 'Sanford' and" and in point 2 striking the words "and inserting 'Sanford Campground.'" This would change the resolution so that Sanford and The Woodlands would both be maintained and operated. It was seconded and followed by discussion.

Tim Ross, Hastings congregation, made a motion to refer Resolution 7 to the Mission Center President Team with a recommendation that the Mission Center President Team organize and constitute a "Mission Center Gathering Ministries Futures Team" to study the future of gathering ministries in the mission center and that the committee, if created, report back to this body no later than the fall 2019 mission center conference. A second was received and discussion followed.

The previous question was moved on the motion to refer, a second was received, and the required two-thirds vote was received indicating the conference was ready to proceed to the vote on the motion to refer. The motion to refer failed (Yes 112; No 206). Discussion continued on the amendment.

Steve Levine, Beaverton congregation, moved the previous question on all pending questions. A second was received and the required two-thirds vote was received to proceed to the vote. The vote on the amendment was taken and the amendment failed. (Yes 111; No 221) The vote on the original Resolution 7 was taken and it failed. (Yes 110; No 221)

Announcements were made by Ellie Heacock.

The conference adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joey Kernstock, Conference Secretary

Minutes approved by the Minutes Review Committee consisting of Terry Brown, Dena DeVormer, and Sandi Ecker.

Michigan USA Mission Center
Fall Business Conference – Bring Fresh Vision
November 3, 2018

The Fall Conference of the Michigan USA Mission Center met in Saginaw, Michigan at Saginaw Valley State University's Curtiss Hall, 7400 Bay Road, University Center, on November 3, 2018. Following a presentation by Apostle Lachlan Mackay, Senior President of Seventy John Wight, and Field Support Minister Dena DeVormer, the Conference was called to order by Mission Center President Team Member Dan Nowiski at 10:50 a.m.

Introductions of conference officials were made as follows: Conference Manager, Ellie Easley; Conference Secretary, Joey Kernstock; Parliamentarian, John Wight; Head Deacon, Dick Parker; and Guests Apostle Lachlan Mackay, Senior President of Seventy John Wight, Field Support Minister Dena DeVormer; and Graceland University Community of Christ Outreach & Marketing Specialist, Emily Munter.

Carol Husted (Mt. Pleasant Congregation) was recognized to provide the credentials committee report. As of 9:25 a.m. there were 307 delegates properly registered to conduct conference business. Carol moved that the roll of delegates submitted be the official roll of the voting members of the conference. The credentials committee report was adopted entitling 307 delegates to vote on all matters before the conference.

The chair directed the delegates to the proposed standing rules as printed and distributed in advance of the conference. The standing rules were adopted. The chair declared the 2018 Michigan USA Mission Center Conference officially organized for conducting business.

The chair stated that the tentative agenda for the day was found on page two of the conference handouts and might be adjusted by the chair as needed. The chair made comments on the rules to be followed using the Community of Christ Bylaws and Procedures, the standing rules just adopted and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 11th Edition. The chair indicated that the minutes from the fall 2017 mission center conference have been approved by the review committee. The minutes are posted on the fall conference webpage and available for review. Delegates were asked to submit any corrections to the secretary.

Without objection, the chair appointed Terry Brown, Dena DeVormer, and Sandi Ecker to serve on a minutes review committee to review and approve the minutes of this conference.

The chair indicated that written reports of officers, boards, teams, and committees could be found in the printed materials. The chair asked delegates to take time to read the reports submitted and share the information with their congregations.

The chair shared highlights of the Mission Center President Team's written report.

Jack Tigner, MCFO, shared highlights of his report. Jack recommended the adoption of the 2017 auditor's report. The chair referred the conference to the printed 2017 auditor's report. A second was received to adopt the 2017 auditor's report for the Michigan Mission Center. The motion carried and the 2017 auditor's report was adopted.

Jack Tigner recommended adoption of the proposed 2019 Mission Center Operating Budget. A second was received. The motion carried and the budget was adopted.

Rick Herr, Board President, shared highlights of the Blue Water Campground Board report. Roger Elkins, Board President, shared highlights of the Park of the Pines Board Report. Dana Thering, Board President, shared highlights of the Sanford Campground Board report. Kevin White, Board President, shared highlights of the Woodlands Board report. Dave Caceres, Board Present, shared highlights of the Journey House Campus Ministries Center Board report.

John Jones and Laura Tew shared a report from the International Youth Forum and Spectacular delegations. The chair stated that the report on youth camp ministries would be given in the afternoon in connection with the prayer for peace. The chair directed delegates to the written reports of Youth Ventures, the Disciple Development Fund Committee, Earth Stewardship Team, and Campground Sales Team.

Dan Nowiski relinquished the chair to Lachlan Mackay, Apostle for the Northeast USA Mission Field including the Michigan Mission Center, for the sustaining of mission center officers.

The First Presidency recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Dan Nowiski, Adam Bouverette, and Erica Nye as the Mission Center President Team. The appointment of Dan Nowiski, Adam Bouverette, and Erica Nye to serve as the Mission Center President Team was sustained.

The First Presidency recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Jessica Montague as Mission Center Financial Officer. The appointment of Jessica Montague as Mission Center Financial Officer was sustained.

The Field Apostle and President of Seventy recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Greg Varner as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister. The appointment of Greg Varner as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister was sustained. Lachlan Mackay returned the chair to Dan Nowiski. The chair reported that the Mission Center President Team and Mission Center Financial Officer would be set apart for service in their new roles at the 7:00 p.m. worship service.

The chair indicated that Community of Christ bylaws call for “each mission center to establish a mission center council, a standing body whose primary purpose is to advise mission center officers and staff on matters affecting the core functions of the mission center.” The chair recognized council members serving in 2018 and indicated that a list of persons who have agreed to serve on the Mission Center Council for 2019 could be found in the printed materials. The Mission Center President Team recommended sustaining the individuals listed to serve on the Mission Center Council for 2019. Those persons listed and named as Mission Center Council members for 2019 were sustained.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Journey House Campus Ministry Center Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were three positions open for election to three year terms on the board. Jack Benac, Terry Brown, and Dorothy Sommer were nominated and elected to three year terms on the Journey House Board.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Blue Water Campground Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three year terms on the board. Darrell Bechtel, Richard Pennington, Patricia (Patti) Piper, Tim Ross, and Dale Volz were nominated and elected to three year terms on the Blue Water Campground Board.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Park of the Pines Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three year terms on the board. Bob Pagels, Carla Parkes, Lee Ecker, Deb Koenig, and Ruth White were nominated and elected to three year terms on the Park of the Pines Board.

The chair informed the conference that there were two positions open for election to three year terms on the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board of Directors. Linda Schindler was nominated and elected to a three year term on the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board.

The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three year terms on the Sanford Campground Board of Directors. Kati Fry, Mary Jane Miller, Dale Leyder, Sue Leyder and Lewis Mogg were nominated and elected to three year terms on the Sanford Campground Board.

The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three year terms on The Woodlands Board of Directors. James Barr, Sam Bellinger, Tim Ross, Lori White, and Dale Volz were nominated and elected to three year terms on The Woodlands Board.

The chair informed the conference that 192 seats were allocated to the Michigan Mission Center for the 2019 World Conference to take place April 6-13, 2019. A list of seventy-nine people expressed a desire to be nominated prior to the conference. Forty-three additional individuals submitted their names to be nominated during the conference. Since there were fewer than 192 nominations received and election is by plurality, a single vote was taken to elect all nominees. The motion carried and all 122 nominees were elected to serve as delegates to the 2019 World Conference (see attached list).

Ellie Easley shared announcements with the conference. The conference recessed at 12:15 p.m. The conference was encouraged to return by 1:30 p.m.

Following a question and answer session on the resolutions submitted to the conference, songs from conference kids participants, a prayer for peace, recognition of youth camp directors and staff, a presentation on a generosity model for funding youth camps in 2019, and receiving of disciples' generous response for the youth camp scholarship fund, recognitions were given.

Seventy Tony Saraiva (Rose Lake), High Priest Rogers Claussen (Waterford), and deceased Evangelist Gary Piper (Richmond) were recognized for emeritus status. Dianna Vanderkarr and Cathy Hopkins were recognized for their retirement from church employment. The Tawas City Congregation was recognized for 100 years of ministry. The Grand Rapids area congregations were recognized for 150 years of ministry. John Wight provided information about the 25th anniversary celebration of the dedication of the Independence Temple planned for April 6-7, 2019.

The conference was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Dan Nowiski.

The chair referred the conference to the printed statements of the candidates being called to serve in world church minister priesthood offices. The chair recognized Apostle Lachlan Mackay to speak to the calls.

Talitha Pennington (Troy Oaks) moved to approve the call of Cindy Dewar to the office of high priest. The chair stated that all calls being considered have been approved by the MCP Team and World Church leaders eliminating the need for a second. Cindy was recognized to speak to her call. The call was approved.

Talitha Pennington (Troy Oaks) moved to approve the call of Ron Rousse to the office of high priest. Ron was recognized to speak to his call. The call was approved.

Talitha Pennington (Troy Oaks) moved to approve the call of Don Spencer to the office of high priest. Don was recognized to speak to his call. The call was approved.

Talitha Pennington (Troy Oaks) moved to approve the call of Dana Thering to the office of high priest. Dana was recognized to speak to her call. The call was approved.

Jack Tigner (MCFO) moved to approve the call of Jessica Montague to the offices of high priest and bishop. Jessica was recognized to speak to her call. The call was approved.

Loretha Smith (Alaska) moved to approve the call of Dianna Vanderkarr to the office of evangelist. The call was approved.

Emily Munter shared a moment of blessing.

The chair called attention to Resolution 1 - Valley Center Net Proceeds as submitted by the Mission Center Officers in consultation with the Apostle and Mission Center Council. The chair stated the motion to adopt

Resolution 1 reading, “*Resolved*, That the net proceeds from the Valley Center congregation in the amount of \$36,009.71 shall be dispersed by providing \$1,000.00 to the Wadhams Grove congregation, \$5,000.00 to Blue Water Campground, \$12,009.71 to the Michigan Mission Center Youth Camp Scholarship Fund, and \$18,000.00 to the Bridge of Hope project outlined by the Presiding Bishopric.”

Gary Wesch (Sixth Street) moved to amend the resolution by inserting “\$2,000 to the Sixth Street congregation for support of the special needs camp at Sanford Campground,” following “Wadhams Grove congregation,” and replacing \$18,000 with \$16,000 before “to the Bridge of Hope project.” The motion to amend was approved. (Yes 88%; No 12%).

The motion to adopt Resolution 1 – Valley Center Net Proceeds as amended was approved. (Yes 97%; No 3%)

The chair called attention to Resolution 2 – Mission Center General and Non-Resident Delegates as submitted by the Mission Center President Team. The chair stated the motion to adopt Resolution 2 reading, “*Resolved*, That the delegate policy of the Michigan Mission Center be amended by adding the following two paragraphs to the end of the policy: “Congregations shall be permitted to elect and report one alternate for each elected delegate.” “The mission center president shall establish procedures for electing or appointing up to ten delegates from the nonresident and general category members. Any of the ten seats left open may be filled by alternates from congregations according to the Seating Alternates policy.” The motion to adopt Resolution 2 – Mission Center General and Non-Resident Delegates was approved. (Yes 293; No 15)

The chair called attention to Resolution 3 – Amend Previously Adopted Resolution “Use of Net Proceeds from Campground Sales” as submitted by the Park of the Pines, Sanford, and Blue Water Campground Boards. The chair stated the motion to adopt Resolution 3 reading “ *Resolved*, That the “Use of Net Proceeds from Campground Sales” resolution previously adopted at the Nov. 4, 2017 Fall Conference be amended by striking “designated in a revolving loan fund” and inserting “distributed equally to Blue Water Campground, Park of the Pines, and Sanford Campground.”

Sally Hager (Richmond) made a motion to amend Resolution 3 by striking “and the Woodlands.” After a time of discussion, Dwight Easley (Battle Creek) moved the previous question on the amendment. Without objection, the previous question was adopted by unanimous consent. A vote was taken on the amendment and it failed. (Yes 105; No 206).

John Jones (Ann Arbor) moved the previous question on the original motion. Without objection, the previous question was adopted by unanimous consent. The motion to adopt Resolution 3 – Amend Previously Adopted Resolution “Use of Net Proceeds from Campground Sales” was approved. (Yes 180: No 122)

Announcements were made by Ellie Easley. The conference adjourned at 4:45 p.m. A moment of blessing was provided by Loretha Smith.

Submitted by Joey Kernstock, Conference Secretary

Approved by Terry Brown, Dena DeVormer, and Sandi Ecker, Minutes Review Committee

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The Fall Conference of the Michigan USA Mission Center met in Saginaw, Michigan at Saginaw Valley State University's Curtiss Hall, 7400 Bay Road, University Center, on November 2, 2019. Following the singing of hymns Mission Center President Team Member Erica Nye welcomed delegates and guests and provided an overview of the conference focus. World Church leaders Lachlan Mackay, Apostle; Dena DeVormer, Field Support Minister; Jeff Naylor, Counselor to the Presiding Bishop; and Sandra Ferguson, Mission Funding Team, were introduced and brought greetings to the conference.

Mission Center President Team Member Dan Nowiski opened the conference at 9:17 a.m. and introduced Joey Kernstock as the conference secretary and Ben Crowley as the voting software operator. Thanks were given to volunteers helping with registration and conference youth activities and a statement was shared explaining that teachers and evangelists would be praying for the conference.

Carol Husted (Mt. Pleasant) was recognized to provide the credentials committee report. Carol moved that the roll of delegates submitted be the official roll of the voting members of the conference. The credentials committee report was adopted entitling 315 delegates to vote on all matters before the conference.

Rules proposed by the Mission Center President Team were presented for adoption as the standing rules of the conference. The standing rules were approved. The chair declared the 2019 Michigan USA Mission Center Conference officially organized for conducting business.

The chair made comments on procedure to be followed for the conference. The chair indicated that the minutes from the fall 2018 mission center conference have been approved by the review committee. Delegates were asked to submit any corrections to the secretary.

Without objection, the chair appointed Dena DeVormer, Sandi Ecker, and Terry Brown to serve on a minutes review committee to review and approve the minutes of this conference.

The chair indicated that written reports of officers, boards, teams, and committees could be found in the printed materials. The chair asked delegates to take time to read the reports submitted in the printed materials and share the information with their congregations.

The Mission Center President Team shared a report of highlights and updates from the past year and outlined events planned for the year ahead. Harvey Pearl, high priest, and Ron Demute, evangelist, were recognized for being granted emeritus status. Thanks were given to those who have served as mission center council members, camp staff members, pastors, and class instructors. Winnie Johnston, youth camp coordinator, shared about the youth camping program and offerings were received to support youth camp and Spectacular ministries.

Jessica Montague, Mission Center Financial Officer, shared highlights of her report. Jessica recommended the adoption of the 2018 auditor's report. The chair referred the conference to the printed 2018 auditor's report. A second was received to adopt the 2018 auditor's report for the Michigan Mission Center. The motion carried, and the auditor's report was adopted.

Jessica Montague recommended adoption of the proposed 2020 Mission Center Operating Budget. A second was received. The motion carried, and the budget was adopted.

Rick Herr, Board President, shared highlights of the Blue Water Campground Board report. Roger Elkins, Board President, shared highlights of the Park of the Pines Board report. Carla Parkes, Board President,

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shared highlights of the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board report. Dana Thering, Board President, shared highlights of the Sanford Campground Board report. Tim Ross, Board President, shared highlights of the Woodlands Board report. Dave Caceres, Board President, shared highlights of the Journey House Campus Ministries Center Board report.

The chair directed delegates to the written reports of the Campground Sales Team, Disciple Development Fund Committee, and Earth Stewardship Team.

Dan Nowiski relinquished the chair to Lachlan Mackay, Apostle for the Northeast USA Mission Field, for the sustaining of mission center officers. The First Presidency recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Dan Nowiski, Adam Bouverette, and Erica Nye as the Mission Center President Team. The appointment of Dan Nowiski, Adam Bouverette, and Erica Nye to serve as the Mission Center President Team was sustained.

The First Presidency recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Jessica Montague as Mission Center Financial Officer. The appointment of Jessica Montague as Mission Center Financial Officer was sustained.

The Field Apostle and President of Seventy John Wight recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Linda Stanbridge as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister. The appointment of Linda Stanbridge as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister was approved. Lachlan Mackay shared a moment of blessing and then returned the chair to Dan Nowiski.

The chair indicated that Community of Christ bylaws call for “each mission center to establish a mission center council, a standing body whose primary purpose is to advise mission center officers and staff on matters affecting the core functions of the mission center.” The chair indicated that a list of persons who have agreed to serve on the Mission Center Council for 2020 could be found in the printed materials on page 31. Three additional names were added to the list: Joey Kernstock – Bay City, Burt, Clio, Midland, Saginaw; Laura Tew – Grand Valley, Hastings, Holland, Northview, Union Avenue; and Sherry Jagger – Benton Harbor, Coldwater, Galien, Kalamazoo, South Bend. The Mission Center President Team recommended sustaining the individuals listed and added to serve on the mission center council for 2020. Those persons listed and added as Mission Center Council Members for 2020 were sustained.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Journey House Campus Ministry Center Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were three positions open for election to three year terms on the board. Richard Hawks, Dave Premoe, and Tim Ross had expressed their desire to be nominated and were elected to three year terms on the Journey House Board.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Blue Water Campground Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three year terms on the board. Rich Allen, Russell Knight, Troy Piper, Brandon Robertson, and Tracie Sheets had expressed their desire to be nominated and were elected to three year terms on the Blue Water Campground Board.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Park of the Pines Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three year terms on the board. Megan Hacker, Jamie Lis, Tyler Eaton, Grace King, Rich King, and Dusty Seifert were

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nominated. Megan Hacker, Jamie Lis, Tyler Eaton, Grace King, and Dusty Seifert were elected to three year terms on the Park of the Pines Board.

The chair informed the conference that there was one position open for election to a three year term on the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board of Directors. Carla Parkes had expressed her desire to be nominated and was elected to a three year term on the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board.

The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three year terms on the Sanford Campground Board of Directors. William Persall, Lisa Valentine, Ginny Tigner, Wayne Addis, Teresa Addis, and Ben Crowley were nominated. William Persall, Lisa Valentine, Ginny Tigner, Wayne Addis, and Ben Crowley were elected to three year terms on the Sanford Campground Board.

The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three year terms on the Woodlands Board of Directors. Ron Rousse had expressed his desire to be nominated and was elected to three year terms on the Woodlands Board.

The chair referred the conference to the printed statements of the candidates being called to world church minister priesthood offices. The chair recognized Apostle Lachlan Mackay to speak to the calls.

Carol Walden (South Bend) moved to approve the call of Tom Banks to the office of evangelist. Tom spoke in response to the call. The call of Tom Banks to the office of evangelist was approved.

Carol Walden (South Bend) moved to approve the call of Lyle “Bud” Teal Jr. to the office of high priest and evangelist. Lyle spoke in response to the call. The call of Lyle “Bud” Teal Jr. to the office of high priest and evangelist was approved. The chair announced that ordinations would occur during a worship experience at 7:00 pm that evening.

The chair shared announcements with the conference. The conference recessed at 11:43 a.m. A moment of blessing was offered by the conference youth.

During the time of recess Apostle Lachlan Mackay presented policies recently shared with the church and responded to questions. The body engaged in a prayer for peace experience and Linda Stanbridge was set apart as the Mission Center Invitation Support Minister. Jeff Naylor, Dena DeVormer, and Sandra Ferguson presented updates on mission funding and responded to questions.

The conference was called to order at 3:19 p.m. by Dan Nowiski. The chair announced that approximately \$2,000 was received for registration up to this point and \$5,407 was received for youth camping and the Spectacular delegation during morning offering opportunity.

The chair called attention to Resolution 1 – Jurisdiction Contributions to Worldwide Mission Tithes submitted by the Mission Center Officers in consultation with the Apostle and Mission Center Council. The chair recognized delegates who had questions about the resolution. It was pointed out that the audit total was correct for the net income amount (\$4.00 difference that should read \$8,975.70) and the resolution would be modified.

The chair stated the motion to adopt Resolution 1 reading, *Resolved*, That the Michigan Mission Center contribute \$9000 from the Operating Reserve Fund to worldwide mission tithes; *Resolved*, That any net income from the 2019 Michigan Mission Center operating budget be contributed to worldwide mission tithes; and *Resolved*, That congregations in the Michigan Mission Center be encouraged to contribute

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any undesignated net income from 2019 operating budgets to worldwide mission tithes. The motion to adopt Resolution 1 – Jurisdiction Contributions to Worldwide Mission Tithes carried. (217 yes; 94 no)

The chair called attention to Resolution 2 – Rescind Authorization to Sell The Woodlands submitted by the Sixth Street Congregation. The chair recognized delegates who had questions about the resolution.

Gary Wesch (Sixth Street) moved to adopt Resolution 2 with the proviso that it become effective December 22, 2019 at the end of the current listing agreement with the realtor marketing The Woodlands. Janet Herbert moved the previous question to end debate. There was 2/3 in favor of ending debate and the conference moved to the vote. The chair stated the question on adoption of Resolution 2 reading, *Resolved*, That authorization to sell The Woodlands be rescinded by amending the resolution to “Maintain and Operate Three (3) Campgrounds” adopted by the 2015 Spring Conference and amended by the 2015 Fall Conference by substituting the following for the first paragraph:

Resolved, That the Michigan Mission Center operate and maintain four campgrounds, Blue Water, Park of the Pines, Sanford, and the Woodlands; and sell one campground, Manitou; and be it further

Resolved, That the resolution “Use of Net Proceeds from Campground Sales” adopted by the 2017 Fall Conference and amended by the 2018 Fall Conference be further amended by striking all references to The Woodlands.

The motion to adopt Resolution 2 – Rescind Authorization to Sell The Woodlands failed by a vote of 76 yes to 238 no.

Announcements were made about remaining conference activities. The conference adjourned at 4:21 p.m. Dan Nowiski concluded the conference with a prayer.

Joey Kernstock, Secretary

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The Fall Conference of the Michigan USA Mission Center met via Zoom, on November 7, 2020. Following the singing of a hymn and blessing by Loretha Smith, Mission Center President Team Member Erica Nye welcomed delegates and guests and provided an overview of the conference focus. World Church leaders Scott Murphy, First Presidency; Lachlan Mackay, Apostle; and Dena DeVormer, Field Support Minister; were introduced and shared greetings and information to the conference.

Mission Center President Team Member Dan Nowiski opened the conference at 9:17 am and introduced Joey Kernstock as the conference secretary and Linda Stanbridge as the technical assistance contact person. Thanks were given to volunteers helping with conference youth activities.

Jessica Montague was recognized to provide the credentials committee report. Jessica Montague moved that the roll of delegates submitted be the official roll of the voting members of the conference. The credentials committee report was adopted entitling 229 delegates to vote on all matters before the conference.

Rules proposed by the Mission Center President Team were presented for adoption as the standing rules of the conference. The standing rules were approved. The chair declared the 2020 Michigan USA Mission Center Conference officially organized for conducting business.

The chair made comments on procedure to be followed for the conference. The chair indicated that the minutes from the fall 2019 mission center conference on the Fall Conference web page have been approved by the review committee. Delegates were asked to submit any corrections to the secretary.

Without objection, the chair appointed Dena DeVormer, Sandi Ecker, and Terry Brown to serve on a minutes review committee to review and approve the minutes of this conference.

The chair indicated that written reports of officers, boards, teams, and committees could be found in the printed materials. The chair asked delegates to take time to read the reports submitted in the printed materials on pages 4-32 and share the information with their congregations.

The Mission Center President Team shared a report of highlights and updates on pages 4-6 from the past year and outlined events planned for the year ahead. Richard Pennington, evangelist, was recognized for being granted emeritus status. Thanks were given to those who have served as mission center council members, camp staff members, and pastors. Winnie Johnston, youth camp coordinator, shared about the youth camping program.

Jessica Montague, Mission Center Financial Officer, shared highlights of her report on page 7. Jessica recommended the adoption of the 2019 auditor's report. The chair referred the conference to the printed 2019 auditor's report on page 8. A second was received to adopt the 2019 auditor's report for the Michigan Mission Center. The motion carried, and the auditor's report was adopted.

Jessica Montague recommended adoption of the proposed 2021 Mission Center Operating Budget on page 22. A second was received. The motion carried, and the budget was adopted.

Tim Ross, Board President, shared highlights of the Blue Water Campground Board report on page 26. Carla Parkes, Board President, shared highlights of the Park of the Pines Board report on page 27. Carla Parkes, Board President, shared highlights of the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board report on page 28.

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On behalf of the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board, Carla Parkes moved to adopt Resolution 1 – Dissolving the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board. The motion received a second. Resolution 1 was adopted, and the Park of the Pines Endowment Fund Board will be dissolved.

Heidi Kleinhardt, Board Secretary, shared highlights of the Sanford Campground Board report. Tim Ross, Board President, shared highlights of the Woodlands Board report. Dave Caceres, Board President, shared highlights of the Journey House Campus Ministries Center Board report.

Following the reports of boards, the chair explained that nominations to elected board positions would be opened so that an online ballot could be prepared in advance of a scheduled recess for voting.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Journey House Campus Ministry Center Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were three positions open for election to three-year terms on the board. No nominations were submitted in advance. Dave Caceres and Ben Crowley expressed their desire to be nominated. Kathy Salois was also nominated.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for Blue Water Campground Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three-year terms on the board. Tom Banks, Kelly Christian, Lisa Meyer, and Chloe Ross had expressed their desire to be nominated. Jody Porter was also nominated.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Park of the Pines Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three-year terms on the board. Darrin Carter, Stephanie Marsh, Amy Bridson, and Michael Mead had expressed their desire to be nominated. Justin Hacker was also nominated.

The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three-year terms on the Sanford Campground Board of Directors. Roger Elkins and Heidi Kleinhardt had expressed their desire to be nominated. Renee Congleton and Marcia Haney were also nominated.

The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three-year terms on the Woodlands Board of Directors. No one was nominated.

The chair directed delegates to the written reports of the Campground Sales Team, Disciple Development Fund Committee, and Earth Stewardship Team.

Dan Nowiski relinquished the chair to Lachlan Mackay, Apostle for the Northeast USA Mission Field, for the sustaining of mission center officers. The First Presidency recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Dan Nowiski, Adam Bouverette, and Erica Nye as the Mission Center President Team. The appointment of Dan Nowiski, Adam Bouverette, and Erica Nye to serve as Mission Center President Team was sustained.

The First Presidency recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Jessica Montague as Mission Center Financial Officer. The appointment of Jessica Montague as the Mission Center Financial Officer was sustained.

Apostle Lachlan Mackay recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Linda Stanbridge as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister. The appointment of Linda Stanbridge as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister was approved.

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The chair indicated that Community of Christ bylaws call for “each mission center to establish a mission center council, a standing body whose primary purpose is to advise mission center officers and staff on matters affecting the core functions of the mission center.” The chair indicated that a list of persons who have agreed to serve on the Mission Center Council for 2021 could be found in the meeting documents. The Mission Center President Team recommended sustaining the individuals listed to serve on the mission center council for 2021. Those persons listed and then added as Mission Center Council Members for 2021 were sustained.

Following confirmation that no additional nominations were submitted for elected board positions, elections were conducted. Without objection the elections were conducted for all nominees on each board with one vote for each board.

Dave Caceres, Ben Crowley, and Kathy Salois were elected to three-year terms on the Journey House Campus Ministry Center Board of Directors.

Tom Bank, Kelly Christian, Lisa Meyer, Jody Porter, and Chloe Ross were elected to three-year terms on the Blue Water Campground Board of Directors.

Amy Bridson, Darrin Carter, Justin Hacker, Stephanie Marsh, and Michael Mead were elected to three-year terms on the Park of the Pines Board of Directors.

Renee Congleton, Roger Elkins, Heidi Kleinhardt, and Marcia Haney were elected to three-year terms on the Sanford Campground Board of Directors.

No persons were nominated or elected for three-year terms on the Woodlands board of directors.

The meeting recessed at 11:10 am to allow delegates a ten-minute break. A moment of blessing was offer by Bobbi Mier.

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 am by Dan Nowiski.

The chair referred the conference to the printed statements of the candidates being called to world church minister priesthood offices. The chair recognized Apostle Lachlan Mackay to speak to the calls.

Matt Kinsinger (Gaylord) moved to approve the call of Barbara Barcume to the office of high priest and evangelist. The call of Barbara Barcume to the office of high priest and evangelist was approved.

Matt Kinsinger (Gaylord) moved to approve the call of Karen Bouverette to the office of high priest and evangelist. The call of Karen Bouverette to the office of high priest and evangelist was approved.

Jessica Montague (MCFO) moved to approve the call of Jack Benac to the office of high priest and bishop. Jack spoke in response to the call. The call of Jack Benac to the office of high priest and bishop was approved.

Talitha Pennington (Grand Valley) moved to approve the call of Patti Zehr to the office of high priest. The call of Patti Zehr to the office of high priest was approved.

The chair announced that ordinations of Karen Bouverette and Jack Benac would occur during a worship experience at 2:00 pm that afternoon.

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The chair shared announcements with the conference regarding afternoon presentations on innovative worship, nonviolence, worth of all persons and diversity, Sunday events, and information regarding donations to campgrounds. The conference adjourned at 11:47 am. A moment of blessing was offered by Dean Robinson.

Joey Kernstock, Secretary

Michigan USA Mission Center
Fall Business Conference – Live Prophetically
November 6, 2021

The Fall Conference of the Michigan USA Mission Center met both in person at Blue Water Campground and electronically via Zoom, on November 6, 2021. Mission Center President Team Member Dan Nowiski welcomed delegates and opened the conference at 8:47 a.m. Joey Kernstock was introduced as conference secretary and Linda Stanbridge as the technical assistance contact person. Thanks were given to volunteers helping with conference youth activities.

Erica Nye was recognized to provide the credentials committee report. Erica moved that the roll of delegates submitted be the official roll of the voting members of the conference. The credentials committee report was adopted entitling 125 delegates to vote on all matters before the conference.

Rules proposed by the Mission Center President Team were presented for adoption as the standing rules of the conference. The standing rules were approved. The chair declared the 2021 Michigan USA Mission Center Conference officially organized for conducting business.

The chair made comments on procedure to be followed for the conference. The chair indicated that the minutes from the fall 2020 mission center conference have been approved by the review committee. Delegates were asked to submit any corrections to the secretary.

Without objection the chair appointed Dena DeVormer, Sandi Ecker, and Dave Caceres to serve on a minutes review committee to review and approve the minutes of this conference. There were no objections.

The chair explained that final nominations to elected board positions would be received so that an online ballot could be prepared and distributed in advance of a recess planned for later in the meeting to cast ballots. There were 209 delegates logged in to the conference and 26 delegates in person at this time.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Blue Water Campground Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three-year terms on the board. Janet Hoyt, Dick Pennington, and Tim Ross had expressed their desire to be nominated. Erin Cavanaugh was also nominated and nominations were closed. These four people were elected to the board.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Park of the Pines Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three-year terms on the board. Lee Ecker, Roger Elkins, Deb Koenig, Robert Pagels, Carla Parkes, and Ruth White had expressed their desire to be nominated. Lee Ecker withdrew his name and nominations were closed. The remaining five people were elected to the board.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Sanford Campground Board of Directors. John Congleton, Tammy Cook, Julie Frasure, Richard Hamilton, Sherry Jagger, Dale Leyder, Sue Leyder, Mary Jane Miller, Randy Rausch, Audra Swarthout, Dana Thering, Courtney Valentin, Angie Varney, and Megan Welke had expressed their desire to be nominated. There were no additional nominations and nominations were declared closed.

The chair announced that an online ballot would be prepared and sent by email to all delegates (in person and online) attendance for voting on Sanford Campground Board of Directors during the meeting and instructions would be provided later prior to a recess to allow time for casting ballots.

Mission center staff members led a period of worship focused on Doctrine & Covenants 162:8 and the conference theme "Live Prophetically". World Church leaders Lachlan Mackay, Apostle; and Dena DeVormer, Field Support Minister; were introduced and shared greetings and information with the conference.

The chair indicated that written reports of officers, boards, teams, and committees could be found in the printed materials. The chair asked delegates to take time to read the reports submitted in the printed materials and share the information with their congregations.

The Mission Center President Team shared a report of highlights and updates from the past year and outlined events planned for the year ahead.

Jessica Montague, Mission Center Financial Officer, shared highlights of her report. Jessica recommended the adoption of the 2020 auditor's report. The chair referred the conference to the printed 2020 auditor's report. A second was received to adopt the 2020 auditor's report for the Michigan Mission Center. The motion carried, and the auditor's report was adopted.

Jessica Montague recommended adoption of the proposed 2022 Mission Center Operating Budget. A second was received. The motion carried, and the budget was adopted.

Kelly Christian, Board President, referred the conference to the Blue Water Campground Board report. Carla Parkes, Board President, referred the conference to the Park of the Pines Board report. Julie Frasure, Board President, shared highlights of the Sanford Campground Board report.

The chair directed delegates to the written reports of the Campground Sales Team, Disciple Development Fund Committee, Earth Stewardship Team, and Erica Nye shared comments on the Diversity & Inclusion Team.

The chair provided instructions for completing the online ballot for electing board members. The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. to allow delegates to cast ballots.

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Dan Nowiski.

Dan Nowiski relinquished the chair to Lachlan Mackay, Apostle for the Northeast USA Mission Field, for the sustaining of mission center officers. The First Presidency recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Dan Nowiski as Mission Center President and Financial Officer. The appointment of Dan Nowiski as Mission Center President and Financial Officer was sustained.

The Field Apostle and President of Seventy John Wight recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Linda Stanbridge as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister. The appointment of Linda Stanbridge as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister was approved.

The chair indicated that Community of Christ bylaws call for "each mission center to establish a mission center council, a standing body whose primary purpose is to advise mission center officers and staff on matters affecting the core functions of the mission center." The chair indicated that a list of persons who have agreed to serve on the Mission Center Council for 2022 could be found in the meeting documents. The Mission Center President Team recommended sustaining the individuals listed and added to serve on the mission center council for 2022. Those persons listed and added as Mission Center Council Members for 2022 were sustained.

The chair referred the conference to the printed statements of the candidate being called to a world church minister priesthood office. The chair recognized Apostle Lachlan Mackay to speak to the call.

Talitha Pennington (Grand Valley) moved to approve the call of David Cushway to the office of high priest. David spoke in response to the call. The call of David Cushway to the office of high priest was approved. The chair announced that ordination would be planned for a future date.

Resolution 1 – Proposal to the World Conference by Bylaw Amendment to Authorize Conducting Conferences by Electronic Means was submitted to the conference by the mission center officers as follows.

Resolved, That the Michigan Mission Center submit the following resolution for consideration at the next World Conference:

Resolution to Amend the Bylaws to Authorize Conducting Conferences by Electronic Means

Whereas, Community of Christ Bylaws Article VIII – Parliamentary Authority states “the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern all conferences of the church in all cases where they are not in conflict with these rules of order or any special rules of order adopted by the appropriate conference;”

Whereas, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 12th Edition states, “Except as authorized *in the bylaws*, the business of an organization or board can be validly transacted only at a regular or properly called *meeting* – that is, as defined in 8:2(1), a single official gathering in one room or area – of the assembly of its members at which a quorum is present;” [RONR (12th ed.) 9:30]

Whereas, The First Presidency provided guidance on July 15, 2020 during the COVID-19 global pandemic for conducting online mission center and congregational conferences referencing bylaw provisions that allow apostles and mission center presidents to recommend procedures for conducting church business in emergency situations;

Whereas, Authorizing electronic meetings for all conferences would provide options for conducting church business in ways that could increase participation, decrease costs, limit negative impacts on the environment, and provide other benefits; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Community of Christ Bylaws be amended by adding the sentence “Conferences may be conducted with some or all members communicating through electronic means.” To Article IV – Conferences, Section 1. Conferences.

Proviso: To avoid duplication of efforts, printing of additional materials, and confusion for World Conference delegates, the mission center president is empowered to withdraw submission of this resolution for the next world conference if a proposal for Community of Christ bylaw amendment similar to this resolution to allow for electronic participation in church conferences is submitted by the First Presidency or other World Church team or quorum.

Resolution 1 was passed. The resolution will be submitted to the World Church Secretary.

Resolution 2 – Amend Policy on Delegate and Ex-Officio Representation at Mission Center Conferences was submitted by the Mission Center Officers as follows:

Whereas, The current delegate policy for mission center conferences creates a delegate body greater than the seating capacity for any facilities owned by Community of Christ in Michigan;

Whereas, Electronic conferences are currently authorized by church leaders as an emergency need due to pandemic conditions but Community of Christ Bylaws do not allow for electronic conferences;

Whereas, The auditorium at Blue Water Campground has a capacity of 299 people and the campground now has fiber optic internet service; and

Whereas, hosting the mission center conference at a church facility would reduce expenses for conferences and direct usage fees to church facilities; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the policy on "Delegate and Ex-officio Representation at Mission Center Conferences" adopted in 2010 and amended in 2012 and 2018 be further amended as follows:

Strike item "e" under the Ex-officio heading, and

Strike "50" and insert "100" in the paragraph on delegates

David Premoe made a motion to refer Resolution 2 to the Mission Center Presidency. John Congleton moved the previous question on the motion to refer. A second was received and the previous question was ordered. The motion to refer failed.

Debate resumed on the motion to adopt Resolution 2. Ed Clapham moved the previous question on the motion. A second was received and the previous question was ordered. The vote was taken on the motion to adopt Resolution 2. The motion failed.

The chair announced the results of the Sanford Campground Board election. Those elected to a three-year term on the Sanford Campground Board were Richard Hamilton, Dale Leyder, Sue Leyder, Mary Jane Miller, and Dana Thering.

The chair shared announcements with the conference. The conference adjourned at 12:34 p.m. A moment of blessing was offered by Don Harvey.

Joey Kernstock, Secretary

Approved by minutes review committee (Dena DeVormer, Sandi Ecker, and David Caceres) by email on January 7, 2022.

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The Fall Conference of the Michigan USA Mission Center met both in person at Blue Water Campground and electronically via Zoom, on November 5, 2022. Mission Center President Dan Nowiski welcomed delegates and opened the conference at 8:34 a.m. Joey Kernstock was introduced as the conference secretary and Linda Stanbridge as the technical assistance contact person. Thanks were given to volunteers helping with conference youth activities, registration, and technology.

Lisa Meyer was recognized to provide the credentials committee report with assistance from Jessica Montague. There were 80 delegates in person and 160 delegates online that were submitted as the official roll of the voting members of the conference. The credentials committee report was adopted, entitling 240 delegates to vote on all matters before the conference.

Rules proposed by the Mission Center President and counselors were presented for adoption as the standing rules of the conference. The standing rules were approved. The chair declared the 2022 Michigan USA Mission Center Conference officially organized for conducting business.

The chair made comments on procedure to be followed for the conference. The chair indicated that the minutes from the fall 2021 mission center conference have been approved by the review committee. Delegates were asked to submit any corrections to the secretary.

The chair explained that final nominations to elected board positions and 2023 World Conference Delegates would be received so that an online ballot could be prepared and distributed for voting to take place during the meeting.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Blue Water Campground Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three-year terms on the board. A moment of silence was recognized for Jim Danielson, who passed away earlier in the week after previously submitting a nomination. Richard Allen, Darlene Pauly, and Trevor Varner had expressed their desire to be nominated prior to the conference. Laurie Decker and Marcia Dugas were also nominated and nominations were closed.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Park of the Pines Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three-year terms on the board. Jamie Lis and Dusty Seifert had expressed their desire to be nominated prior to the conference. Devora Davis and Dennis Ormsbee were also nominated and nominations were closed.

The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three-year terms on the Sanford Campground Board of Directors. Wayne Addis, Amber Billman, John Congleton, Ben Crowley, Tammy Morford, William Persall, Courtney Valentine, Lisa Valentine, and Angie Varney had expressed their desire to be nominated prior to the conference. Gary Gordier was also nominated and nominations were closed.

The chair informed the conference that the Michigan Mission Center has been allocated 175 seats for the 2023 World Conference. A list of seventy five individuals who expressed their desire to be nominated prior to the conference was referenced in the conference documents. An additional 21 nominations were received at the conference for Donna Ritche, Rebekah Henze, Adam Bouverette, Elizabeth Bouverette, Melinda Johnson, Wanda Bouverette, Terri Johnson, Kathy Gaddy, Laura Tew, David Premoe, Debbie Premoe, Matthew Filer, Kevin Geer, Craig Vanderkarr, Dianna Vanderkarr, Shirley

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Schaschl, Michael Mead, Dennis Christopher, Steve Bouverette, Heidi Rabidue, and Charles Anderson and nominations were closed.

Since there were five nominees for the Blue Water Board and the positions are elected by plurality vote a motion was approved to elect all nominees for the Blue Water Board. Since there were fewer than five nominees for the Park of the Pines Board and the positions are elected by plurality vote a motion was approved to elect all nominees for the Park of the Pines Board. Since there were fewer than 175 nominees for the 2023 World Conference election and the positions are elected by plurality vote a motion was approved to elect all nominees to serve as delegates for the 2023 World Conference.

The chair announced that an online ballot for the Sanford Campground Board election would be prepared and sent by email to all delegates in attendance. Polls opened at the time ballots were received.

Northeast USA Field Leaders, Apostle Lachlan Mackay and Field Support Minister Dena DeVormer were introduced and shared greetings and information with the conference.

The chair indicated that written reports of officers, boards, teams, and committees could be found in the printed materials. The chair asked delegates to take time to read the reports submitted in the printed materials and share the information with their congregations.

The chair shared highlights of the mission center president report and recommended adoption of Resolution 1 – Mission Center Diversity Team.

Whereas, Community of Christ upholds enduring principles including Worth of All Persons, All are Called, Pursuit of Peace (Shalom), Unity in Diversity, and Blessing of Community; and

Whereas, It is stated in Community of Christ Doctrine & Covenants section 162:4b, “It is for divine purpose that you have been given the struggles as well as the joys of diversity,” and

Whereas, World Conference Resolution 1226 adopted an “Affirmation of Human Diversity” statement including the acknowledgement that “we accept the responsibility to resist fear and hate in all forms and to strive continuously to eliminate expressions of prejudice and discrimination,” and

Whereas, The Community of Christ World Church Diversity and Inclusion Team offers direction and resources to support the church on its journey to becoming more inclusive and just, including a guide for creating and operating a local diversity team in a mission center or congregation; and

Whereas, The Mission Center President in recent years has organized and supported the work of a team called Naming, Claiming and Acting the Change with a declaration to help the church name exclusion and oppression where it is present, claim and repent of our own roles in perpetuating and ending it, and promote action for reconciliation and peace building; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a Michigan Mission Center Diversity Team be appointed annually by the mission center president for the purpose of gathering resources, collecting data, sharing recommendations, advising mission center staff and ministry leaders, providing educational materials, and pursuing projects that support and encourage efforts to enhance and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in mission center ministries and congregations.

Resolution 1 was seconded, discussed, voted on, and adopted.

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The chair shared highlights of the mission center financial officer report and recommended the adoption of the 2021 financial statement and procedures inspection report. The chair referred the conference to the printed 2021 report. A second was received to adopt the report. The motion carried, and the 2021 financial statement and procedures inspection report was adopted.

The chair recommended adoption of the proposed 2023 Mission Center Operating Budget. A second was received. Dick Pennington moved to amend the budget by \$18,000 to increase Envelope Contributions Income (Line 2) to \$34,500 and Salaries & Benefits Expense (Line 15) to \$181,000 resulting in Total Income of \$197,000 and Total Expenses of \$197,000. The amendment was seconded, discussed, voted on, and passed. The 2023 budget was approved as amended.

Kelly Christian, Board President, shared highlights of the Blue Water Campground Board report. No one was present to share highlights of the Sanford Campground Board report. Carla Parkes, Board President, shared highlights of the Park of the Pines Board report and moved adoption of Resolution 2 – Park of the Pines Dining Hall Loan Approval.

Whereas, The dining hall at Park of the Pines is over 50 years old, requires frequent costly repairs to be operable and maintain code compliance, is not energy efficient, and has an upper floor deemed unusable by inspectors;

Whereas, It has been estimated by an architect that a new dining hall with seating capacity up to 99 with restroom facilities would cost approximately \$750,000; and

Whereas, The Park of the Pines holds over \$300,000 in building funds raised for a new dining hall and may request use of development funds from previous campground sales (over \$100,000 allocated to Park of the Pines is undesignated to date); therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Mission Center Conference grants approval for the Park of the Pines Board of Directors to borrow up to \$750,000 from the Community of Christ Houses of Worship Revolving Loan Fund (HWRF) to replace the existing dining hall with the project to include demolition of the existing dining hall, architectural drawings and permits, site development and infrastructure improvements, and construction of a new dining hall.

Discussion occurred on Resolution 2. James Baird moved the previous question to end debate. A second was received and the necessary 2/3 vote to end debate was received. The conference proceeded to the vote. Resolution 2 was adopted. (Vote count: Yes 168; No 76).

The chair directed delegates to the written reports of the Spectacular Delegation, Diversity & Inclusion Team, and Earth Stewardship Team.

Without objection, the chair appointed Dena DeVormer, Sandi Ecker, and Dave Caceres to serve on a minutes review committee to review and approve the minutes of this conference.

Dan Nowiski relinquished the chair to Lachlan Mackay, Apostle for the Northeast USA Mission Field, for sustaining of mission center officers and mission center invitation support minister. The First Presidency recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Dan Nowiski as Mission Center President, Jessica Montague as Mission Center Financial Officer, and Linda Stanbridge as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister. The appointments were sustained.

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The chair indicated that Community of Christ bylaws call for “each mission center to establish a mission center council, a standing body whose primary purpose is to advise mission center officers and staff on matters affecting the core functions of the mission center.” The chair indicated that a list of persons who have agreed to serve on the Mission Center Council for 2023 could be found in the meeting documents. The Mission Center President Team recommended sustaining the individuals listed and added to serve on the Mission Center Council for 2023. Those persons listed and added as Mission Center Council Members for 2023 were sustained.

The chair referred the conference to the printed statements of the candidates being called to world church minister priesthood offices. The chair recognized Apostle Lachlan Mackay to speak to the calls.

Sarah Allen (Capital Area) moved to approve the calls of Ruth Eaton and Karen Smith to the office of seventy. Ruth and Karen spoke in response to the calls.

Talitha Pennington (Grand Valley) moved to approve the calls of Lisa Meyer, Carla Parkes, Troy Piper, Dorothy Sommer, and Linda Stanbridge to the office of high priest. Lisa, Carla, Troy, Dorothy, and Linda spoke in response to the calls.

Carol Walden (South Bend) moved to approve the calls of Pam Luce and William Persall to the office of high priest and evangelist. Pam and William spoke in response to the calls.

All the priesthood calls were approved with one vote. The chair announced that the ordinations to seventy would take place during the Sunday morning conference worship, the ordinations to high priest including the ordination of Dave Cushway that was approved at the 2021 conference would occur at a worship scheduled following the prayer for peace at 2 p.m., and the ordinations to evangelist would take place during a worship service at the conclusion of the morning business session.

The chair then directed to the conference to Resolution 3 – Authorization to Sell the Campus Ministry Center submitted by the Coldwater Congregation.

Whereas, Other church buildings and properties have been sold to reduce expenses at this difficult time,

Whereas, Congregations are being asked to continue and/or increase their support of Journey House and the Mission Center;

Whereas, The Journey House has transitioned from being a housing situation for Community of Christ students attending MSU to a housing opportunity for non-church students and now to having no usage as a facility for housing students of any persuasion, and has been designated as a conference center location; and

Whereas, Due to its location this should be a valuable property and very salable; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Journey House building be offered for sale; and

Resolved, That the funds from such a proposed sale be used, after following all directives and procedures regarding the sale of church properties, for the use of the Mission Center in support of congregational initiatives.

Resolution 3 was discussed, voted on, and failed. (Vote Count: Yes 41; No 199)

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An updated credentials report was shared with the conference indicating 100 delegates in person and 155 online for a total of 255 delegates.

The chair then directed the conference's attention to Resolution 4 – Filling Vacant Sanford Campground Board Positions submitted by the Bay City Congregation. The chair stated that the proposed resolution conflicted with the Michigan Campground Operating Policy currently in force. This policy is implemented upon the authority of the Presiding Bishopric according to Community of Christ Bylaws. The resolution would be null and void if adopted. Thus, the resolution was an improper motion and is not in order.

The chair then directed the conference's attention to Resolution 5 – Campground Capital Expenditure Restrictions submitted by the Sanford Congregation. The chair stated that the proposed resolution conflicted with the Michigan Campground Operating Policy currently in force. This policy is implemented upon the authority of the Presiding Bishopric according to Community of Christ Bylaws. The resolution would be null and void if adopted. Thus, the resolution was an improper motion and is not in order.

The chair asked for any final questions for submitting ballots to elect Sanford Campground board members. The polls were then closed. The chair announced the results of the elections. Amber Billman, Ben Crowley, Gary Gordier, William Persall, and Angie Varney were elected to three-year terms on the Sanford Campground board of directors.

Following announcements, the conference was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Joey Kernstock
Conference Secretary

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The Fall Conference of the Michigan USA Mission Center met with a hybrid format of in-person participation at Blue Water Campground and electronic participation via Zoom, on Saturday, November 4, 2023. Dan Nowiski, mission center president, welcomed delegates and opened the conference at 8:33 a.m. Joey Kernstock was introduced as the conference secretary. Thanks were given to volunteers helping with conference childcare, registration, and technology.

Linda Stanbridge was recognized to provide the credentials committee report. Linda reported that 67 delegates were registered in-person and 159 delegates were registered online totaling 226 delegates entitled to vote. Linda moved on behalf of the committee that the roll of delegates submitted be the official roll of the voting members of the conference. Voting on the credentials report was conducted via unanimous consent. The credentials committee report was adopted entitling 226 delegates to vote on all matters before the conference.

Rules proposed by the mission center officers were presented for adoption as the standing rules of the conference. Voting on the standing rules as printed was conducted via polling. There were 198 votes in favor and 0 votes against adoption of the proposed standing rules. The standing rules were adopted.

The chair declared the 2023 Michigan USA Mission Center Conference officially organized for conducting business.

The chair made comments on procedure to be followed for the conference. The chair indicated that the minutes from the fall 2022 mission center conference had been approved by the review committee.

Without objection, the chair appointed Dena DeVormer, Sandi Ecker, and Dave Caceres to serve on a minutes review committee to approve the minutes of this conference.

The chair explained that final nominations to elected board positions would be received so that an online ballot could be prepared and distributed for voting to take place during the meeting as necessary.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Blue Water Campground Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three-year terms on the board. Kelly Christian, Russell Knight, and Jody Porter had expressed their desire to be nominated prior to the conference. Patricia Piper was also nominated and nominations were closed.

Since there were fewer than five nominees for the five positions on the Blue Water Campground Board of Directors and the positions are elected by plurality vote, the chair asked for unanimous consent to elect all nominees. Without objection, Kelly Christian, Russell Knight, Jody Porter, and Patricia Piper were elected to three-year terms beginning January 1, 2024 on the Blue Water Campground Board.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Park of the Pines Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three-year terms on the board. Ruthie Eaton, Alicia Ecker, Andrea Johnson, Holly Ormsbee, and Anita Wilson had expressed their desire to be nominated prior to the conference. No additional nominees were submitted and nominations were closed.

Since there were five nominees for the five positions on the Park of the Pines Board of Directors and the positions are elected by plurality vote, the chair asked for unanimous consent to elect all

nominees. Without objections, Ruthie Eaton, Alicia Ecker, Andrea Johnson, Holly Ormsbee, and Anita Wilson were elected to three-year terms beginning January 1, 2024 on the Park of the Pines Campground Board.

The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three-year terms on the Sanford Campground Board of Directors. Darrell Bechtel, Heidi Kleinhardt, Audra Swarthout, and Renee Congleton had expressed their desire to be nominated prior to the conference. No other nominations were received.

Since there were fewer than five nominees for the five positions on the Sanford Campground Board of Directors and the positions are elected by plurality vote, the chair asked for unanimous consent to elect all nominees. Without objection Darrell Bechtel, Heidi Kleinhardt, Audra Swarthout, and Renee Congleton were elected to three-year terms beginning January 1, 2024 on the Sanford Campground Board.

Northeast USA Field leaders Lachlan Mackay, Apostle, and Dena DeVormer, Field Support Minister, were introduced and shared greetings and information with the conference. Apostle Mackay gave an update on President Veazey being on leave until April 2024. The Council of Twelve has been tasked with determining a new leader and they will gather in December and share with Community of Christ in February 2024. The person will be sustained in the time period of May 30-June 6, 2025. Apostle Mackay also said the online Zoom scams created \$8 billion lost to fraud which was a 30% increase, so to be aware of possible scams. Dena DeVormer gave a financial update for the World Church and the Northeast Field consisting of seven mission centers. She also gave a presentation of the Bridge of Hope Goal of \$120 million for the worldwide church by January 2024. As of October 31, 2023, just under \$800,000 is needed to be donated to reach the Northeast USA Field goal. Giving Tuesday is on November 28, 2023.

Linda Stanbridge gave an update that 70 delegates were registered in-person and 180 delegates were registered online totaling 250 delegates entitled to vote.

The chair indicated that written reports of mission center officers, staff, boards, teams, and committees could be found in the printed conference materials distributed in advance of the conference. The chair asked delegates to take time to read the reports submitted in the printed materials and share the information with their congregations.

The chair shared highlights of the mission center president report and recommended adoption of Resolution 1 titled "Bridge of Hope Community Gift." A second was received to move the adoption of Resolution 1 stating:

Resolved, That the Michigan Mission Center gift \$100,000 from the Operating Investment Fund to the Bridge of Hope project; and

Resolved. That after the initial Bridge of Hope funding goal is met congregations are encouraged to make gifts from reserves, surplus income, bequests, property sale net proceeds, special offerings, or other income sources when possible to replenish and grow the Michigan Mission Center Operating Investment Fund to provide principal that can generate earnings to support the annual operating budget into the future.

Kelly Christian made a motion to amend the first resolved to change the Michigan Mission Center gift to \$70,000 to Bridge of Hope, \$10,000 to Blue Water Campground, \$10,000 to Park of the Pines Campground, and \$10,000 to Sanford Campground. There was a second, then discussion, then a vote. There were 82 votes in favor and 160 votes against, therefore the amendment to the motion failed to pass.

Voting on Resolution 1 was conducted and there were 158 votes in favor and 83 votes against adoption of resolution. Resolution 1 was adopted.

The chair was joined by Jessica Montague, mission center financial officer, to recognize Ellie Easley for her many years of service as mission center recorder.

The chair recognized Jessica Montague to share highlights of the mission center financial officer report. Jessica recommended the adoption of the 2022 financial statement and procedures inspection report.

The chair referred the conference to the printed 2022 report. A second was received to adopt the report. The chair asked for unanimous consent to adopt the 2022 financial statement and procedures inspection report. Without objection, the 2022 financial statement and procedures inspection report was adopted.

Jessica Montague recommended adoption of the proposed 2024 Mission Center Operating Budget. A second was received. Voting on the proposed 2024 Mission Center Operating Budget was conducted via polling. There were 226 votes in favor and 9 votes against adoption of the proposed budget. The proposed 2024 Mission Center Operating Budget was adopted.

A moment of blessing was given and the conference members sang "Take the Path of the Disciple", Hymn 558.

Without objection, the conference recessed at 10:16 a.m. for a short break. The conference was called back to order by Dan Nowiski, mission center president at 10:21 a.m.

The chair directed delegates to the written report of the Mission Center Invitation Support Minister and recognized Linda Stanbridge to comment on the report.

The chair directed delegates to the written report of the Mission Center Camping and Gathering Coordinator.

The chair directed delegates to the written reports of campground boards. Kelly Christian, Board President, shared highlights of the Blue Water Campground Board report. The chair shared highlights of the Park of the Pines report. Jack Tigner, Board Vice President, shared highlights of the Sanford Campground Board report.

The chair directed delegates to the written reports of the Naming, Claiming, and Action the Change (NCAC) and Diversity & Inclusion Team, the Spectacular Delegation, and Earth Stewardship Team. Erica Nye shared highlights of the NCAC Team, Danny LaBrecque shared highlights of the Spectacular Delegation report, and the chair shared highlights of the Earth Stewardship Team Report.

The chair brought to the conference's attention the adoption of Resolution 2 titled "Reducing Carbon Emissions with Plant-Based Menus." Being proposed by a committee with multiple conference delegates as members, Resolution 2 was stated as follows:

Resolved, That menus for Michigan Mission Center events such as camps, retreats, and other gatherings be transitioned to offer primarily plant-based options with any meat, dairy, eggs, or other animal products included to be offered sparingly and from responsibly raised, local sources; and

Resolved, That the Earth Stewardship team provide resources to help educate and encourage congregations and individuals on how to transition menus and diets to be primarily plant-based.

Kim Stanbridge moved to amend the first resolved paragraph by striking "be transitioned to offer primarily plant-based options with any meat, dairy, eggs, or other animal" and inserting "recognize our call to reduce carbon emissions and move toward healing the whole earth; when to offer primarily plant-based options can be evaluated as appropriate for each menu and to what extent, moving toward meat, dairy, eggs, or other animal products offered sparingly, and when geographically and financially feasible, from responsibly raised, local sources." The proposed amendment was seconded. Discussion followed and Cheryl Ogg moved to amend the amendment to strike the word "primarily" in the text to be inserted and a second was received.

Todd Elkins moved to refer all pending actions to the MCP to report back to the next conference. Rich Allen moved to amend the motion to refer by striking "the MCP" and inserting "a committee composed of the Earth Stewardship Team, Camping Coordinator, and Camp Directors." Patricia Clapham moved to end debate on the amendment to the amendment. There was 2/3 in favor and debate was closed. The vote on the amendment to refer was taken and the votes were 173 in the affirmative and 64 against. The amendment to the motion to refer was adopted. Dwight Easley moved to end debate on all pending questions. Without objection, previous question was ordered on all pending questions. The vote on the motion to refer as amended was taken and there were 185 votes in the affirmative and 50 against. The motion to refer was adopted. The pending resolution, primary amendment, and secondary amendment will be studied by the conference appointed committee to report back at the next fall conference.

Dan Nowiski relinquished the chair to Lachlan Mackay, Apostle for the Northeast USA Mission Field, for the sustaining of mission center officers and mission center invitation support minister. The First Presidency recommended that the conference sustain the appointment of Dan Nowiski as Mission Center President, and Jessica Montague as Mission Center Financial Officer. The field apostle recommended that the conference sustain Linda Stanbridge as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister. A motion was stated to sustain all three leaders as recommended. Voting to sustain the appointments was conducted and passed by a majority vote. Apostle Lachlan Mackay returned the chair to Dan Nowiski.

The chair indicated that Community of Christ bylaws call for "each mission center to establish a mission center council, a standing body whose primary purpose is to advise mission center officers and staff on matters affecting the core functions of the mission center." The chair indicated that a list of persons who have agreed to serve as mission center leaders and council members for 2024 could be found in the meeting documents. The chair recommended sustaining the individuals listed and added to serve on the mission center council for 2024 and asked for unanimous consent. Without objection, all those recommended were sustained.

Lee Ecker moved adoption of Resolution 3 titled "Rescind Mission Center Conference Delegate Policies" as proposed by the Boyne City congregation. A second was received to move the adoption of Resolution 3 stating:

Resolved, That the Mission Center rescind the Mission Center organization rules requiring a delegate conference and open all conferences to all members of the Michigan Mission Center.

Voting on Resolution 3 was conducted via polling. There were 67 votes in favor and 169 votes against adoption of resolution. Resolution 3 failed.

Jack Tigner moved adoption of Resolution 4 titled "Move Mission Center Conference" as proposed by the Coleman congregation. A second was received to move adoption of Resolution 4 stating:

Resolved, That the Michigan Mission Center consider moving the annual conference to a larger facility that is centrally located in the state, and which is able to accommodate a body of members and friends that would be consistent from previous years when the conferences were centrally located.

The resolution was discussed. Kevin White moved to end debate. Without objection, debate was closed. Voting on Resolution 4 was conducted via polling. There were 154 votes in favor and 80 votes against adoption of resolution. Resolution 4 was adopted.

A moment of blessing was offered by Don Harvey.

The chair shared announcements with the conference. Delegates were reminded to turn in their nametags and voting devices. The conference adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Joey Kernstock, Secretary

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The Fall Conference of the Michigan USA Mission Center met with a hybrid format of in-person participation at Saginaw Valley State University and electronic participation via Zoom, on Saturday, November 2, 2024. Dan Nowiski, mission center president, welcomed delegates and opened the conference at 9 a.m. Natalie Harper was introduced as the conference secretary. Thanks were given to volunteers helping with youth activities, registration, and technology.

Abby Nowiski was recognized to provide the credentials committee report. Abby reported that 203 delegates were registered in-person and 61 delegates were registered online totaling 264 delegates entitled to vote. Abby moved on behalf of the committee that the roll of delegates submitted be the official roll of the voting members of the conference. Voting on the credentials report was conducted via polling. There were 244 votes in favor and 2 votes against. The credentials committee report was adopted entitling 264 delegates to vote on all matters before the conference.

Rules proposed by the mission center officers were presented for adoption as the standing rules of the conference. Voting on the standing rules as printed was conducted via polling. There were 232 votes in favor and 2 votes against adoption of the proposed standing rules. The standing rules were adopted.

The chair declared the 2024 Michigan USA Mission Center Conference officially organized for conducting business.

The chair made comments on procedure to be followed for the conference. The chair indicated that the minutes from the fall 2023 mission center conference had been approved by the review committee. Without objection, the chair appointed Terry Brown, Roger Elkins, and Patti Zehr to serve on a minutes review committee to approve the minutes of this conference.

The chair explained that final nominations to elected positions would be received so that an online ballot could be prepared and distributed for voting to take place during the meeting if necessary.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Blue Water Campground Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three-year terms on the board. Mary Ann Knight and Chloe Freeland had expressed their desire to be nominated prior to the conference. Pamela Knight-Stouffer and Tracy Teal were also nominated and nominations were closed.

Since there were fewer than five nominees for the five positions on the Blue Water Campground Board of Directors and the positions are elected by plurality vote, the chair asked for unanimous consent to elect all nominees. Without objection, Mary Ann Knight, Chloe Freeland, Pamela Knight-Stouffer, and Tracy Teal were elected to three-year terms beginning January 1, 2025 on the Blue Water Campground Board.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Park of the Pines Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three-year terms on the board. Deb Buehner, Grace King, Deb Koenig, Stephanie Marsh, and Carla Parkes had expressed their desire to be nominated prior to the conference. Todd Elkins, Kimberly King, and Ella Mead were also nominated and nominations were closed.

Since there were more than five nominees for the five positions on the Park of the Pines Board of Directors preparations were made for voting by ballot.

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The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three-year terms on the Sanford Campground Board of Directors. Wayne Addis and Richard Hamilton had expressed their desire to be nominated prior to the conference. Dave Higgins was also nominated and nominations were closed.

Since there were fewer than five nominees for the five positions on Sanford Campground Board of Directors and the positions are elected by plurality vote, the chair asked for unanimous consent to elect all nominees for the Sanford Campground board. Without objections, Wayne Addis, Richard Hamilton, and Dave Higgins were elected to three-year terms beginning January 1, 2025 on the Sanford Campground Board.

The chair informed the conference that the Michigan Mission Center had been allocated one hundred seventy-two delegate seats for the 2025 World Conference. Fifty-nine individuals had expressed their desire in advance to be nominated and were listed in the conference materials. Gene Beach, Ken Binkley, Tammi Binkley, Ben Crowley, Mark Dalton, Robert Dickie Sr., Takesha Gordon, Linda Goulder, Donald Harvey, Rebekah Henze, Gregory Kroeze, Debra Kroeze, Jeanette McCaulsin, L. Clinton Moore, Antwyla Randell, Brooke Turner, Samuel Bellinger, David Caceres, Mary Beth Schearer, Loretha Smith, Dorothy Sommer, Joey Kernstock, Tim Decker, Kathy Gaddy, Marcia Haney, Ann Harvey, and Lynn Field also submitted nominations in advance. Renee Congleton, Julie Reinke, Sherry Jagger, Kevin White, Leo Maneke, Amy Fullerton, Pam Knight-Stouffer, Diane Scharnowske, Patricia A. Piper, Alexis Safadi, Bonnie Teeple, Richard Wiley, Linda Smith, Linda Wiley, Gavin Martin, Xander Dickie, Dennis Ormsbee, Brenda Ormsbee, Lori White, Chuck Anderson were also nominated and nominations were closed.

Since there were fewer than one hundred seventy-two nominees for 2025 World Conference Delegates and the positions are elected by plurality vote, the chair asked for unanimous consent to elect all nominees. Without objections, all nominees were elected to serve as delegates to the 2025 World Conference. The chair announced that vacant delegate positions may be filled by the mission center president.

Stassi Cramm, member of the First Presidency, was introduced and shared greetings and information with the conference. President Cramm shared remarks on behalf of Apostle Lachlan Mackay reflecting on Dan Nowiski's nearly ten years of service as president of the Michigan Mission Center. President Cramm shared recommendations from the First Presidency to sustain Linda Stanbridge as mission center president and Jessica Montague as mission center financial officer for 2025.

Without object, the question was put before the conference on sustaining both Linda Stanbridge and Jessica Montague as recommended. Voting on the motion was conducted by polling. There were 244 votes in favor and 21 votes against. The appointments were sustained.

A moment of blessing was offered by musicians Bobbie Ann and Dean Robinson.

The chair indicated that written reports of mission center officers, staff, boards, teams, and committees could be found in the materials distributed in advance of the conference. The chair asked delegates to take time to read the reports and share the information with their congregations. The chair shared highlights of the mission center president report.

The chair recognized Jessica Montague to share highlights of the mission center financial officer report. Jessica recommended the adoption of the 2023 financial procedures inspection report. The chair

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referred the conference to the 2023 report. A second was received to adopt the report. Voting on the 2023 financial procedures inspection report was conducted via polling. There were 255 votes in favor and 4 votes against. The report was adopted.

Jessica Montague recommended adoption of the proposed 2025 Mission Center Operating Budget. A second was received. Voting on the proposed 2025 Mission Center Operating Budget was conducted via polling. There were 238 votes in favor and 32 votes against adoption of the proposed budget. The proposed 2025 Mission Center Operating Budget was adopted.

Without objection, the conference recessed at 10:45 am.

The conference was called to order by Dan Nowiski, mission center president, at 10:50 am.

The chair directed delegates to reports from staff. Linda Stanbridge, mission center invitation support minister and Winnie Johnston, mission center camping coordinator, were recognized for comment on their reports.

The chair directed delegates to the written reports of the Spectacular Delegation, Earth Stewardship Team, and Naming, Claiming, and Action the Change Diversity & Inclusion Team. Danny LaBrecque shared highlights of the Spectacular Delegation report, Linda Stanbridge shared highlights of the Earth Stewardship Team report, Rob Rafson from Michigan Solar Faithful have a presentation on solar energy for faith communities, Erica Nye shared highlights of the NCAC Team report, and Daniel Soza from Samaritas gave a presentation on refugee foster care.

The chair announced that the polls for the campground board elections were open. Announcements were shared about the lunch break and afternoon session. Without objection, the conference recessed at 12:00 pm.

The conference was called to order by Dan Nowiski, mission center president, at 3:02 pm.

The chair asked for any questions on voting for campground board members. The chair instructed the polls to be closed and votes tabulated.

The chair indicated that Community of Christ bylaws call for “each mission center to establish a mission center council, a standing body whose primary purpose is to advise mission center officers and staff on matters affecting the core functions of the mission center.” The chair indicated that a list of persons who have agreed to serve as mission center leaders and council members for 2025 could be found in the meeting documents. The chair recognized Linda Stanbridge for comments and additions to the listed leaders. The question was put before the conference on sustaining the individuals listed to serve on the mission center council for 2025. The chair asked for unanimous consent, and without objection all those recommended were sustained.

The chair directed delegates to the written reports of campground boards. Jody Porter, Board Vice President, shared highlights of the Blue Water Campground Board report. Carla Parkes, Board President, shared highlights of the Park of the Pines report. Bill Persall, Board President, shared highlights of the Sanford Campground Board report.

The chair shared the results of the Park of the Pines campground board elections. 159 ballots were cast from 295 eligible voting delegates. Candidates received the following totals: Carla Parkes 111 votes, Todd

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Elkins 84 votes, Stephanie Marsh 82 votes, Deb Koenig 79 votes, Grace King 77 votes, Deb Buehner 70 votes, Kimberly King 46, Ella Mead 44 votes. Carla Parkes, Todd Elkins, Stephanie Marsh, Deb Koenig, and Grace King were elected to three-year terms starting January 1, 2025 on the Park of the Pines board.

The chair directed delegates to the report of the special committee appointed by the 2023 Fall Mission Center Conference to study and report back on 2023 Resolution 2 titled “Reducing Carbon Emissions with Plant-Based Menus” and pending amendments. The committee recommended amending the resolution by substitution.

The chair stated that the motion to adopt 2023 Resolution 2 as previously introduced was on the floor and before the conference as follows:

Whereas, Community of Christ upholds the enduring principles “Sacredness of Creation” and “Responsible Choices;”

Whereas, World Conference Resolution 1325 states that Community of Christ joins others in declaring a climate emergency and encourages mission centers to take responsibility for reducing carbon emissions resulting from Church activities;

Whereas, Multiple academic studies and United Nations reports indicate that plant-based diets require far less carbon to sustain than those including animal products; and

Whereas, Many popular menu items such as pizza, pasta, nachos, sandwiches, etc. can be offered easily without meat at reduced cost and lower carbon footprint; therefore, be it

Resolved, That menus for Michigan Mission Center events such as camps, retreats, and other gatherings be transitioned to offer primarily plant-based options with any meat, dairy, eggs, or other animal products included to be offered sparingly and from responsibly raised, local sources; and

Resolved, That the Earth Stewardship team provide resources to help educate and encourage congregations and individuals on how to transition menus and diets to be primarily plant-based.

The chair informed the conference that a motion previously introduced was pending to amend the first resolved paragraph by striking “be transitioned to offer primarily plant-based options with any meat, dairy, eggs, or other animal” and inserting “recognize our call to reduce carbon emissions and move toward healing the whole earth; when to offer primarily plant-based options can be evaluated as appropriate for each menu and to what extent, moving toward meat, dairy, eggs, or other animal products offered sparingly, and when geographically and financially feasible, from responsibly raised, local sources.”

The chair stated that the immediately pending question was on amending the amendment by striking “primarily” in the text to be inserted. Voting on the amendment to the amendment was conducted via polling. Following debate, a vote on the amendment was conducted via polling. There were 135 votes in favor and 75 votes against the amendment. The amendment to the amendment was adopted removing the word primarily in the primary amendment.

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Following debate, voting on the amendment to strike and insert was conducted via polling. There were 166 votes in favor and 62 votes against the amendment. The amendment was adopted and the first resolved paragraph was amended.

The chair stated the motion to amend the 2023 Resolution 2 by substitution as recommended by the conference appointed committee as follows:

Reduce Carbon Through Food Choice and Waste Reduction at Gatherings

Whereas, Community of Christ upholds the enduring principles “Sacredness of Creation” and “Responsible Choices;”

Whereas, World Conference Resolution 1325 states that Community of Christ joins others in declaring a climate emergency and encourages mission centers to take responsibility for reducing carbon emissions resulting from Church activities;

Whereas, Multiple academic studies and United Nations reports indicate that plant-based diets require less carbon to sustain than those including animal products, with beef being the highest carbon producer;

Whereas, Experts agree that a significant proportion of greenhouse gas emissions is caused by food waste; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Earth Stewardship team provide resources to educate congregations and individuals about the carbon cost of food choices including production, transportation, packaging, and waste;

Resolved, That people planning menus for Michigan Mission Center events such as camps, retreats, and other gatherings should consider carbon output of food choices and take steps to reduce carbon;

Resolved, That camp and event directors will consult with the Earth Stewardship Team to make a specific goal and plan to reduce carbon each year.

Tim Ross moved to amend the proposed substitute by striking the word “will” in the third resolved paragraph and inserting “be encouraged to.” Following debate, voting on the amendment was conducted via polling. There were 148 votes in favor and 72 votes against the amendment. The amendment was adopted changing the third resolved paragraph in the proposed substitute to read, “That camp and event directors be encouraged to consult with the Earth Stewardship Team to make a specific goal and plan to reduce carbon each year.”

Tim Ross moved to amend the proposed substitute by striking the word “should” in the second resolved paragraph and inserting the words “be encouraged to.” Following debate, voting on the amendment was conducted via polling. There were 171 votes in favor and 43 votes against the amendment. The amendment was adopted changing the second resolved paragraph in the proposed substitute to read, “That people planning menus for the Michigan Mission Center events such as camps, retreats, and other gatherings be encouraged to consider carbon output of food choices and take steps to reduce carbon.”

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Voting on the amendment by substitution was conducted via polling. There were 207 votes in favor and 18 votes against the amendment. The amendment was adopted resulting in the proposed substitute as amended replacing the original resolution.

Voting on the motion to adopt the resolution as amended was conducted via polling. There were 171 votes in favor and 54 votes against adoption of the resolution. The resolution was adopted as follows:

Reduce Carbon Through Food Choice and Waste Reduction at Gatherings

Whereas, Community of Christ upholds the enduring principles “Sacredness of Creation” and “Responsible Choices;”

Whereas, World Conference Resolution 1325 states that Community of Christ joins others in declaring a climate emergency and encourages mission centers to take responsibility for reducing carbon emissions resulting from Church activities;

Whereas, Multiple academic studies and United Nations reports indicate that plant-based diets require less carbon to sustain than those including animal products, with beef being the highest carbon producer;

Whereas, Experts agree that a significant proportion of greenhouse gas emissions is caused by food waste; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Earth Stewardship team provide resources to educate congregations and individuals about the carbon cost of food choices including production, transportation, packaging, and waste;

Resolved, That people planning menus for Michigan Mission Center events such as camps, retreats, and other gatherings be encourage to consider carbon output of food choices and take steps to reduce carbon;

Resolved, That camp and event directors be encouraged to consult with the Earth Stewardship Team to make a specific goal and plan to reduce carbon each year.

Following announcements, the conference adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Natalie Harper
Conference Secretary

Minutes approved by committee (Terry Brown, Roger Elkins, and Patti Zehr).

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The Fall Conference of the Michigan USA Mission Center met with a hybrid format of in-person participation at Saginaw Valley State University and electronic participation via Zoom, on Saturday, November 8, 2025. Linda Stanbridge, mission center president, welcomed delegates and opened the conference at 9:40 a.m. Kimberly King was introduced as the conference secretary. Thanks were given to volunteers helping with youth activities, registration, and technology.

Dorothy Sommer was recognized to provide the credentials committee report. Dorothy reported that 171 delegates were registered in-person and 70 delegates were registered online totaling 241 delegates entitled to vote. Dorothy moved on behalf of the committee that the roll of delegates submitted be the official roll of the voting members of the conference. Voting on the credentials report was conducted via polling. There was a majority vote in favor. The credentials committee report was adopted entitling 241 delegates to vote on all matters before the conference.

Rules proposed by the mission center officers were presented for adoption as the standing rules of the conference. Voting on the standing rules as printed was conducted via polling. There were 231 votes in favor and 2 votes against adoption of the proposed standing rules. The standing rules were adopted.

The chair declared the 2025 Michigan USA Mission Center Conference officially organized for conducting business.

The chair made comments on the procedure to be followed for the conference. The chair indicated that the minutes from the fall 2024 mission center conference had been approved by the review committee. Without objection, the chair appointed Dave Caceres, Terry Brown, and Cathy Hopkins to serve on a minutes review committee to approve the minutes of this conference.

The chair explained that final nominations to elected positions would be received so that an online ballot could be prepared and distributed for voting to take place during the meeting if necessary.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Blue Water Campground Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three-year terms on the board. Darlene Pauly, Jeremy Campbell, Stephanie Hermann, and Laurie Decker had expressed their desire to be nominated prior to the conference. There were no additional nominations and nominations were closed.

Since there were fewer than five nominees for the five positions on the Blue Water Campground Board of Directors and the positions are elected by plurality vote, the chair asked for unanimous consent to elect all nominees. Without objection, Darlene Pauly, Jeremy Campbell, Stephanie Hermann, and Laurie Decker were elected to three-year terms beginning January 1, 2026 on the Blue Water Campground Board.

The chair referred the conference to the list of nominees for the Park of the Pines Board of Directors. The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three-year terms on the board. Dale Cleland, Devora Davis, Kimberly King, Jame Lis, Jeannette McCauslin, Milford Mead, Dennis Ormsbee, and Ella Wilcox had expressed their desire to be nominated prior to the conference. There were no additional nominations and nominations were closed.

The chair informed the conference that there were five positions open for election to three-year terms on the Sanford Campground Board of Directors. William Persall, Eveyln Burns, Tammy Morford, Linda

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Nowiski, and Julie Reinke had expressed their desire to be nominated prior to the conference. Michael Burdett was also nominated and nominations were closed.

The chair announced that an online ballot would be prepared and sent by email to all delegates in attendance for the Park of the Pines and Sanford board elections. Polls opened at the time ballots were received by email.

Dena DeVormer, field support minister, was introduced and shared greetings and information with the conference. Apostle Carrie Welch was introduced and shared greetings with the conference. Recommendations for world church minister priesthood calls were presented by the apostle.

Carole Walden moved to approve the calls for Dawn Bennett, Renee Congleton, and Doug Gregory to the offices of high priest and evangelist. Dawn, Renee, and Doug spoke in response to the calls. The motion was adopted and the priesthood calls were approved.

Without objection, the conference recessed at 10:58 am.

The conference was called to order by Linda Stanbridge, mission center president, at 11:18 am. The chair announced that the polls for the campground board elections were open.

The chair indicated that written reports of mission center officers, boards, teams, and committees could be found in the conference materials distributed in advance of the conference. The chair asked delegates to take time to read the reports and share the information with their congregations. The chair shared highlights of the mission center president report.

The chair recognized Jessica Montague to share highlights of the mission center financial officer report. Jessica Montague recommended adoption of the proposed 2026 Mission Center Operating Budget. Voting on the proposed 2026 Mission Center Operating Budget was conducted via polling. There were 232 votes in favor and 12 votes against adoption of the proposed budget. The proposed 2026 Mission Center Operating Budget was adopted.

Linda Stanbridge relinquished chair to Apostle Carrie Welch to preside over the sustaining of officers and leaders. Delegates were directed to the letters of recommendation from the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric for mission center president (MCP) and mission center financial officer (MCFO) appointments in 2026.

The question was put before the conference on sustaining Linda Stanbridge as MCP. Voting on the motion was conducted by polling. There was a majority vote in favor. The appointment of Linda Stanbridge to serve as MCP was sustained.

The question was put before the conference on sustaining Jessica Montague as MCFO. Voting on the motion was conducted by polling. There was a majority vote in favor. The appointment of Jessica Montague to serve as MCFO was sustained.

The chair indicated that Community of Christ bylaws call for “each mission center to establish a mission center council, a standing body whose primary purpose is to advise mission center officers and staff on matters affecting the core functions of the mission center.” The chair indicated that a list of persons who have agreed to serve as mission center leaders and council members for 2026 could be found in the meeting documents. The question was put before the conference on sustaining the individuals listed to

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serve on the mission center council for 2026. The chair asked for unanimous consent, and without objection all those recommended were sustained.

Apostle Welch relinquished the chair to Eric Richards, counselor to the mission center president, to preside during board reports. The chair directed delegates to the written reports of campground boards. Kelly Christian, Board President, shared highlights of the Blue Water Campground Board report. Jamie Lis, Board President, shared highlights of the Park of the Pines report. Bill Persall, Board President, shared highlights of the Sanford Campground Board report.

Eric Richards relinquished the chair to MCP Linda Stanbridge. Announcements were shared about the lunch break and afternoon session. Without objection, the conference recessed at 12:07 pm following a moment of blessing offered by Loretha Smith, evangelist.

The conference was called to order by Eric Richards, counselor to the mission center president, at 3:20 pm. The chair asked for any questions on voting for campground board members. The chair instructed the polls to be closed and votes tabulated.

The chair directed delegates to the written reports of mission center staff, teams and committees. Danny LaBrecque shared highlights of the Spectacular Delegation report. Allen Jones shared highlights of the Naming, Claiming and Acting the Change Team report. Winnie Johnston shared highlights of the camping coordinator report and an auction to support youth camp ministries was conducted.

Sarah Allen shared highlights of the Earth Stewardship Team Report. The committee recommended adoption of Resolution 1 - Become a One Home One Future Campaign Partner, which read “Resolved, That the Michigan Mission Center become a partner in the One Home One Future campaign.” Following discussion, voting on the adoption of Resolution 1 was conducted via polling. There were 167 votes in favor and 25 votes against adoption of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

Sarah Allen moved to adopt Resolution 2 - Provide Job Descriptions submitted by the Capital Area Congregation and the motion was seconded. The resolution read, “Resolved, That the mission center officers provide job descriptions for all positions.” Following discussion, voting on the adoption of Resolution 2 was conducted via polling. There were 171 votes in favor and 19 votes against adoption of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

The chair shared the results of the campground board elections. For the Park of the Pines board candidates received the following: Jamie Lis 98 votes, Kimberly King 92 votes, Dale Cleland 91 votes, Dennis Ormsbee 82 votes, Jeanette McCauslin 78 votes, Ella Wilcox 75 votes, Milford Mead 63 votes, and Devora Davis 55 votes. Jamie Lis, Kimberly King, Dale Cleland, Dennis Ormsbee, and Jeanette McCauslin were elected to three-year terms starting January 1, 2026 on the Park of the Pines board.

For the Sanford Campground board candidates received the following: William Persall 108 votes, Linda Nowiski 107 votes, Julie Reinke 87 votes, Tammy Morford 83 votes, Evelyn Burns 76 votes, and Michael Burdett 63 votes. William Persall, Linda Nowiski, Julie Reinke, Tammy Morford, and Evelyn Burns were elected to three-year terms starting January 1, 2026 on the Sanford Campground board.

Announcements were shared about Sunday morning presentations and worship. Following a moment of blessing offered by Renee Congleton, evangelist, the conference adjourned at 4:43 pm.

Kimberly King, Conference Secretary
Minutes Approved by Committee (Dave Caceres, Terry Brown, and Cathy Hopkins)