
GALA Michigan

GALA Michigan Affiliate will be holding a retreat for fun, study, and fellowship on the weekend of February 14-16, 2014 at Bluewater Campground in Lexington, MI. Please contact Lisa Meyer at lisameyer1975@yahoo.com or Erin Cavanaugh at ercavana@gmail.com or (810) 938-6263. All are welcome-gay and straight allies.

Please see flyer for information and registration at <http://cofchristmi.org/index.php/news/mission-center/255-gala-michigan>

Deer Camp at Park of the Pines

This is your personal invite to be part of the 6th annual "Good Old Boys Deer Camp" at the Park of The Pines, February 28 - March 2. Once again we will be having a grand time with just the guys. Remember, what happens at Deer Camp, stays at Deer Camp.

We will learn a little and play a lot. We'll have some worship and perhaps share a little on current church news. Don't forget your snow shoes and maybe we will go for tramp in the woods (weather permitting). Bring an extra pair if you got um for the less fortunate.

To register and view further information: go to www.cofchristmi.org/events or contact Gregg McDonald gsmcdonald64@gmail.com Phone 231-360-7774



MISSION CENTER ACTIVITIES

All mission center activities need to be scheduled through Bobbie Ann Robinson. You can reach her at brobinson@cofchrist.org

MISSION CENTER INFORMATION

For more detailed information regarding Mission Center news and activities, please go to the website: www.cofchristmi.org. Due to space restrictions, we cannot include all necessary information in this bulletin.

Michigan USA/Canada Mission center information

Website: www.cofchristmi.org * Toll-Free Phone: 888-853-2339

Local Phone: 517-541-2575 * Fax: 517-541-2706

Address: 223 S. Washington, Charlotte, MI 48813

Hours: Monday and Wednesday: 9-4 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9-4 p.m. via phone and email

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Go to www.cofchristmi.org. Scroll to the bottom of the page, enter your name and email address, and click "subscribe."



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of February 6, 2014

Newly added items are listed in **bold italics**. This information is emailed weekly to all pastors, congregation communication liaisons and anyone who chooses to subscribe. If you have questions, call the Mission Center office at 888-853-2339.

MICHIGAN USA/CANADA MISSION CENTER NEWS

What Does the Mission Center Do?

On occasion, someone will ask the question, "What does the Mission Center do for MY congregation?"

The staff thought it might be helpful over the next few weeks to share little tidbits that describe the purpose of a mission center and how Michigan MC works to fulfill these purposes.

The question cannot be answered simply by stating what the MC does for an individual congregation; this is an inward looking question and has to be answered by the congregation itself. The more realistic question is, "What ministries provided by the Mission Center does MY congregation take advantage of?" and the second question "How is the Mission Center helping my brother-sister congregations?"

This is a missional way of asking the question as we are counseled that "in their welfare lies our welfare"...in other words, the first question is always "how does the Mission Center or World Church provide ministries to others in addition to asking what it does for "my". Community of Christ is "community" composed of congregations working in "unity" with a common purpose. As we broaden our scope of thinking beyond "what's in it for me" to "how can we support other congregations in mission," we step closer to building the Zion of our dreams.

According to the Administrators Handbook:

"Mission centers exist to support congregations, facilitate expansion, and provide linkage between World Church ministries and congregations."

Next week we will share some of the key functions the MC is responsible for and examples of how ministries provided.

If your congregation has a "good news" story of how the Mission Center has supported your congregation, please share on Church Updates!!

Journey of A People-Spring Educational Conference

Dates: March 7-8

Place: Holland Congregation

11025 Paw Paw Dr. Holland,

Guest: Mark Scherer, Church Historian

Mark Scherer, world church historian, will be in Michigan for our Spring Educational Conference to discuss Journey of a People, his books on our early history. The conference will be at the Holland Congregation on March 7 and 8.

It would be helpful, but not required to read Vol. 1 & 2 prior to the conference. Books are available through Herald House.

See flyer and register online at www.cofchristmi.org

**Journey House Campus Minister and Resident Manager positions
Community of Christ Friends!**

The Journey House in East Lansing, Michigan is looking to hire a resident manager and campus minister. Young adults are invited to apply for one or both positions to work with college students.

We're looking for young adults who are interested in applying their skills, building relationships, forming community, and who are interested in ministry.

**Please view the full Position Posting and other information at:
www.cofchristmi.org**

Sanford Special Needs Camp

Sanford Special Needs Camp seems awhile away, but will be upon us quickly.

If you would like to make a contribution to help campers, please go to the following site:

fundly.com/sanford-lake-special-needs-camp

Child Protection Training at Brighton

date: February 9, 2014 time: 1:00 pm

Contact Kris Beckman to register at 517-882-1208 or register online at:
www.cofchristmi.org/events

Cost: Free!! But please do Kris the honor of letting her know that you will be coming so that she can have enough materials for everyone!

Journey House Valentine's Day Banquet - 6pm, February 8th, 2014
Journey House cordially invites you to join us for our 11th annual Valentines Day Banquet. The proceeds from the night will go towards Journey House's annual Spring Break Mission Trips. After many years of fundraising, this year's trip we will be going to Jamaica! Help us raise the last of the funds we will need for this trip while enjoying an evening of good food and great company!

Capital Community of Christ
1514 W Miller Rd
Lansing, MI 48910

Please see flyer at www.cofchristmi.org and RSVP by February 1st to Ben Crowley: bencrowley@rocketmail.com or 517-206-0206

Priesthood Meetings-Interim Policies

All Priesthood are invited to attend one of the meetings scheduled in February and March to learn about the interim policies on ordination and marriage.

Meetings are arranged in each Congregation Support Group area, but please plan to attend any session that works for you.

February 10 Lapeer * February 11 Riverview * February 13 Union Ave
February 16 Cheboygan * February 22 Kalamazoo February 25 Midland March 1
Detroit Hope * March 12 Caro * March 16 * March 17 Capital

Interim policies are expected to be released by the end of January and become effective March 31st. Please plan to attend and learn what the policies are and how they are to be implemented.

Please see the event section of www.cofchristmi.org/events to sign up for a meeting near you.

SALT 6

The Mission Center is accepting applications for the 6th cohort of Studies in Advanced Leadership Training that will begin in September. We have enlisted many teachers with expertise in Scripture Study, Theology, and Public Ministry who have agreed to lead weekends during this cohort. Anyone 18 years or older who is not engaged in full time school classes is invited to participate in this 3 year, 3 week-ends per year course of study. Please consider enrolling, having someone from your leadership team enrolling, or inviting someone with leadership potential to join the group. This is an inexpensive way for our members to continue developing their knowledge and skills. Books are provided. Costs are limited to food and housing for each weekend.

Brochures and other information can be found at: <http://cofchristmi.org/index.php/news/222-salt-6>

Temple School AM 200

AM 200 Aaronic Ministers: Ministry of Presence will be offered at 4621 Bauer Rd, Brighton, MI 48116 (Brighton Congregation) beginning March 6 6pm-9:20pm. Rick MacGregor will be the facilitator.

Please register on the at: www.cofchristmi.org/events

Temple School PA140

Temple School PA140 The Elder: Servant of God's People will be offered at 2081 East Deckerville Road, Caro, MI 48723 (Caro Congregation) beginning March 14, 7-9pm and March 15,. 9am-6pm.

Please register at www.cofchristmi.org/events

Priesthood Orientation Workshop

The first of three Priesthood Orientation Workshops is scheduled at Saginaw Community of Christ on March 29 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

All new ordinands (and current priesthood) are encouraged to attend as part of priesthood preparation.

Get a handle on practical information, policies, procedures, risk and legal information, etc. that will help you be a more informed and functional priesthood member!

Register on line at www.cofchristmi.org

LCM Michigan Teams Meet-March 15

Congregations participating in Leading Congregations in Mission will meet on March 15th at Mt. Pleasant Congregation from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Teams are encouraged to share what they are learning and experiencing as they put LCM information into practice!

PS--Remember the monkey??