

May/June:

SS320 Survey of the New Testament \* Where: Riverview Congregation - 14601 Pennsylvania Avenue, Riverview, MI 48193 \* When: May 17, 31, and June 7 from 2 to 5:30 pm. Facilitator: Ruth Goldstrom Anger; Register on line to receive books and instructions prior to the first session.

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#### 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>



#### MISSION CENTER ACTIVITIES

To schedule a mission center activity, contact Bobbie Ann Robinson at [brobinson@cofchrist.org](mailto:brobinson@cofchrist.org).

#### MISSION CENTER INFORMATION

For more detailed information regarding Mission Center news and activities, please go to the website: [www.cofchristmi.org](http://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](http://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

#### TO SUBSCRIBE TO THESE MISSION CENTER WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES:

Go to [www.cofchristmi.org](http://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 March 13, 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

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##### ***What the Mission Center Does for You - Part 6***

***Mission centers are charged to provide financial resource development and support to congregations.***

***Each congregation has a Financial Officer (CFO) who has significant responsibilities within the congregation regarding much more than just money management. The Mission Center provides training, support and oversight for the individuals that serve in these vital ministry roles for their congregations. The Mission Center also supports congregation's leaders as they work through requirements for building projects, obtaining loans for necessary repairs, insurance claims, oblation assistance, and congregational budget development.***

***The Mission Center's operating budget is approved annually at a Mission Center Conference. Staff input regarding ministry and programming desires for the coming year is gathered and then shared with the Mission Center Finance Committee which consists of eight members from various congregations across the Mission Center. The Finance Committee prepares preliminary sample budgets for congregations and individuals to consider when deciding their generous response through congregational support. The preliminary sample budgets are shared at several gatherings across the Mission Center to gather input from the membership at large. Congregational responses regarding financial support for the coming year is collected and a revised final budget is then prepared by the Finance Committee for consideration at the Mission Center Conference. The generosity-based budgeting approach that allows congregations to choose their level of financial support for the ministries of the Mission Center has worked well thanks to the generosity of congregations and individuals through offering envelope contributions.***

***Another source of income for the Mission Center's annual operating budget comes from investment support. Thanks to the wise planning of the former jurisdictions that now make up the Michigan Mission Center, the Mission Center has reserve funds available that provide investment income that The***

**Mission Center Council, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, approved the Fiscal & Investment Policy that guides the decisions regarding the use of those reserve funds for supporting ministries. The Mission Center also holds many Restricted/Designated Funds for purposes such as camps, reunions, youth activities, etc. due to the generosity of many throughout the years. One such example is the Youth Camp Scholarship Fund that provided scholarships to 79 youth last summer who may not have been able to attend otherwise helps support ministries in the budget.**

**The Finance Committee welcomes suggestions for new and continued ministries that the membership feels will help us do together "what matters most for the journey ahead" which is MISSION of course!**

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#### **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.**

**March 15 Gulliver \* March 12 Marion\* 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 register in the Event Section of [www.cofchristmi.org](http://www.cofchristmi.org) for a meeting near you.**

**\*\*\*The CSG1 Upper Peninsula Priesthood meeting in Gulliver that was postponed has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 15 at 1 P.M. \*\*\***

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#### **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!**

**Please take one minute to RSVP for the one-day LCM gathering we will be having at the Mt. Pleasant congregation on Saturday, March 15 from 10:00 AM to 4:00PM.**

**Go to this link to provide your response: [docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform)  
An outline of activities for the day is attached. If you have any questions, please let me know.**

**Peace, Dan Nowiski**

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#### **Ministry to Mormons**

**Many Latter Day Saints who are unhappy with the direction of the Mormon church are looking to Community of Christ to become a spiritual home. Their language and their beliefs often make it difficult for us to adequately answer their questions about us.**

**On April 5, Lacklan Mackay, Director of Historic Sites, will be conducting a seminar on how to relate to these Latter Day Seekers who have been approaching Community of Christ congregations and activities in our Mission Center. Lachlan interfaces with thousands of Mormons each year at Nauvoo and has authored much of the material available on the subject.**

**Join Lach at Lapeer (2262 Oregon Road, Lapeer, MI 48446) from 9 to 4 on**

**April 5. Please register online under events at: [cofchristmi.org](http://cofchristmi.org).**

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#### **Online Resources**

**There are a "ton" of online resources available at [www.cofchrist.org](http://www.cofchrist.org). The newest is a PDF file of the 2004 Priesthood manual.**

**Download it here:**

**[www.cofchrist.org/OnlineResources/PriesthoodManual2004.pdf](http://www.cofchrist.org/OnlineResources/PriesthoodManual2004.pdf)**

**Check out all the other wonderful resources while you are there!**

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#### **2014 Camp Information**

**Camp Dates—Camp dates are on the Mission Center Calendar at [www.cofchristmi.org](http://www.cofchristmi.org). They can also be found here: [www.mycofchristmi.org/index.php/8-latest/25-camp-dates-2014](http://www.mycofchristmi.org/index.php/8-latest/25-camp-dates-2014)**

**Bring a Friend to Camp—There are grants available to help pay for the fee of a first time camper who is brought as a friend.**

**Please visit: [www.mycofchristmi.org](http://www.mycofchristmi.org) and LOOK under FORMS.**

**Contact Dan Nowiski for more info on these grants at [dnowiski@cofchrist.org](mailto:dnowiski@cofchrist.org)**

**2014 Camp Scholarship Form—Please go to the link below to get information on the 2014 Camp Scholarship form. The Deadline is May 15, 2014:**

**[cofchristmi.org/index.php/tools-for-ministry/youth-ministries/296-2014-camp-scholarship-form](http://cofchristmi.org/index.php/tools-for-ministry/youth-ministries/296-2014-camp-scholarship-form)**

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#### **Missionary Moments**

**Please find the latest copies of Missionary Moments in the links below.**

**If you have an idea for a story or questions about materials in previous issues, please contact Dan Nowiski – [dnowiski@cofchrist.org](mailto:dnowiski@cofchrist.org).**

**January, 2014:**

**<http://cofchristmi.org/images/Forms/Missionary/012014MissionaryNewsletter.pdf>**

**February, 2014 :**

**<http://cofchristmi.org/images/Forms/Missionary/022014MissionaryNewsletter.pdf>**

**Find previous copies of Missionary Moments at:**

**[www.cofchristmi.org/index.php/tools-for-ministry/missionary-outreach](http://www.cofchristmi.org/index.php/tools-for-ministry/missionary-outreach)**

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**Temple School Classes Available—Please register at [www.cofchristmi.org](http://www.cofchristmi.org):**

**March:**

**PA140 The Elder: Servant of God's People \* Where: Caro Congregation - 2081 East Deckerville Road, Caro, MI 48723 \* When: March 14, 7-9 pm and March 15, 9am-6pm. Facilitator: Eric Wells**

**AM 200 Aaronic Ministers: Ministry of Presence \* Where: Brighton Congregation - 4621 Bauer Rd, Brighton, MI \* When: March 6, 13, & 20, 6-9:20 pm  
Facilitator: Rick MacGregor**

**AM 200 Aaronic Ministers: Ministry of Presence \* Where: Grand Valley Congregation - 4790 Jacob St SW, Grandville, MI \* When: March 9, 16, & 23, 30 3:30 - 6 pm.  
Facilitator: Linda Johnson**

**April:**

**SS101 Introduction to Understanding Scripture \* Where: Capital Area Congregation - 1514 W. Miller Road, Lansing, MI 48910 \* When: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 6 to 8:30 pm. Facilitator: Bobbie Ann Robinson; A book will be sent to you for preparation upon registration.**