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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of January 9–15, 2011

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

### MISSION CENTER NEWS

#### PRIESTHOOD CALLS

*We are happy to announce calls to the office of High Priest and Evangelist. Gayla McElderly from the Richmond congregation and Jean Sweet from the Marion Congregation have accepted calls to Evangelist. Carl Nichols from Bristolwood has accepted a call to High Priest.*

*As provided for in church by-laws, if a "mission center conference is not feasible, the mission center council may assume the necessary legislative functions of a mission center conference." Since our next legislative conference is in November, the mission center council will consider and support these calls. Thank you to each of these candidates for accepting the challenges of a World Church Minister and for their dedication to Christ and the people of the church. Comments or testimonies on any of these calls is welcome and should be sent to [dcrowley@cofchrist.org](mailto:dcrowley@cofchrist.org) to be shared at the January 16th Mission Center Council meeting.*

#### WORKSHOP ON HUMAN SEXUALITY

*The workshops for Preparation for 2012 are beginning shortly. In order for the church to go forward with decisions on policy regarding relationships, priesthood and marriage it is essential that we become informed of the "backstory" in regards to these issues. Dave Premoe will lead workshops to prepare us for the USA Conference of 2012 where we will work on consensus regarding these relationship issues. This process is different than anything we have experienced as a church and will require an informed conference body. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for one of these workshops and to follow closely as our leadership rolls out information on the consensus building process that will be used at this conference.*

### **Workshop dates are as follows:**

Jan 15	Charlotte
Feb 19	Bristolwood
Apr 2	West Branch
Apr 9	Gaylord

Registration is available on the website: [cofchristmi.org](http://cofchristmi.org), or by calling the office at 888-853-2339.

### **2011 SANFORD REUNION**

*I am once again searching for creative individuals who are interested in being a part of the Sanford Reunion 2011 Planning Team. One must possess:*

- *A desire for engaging in ideas and planning for Reunion that would benefit different age groups: older adults, middle adults, young adults, Sr. High, Jr. High, and youth*
- *The ability to plan intergenerational activities*
- *A mind open to change and new possibilities*
- *Ability to share any likes or dislikes from previous Reunions*
- *A positive mind and overall desire for a Spirit-filled Reunion*

*Being a part of the Planning Team does not mean that you are committing to spending the week at Reunion (I know of several creative individuals who would offer great insight, but due to work unable to spend the week with us), but it does mean being committed to prayer. As a part of the planning team we will meet together to form a brilliant Reunion! If you are interested, please let me know soon. The date for Sanford Reunion 2011 is July 16-22.*

Noelle Morlock, Sanford Reunion Director, [nom.communications@yahoo.com](mailto:nom.communications@yahoo.com)

### **OUTREACH NEWS:**

*"Stewardship is the response of my people to the ministry of my Son and is required alike of all those who seek to build the kingdom."*

*If you are looking for a community outreach idea that helps people gain information and resources toward financial accountability, and invites the community into your building and fellowship, I highly recommend Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU). "FPU is a tool that supports churches by equipping them with a biblically based accountability class that will train their congregation and community to manage their resources. The class is taught by Dave Ramsey via DVD, followed by a small-group discussion."*

*Fall 2010, two Community of Christ congregations, Northview (facilitated by Diane McNeil & Tiffany Jackson) and Kalamazoo (facilitated by Keith Chappelow) hosted the FPU seminar. Over 50 participants, several of whom were folks from the respective communities, took this 13-week class. Class members agreed the benefits of FPU far outweighed the time and monetary investment. Many testimonies have been shared of lives changed as a result of this learning opportunity. For more information, contact Diane McNeil, email: [dmcneil@cofchrist.org](mailto:dmcneil@cofchrist.org) or phone: 517.290.1646. Or visit the Dave Ramsey website, [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com).*

### **OUTREACH STORIES**

*Want an opportunity to share your congregational outreach story? We'd love to feature a congregation's outreach success in each newsletter. If you have a story to share, write it up! (photos too), and email to Diane McNeil, [dmcneil@cofchrist.org](mailto:dmcneil@cofchrist.org). If email is not available to you, send hard copy with photos to the mission center office in care of Diane McNeil, 223 S. Washington Street, Charlotte, MI 48813.*

### **UPCOMING TEMPLE SCHOOL CLASSES**

For new ordinands and anyone else wanting to increase their knowledge. All three courses will be held at Bristolwood congregation on Fridays from 6-9 pm and Saturdays from 9-5 pm. Cost is \$15 per course. Housing is available on request. Contact Bobbie Ann Robinson at [brobinson@cofchrist.org](mailto:brobinson@cofchrist.org), or call (810) 513-1545.

February 4-5 Introduction to Understanding Scripture  
Instructor: Dean Robinson

March 18-19 Aaronic Ministries: Ministry of Presence  
Instructor: Ron Kuenzli

### **DETROIT HOPE**

Detroit Hope is in need of winter hats, mittens, coats, and scarves. Contact Jacob Blakesley for more information at [jblakesley@cofchrist.org](mailto:jblakesley@cofchrist.org)

### **POSITION AVAILABLE**

Applications are being accepted for the Detroit Hope Church Planter position to be filled by May 1, 2011. To learn more or to apply, go to the following page at the World Church Website: <http://www.cofchrist.org/hr/jobs.asp>

## **MICHIGAN MISSION CENTER YOUTH EVENTS**

### **JANUARY**

14th Friday Knights Sledding Party

21-23 Ventures @ Northview  
(Info and Forms) <http://www.mycofchristmi.org/>

### **FEBRUARY**

4th Friday Knights Random Acts of Kindness & Valentine's Party

12th Saturday Knights and Saturday Knights Seekers  
Valentine's Dinner Dance Fundraiser @ Troy Oaks

18-20 Ventures @ Kalamazoo

25-27 All Michigan Mission Center Sr. High Retreat at Blue Water  
(Info and Forms) <http://www.mycofchristmi.org/>

### **NEEDED!**

If you have a passion for youth and camping, there are two opportunities waiting your response! Youth Camp Directors are needed for the Late Jr. (June 26-30) and Junior High Camps (June 19-25) at Sanford for next year. For more information or to volunteer, contact Bobbie Ann Robinson at [brobinson@cofchrist.org](mailto:brobinson@cofchrist.org) ASAP