

Community of Christ

To: Pastors, Financial Officers and Members
From: Gregg McDonald, Cathy Hopkins, and Jack Tigner
Date: June 4, 2010
Re: Upcoming Mission Center Budget Meetings

It is now time to invite each congregation to participate in the budgeting process for the 2011 Michigan Mission Center and the five Michigan campgrounds.

Previously there was a series of meetings for Pastors, Counselors, and the CFOs where the “generosity-based budgeting” model was shared. A generosity-based budget means that each congregation **chooses** the level of financial support they will provide rather than having an assessed amount determined by conference action. This first step will be completed with the June 12th meeting at the Grayling Congregation.

The second step is for the proposed budgets to be presented in detail with each congregation. To facilitate this process, we have created small groups of congregations that will meet in various locations around the state. This is an important meeting, and we are inviting the Pastors, Counselors, CFOs, and the **entire congregation** to gather for this event.

At these meetings the following will be shared:

- A detailed presentation of the proposed 2011 Michigan Mission Center budget
- A detailed presentation of the 5 proposed 2011 campgrounds budgets
- A PowerPoint presentation of the ministry and programs that will be supported by the various budgets
- Information concerning how “generosity based budgeting” will work in the new Michigan Mission Center
- Each congregation will be provided with specific information concerning previous financial support of mission center and campground budgets
- Detail on how congregations will be asked determine their “generous response” and how to report congregational decisions to the mission center
- A schedule of when the congregational commitments need be reported to the mission center

On the next page you will find a schedule of when and where you are being asked to meet. Please let us know if your congregation will not be able to attend this activity. Contact gmcdonald@cofchrist.org with schedule conflicts.

Thank you in advance for your support of this activity. We look forward to sharing with you in this next step of our journey together.

Schedule for Heart of Michigan Congregations:

Heart of Michigan Congregational Group Meetings - Assigned Locations			
2011 Mission Center & Campground Budget Sessions			
<i>All times are 7-9 p.m. unless listed otherwise.</i>			
<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Congregation</u>
West Branch	Monday, June 21, 2010	7-9 p.m.	1 Beaverton 2 Bentley 3 Gladwin 4 Tawas City 5 Twining 6 West Branch
Saginaw Center Road	Tuesday, June 22, 2010	7-9 p.m.	7 Bay City 8 Burt 9 Center Road 10 King Road 11 Midland 12 Sanford
Farwell	Wednesday, June 23, 2010	7-9 p.m.	13 Alma 14 Big Rapids 15 Coleman 16 Farwell 17 Harrison 18 Mt. Pleasant 19 Vestaburg

Schedule for Northern Great Lakes Canada/USA Congregations:

Northern Great Lakes Congregational Group Meetings - Assigned Locations			
2011 Mission Center & Campground Budget Sessions			
<i>All times are 7-9 p.m. unless listed otherwise.</i>			
<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Congregation</u>
Boyne City	Monday, July 26, 2010	7-9 p.m.	1 Boyne City 2 East Jordan 3 Gaylord 4 Grayling
Cadillac	Tuesday, July 27, 2010	7-9 p.m.	5 Cadillac 6 Houghton Lake 7 Inland 8 Ludington 9 Marion 10 Traverse City
Alpena	Thursday, July 29, 2010	7-9 p.m.	11 Alpena 12 Cheboygan 13 Lachine 14 Mikado 15 Onaway
Gladstone	Sunday, August 15, 2010	9-11 a.m.	16 Gladstone 17 Gulliver 18 Houghton
Sault Ste Marie, Michigan	Sunday, August 15, 2010	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	19 Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. 20 Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.