

# ON THE SAME PAGE—FEBRUARY 2010



Keeping you up to date on Mission Center consolidation.  
Michigan (Canada and Indiana) become ONE on 1-1-11 !

*In an effort to keep everyone updated on the consolidation process, we will create a newsletter for distribution throughout all Michigan Mission Centers so everyone is receiving the same information. Please feel free to contact any one of the persons listed under "Who to Contact" if you have questions, suggestions, or would like to volunteer to support a design team!*

## MEET BOBBIE ANN...DISCIPLE FORMATION SPECIALIST



Bobbie Ann Robinson resides in Flushing with husband Dean. Their daughter Sara (Monte) Waite and grandson live in Sterling, CO.

Their son, Andy, lives in Lansing.

Bobbie Ann was a teacher in the Flushing Schools for 37 years before entering church employment. She attended Graceland College and Michigan State University where she received her master's degree in Family Life Education. She is currently enrolled in Community of Christ Seminary. She has served as Pastor, District President, and now Mission Center President. Bobbie Ann holds the office of High Priest.

Bobbie will work with Disciple Formation in the Michigan Mission Center. What is this you may ask? Read on!

### **DISCIPLE FORMATION**

How can the Mission Center support congregations in development and training of disciples beyond what is

provided in the local setting? How do we provide effective youth ministry, priesthood training, Christian education for all ages? These are the underlying questions Bobbie will work with teams to address.

Identified areas of disciple formation will include Scripture and Theology Study, Community Spiritual Practices, Personal Spiritual Practices, Witnessing and Storytelling, Education, Shared Community Experiences, Personal Relationships and Missional Encounters. We are currently identifying people to lead teams in planning and promoting disciple formation in congregations throughout the new Mission Center.

Fellowship groups will be primary in the ministry available through the Disciple Formation Team. As this team is formed and roles are more clearly defined, updates will be made in future issues of "On the Same Page".

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### **Michigan Mission Center Facebook Group**

A Facebook group for Community of Christ Michigan Mission Center is a place to share ideas, see logo entries, and connect with each other. If you are a "FB'er" please join us!

## CAMPGROUND UPDATE

Executive members of campground boards met with the Michigan Mission Center Presidents and Mission Financial Officers to continue the conversation on how the conversion of campground management and budgets will occur under the consolidation. These groups have met several times to hash out details and have agreed upon the following:

1. Each campground will have an operating board composed of 9-15 members. Each will have officers that constitute an executive committee. Board members will serve staggered three year terms. Current Boards will submit nominations for directors and these will be voted on at Mission Center Conference.
2. Campground boards will oversee the day to day management of the physical campgrounds.
3. Staffing and planning for camps, reunions, Mission-wide retreats or other events are the responsibility of the Mission Center. The Disciple Formation Specialist (Bobbie Ann) and team will work with the campground board to schedule events, work out costs, etc.
4. Each campground will have its own operating budget. Monies for the budget will come from commitments through the Disciple Generous Response of the congregations.
5. Congregations will have the option to financially support any number of campgrounds. Congregations will not be assigned to one campground but can attend any event at any campground.
6. The campgrounds will not operate under by-laws, but under Operating Policies that the committee worked on and agreed to.

Legal Services will review the Operating Policies and once they meet all legal requirements, they will be voted on by the yet to be formed Mission Center Council. The council is expected to be in place to approve these policies prior to January 1, 2011.

## PRESENTING STRUCTURE AND BUDGETS

The following is a brief timeline of how the budgets and programming of the Michigan Mission Center will be shared with congregations for feedback and input.

June—

- Campground budgets for 2011 will have been submitted
- The proposed Mission Center budget will be readied
- Proposals for programming will be in place
- Meetings with Pastors and CFO's to talk about budget

June-July—

- Michigan Field Staff will present preliminary plans at each Reunion for feedback.
- The above will be tweaked from suggestions generated at Reunions and any other input received

July—

- The staff will meet with groups of congregations with a Power Point presentation showing the proposed Campground budgets, Mission Center budget for Mission Center Ministry.

Late July-August—

- Congregations will be asked to hold a business meeting to approve a dollar amount to support campground and Mission Center budgets for 2011. Commitments will be due no later than August 15th.

September—

- All legislation to be considered at the organizing conference on October 15-17 will be distributed.

**October 15, 16, 17**

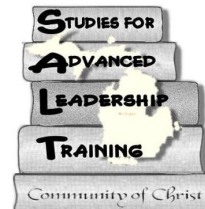
- **Organizing Conference at Horizon Center in Saginaw Michigan. All member conference with President Steve Veazey as guest ministry**

## DON'T MISS OUT!

"Revitalizing Congregations" is the topic addressed at the March 6th Priesthood Convocation sponsored for all Michigan congregations at Bristolwood in Flint.

President Dave Schaal will bring the keynote address. Apostle Stassi Cramm and Seventy John Wight will also bring ministry.

There is no cost, but lunch is provided for a free will offering. Check out your Mission Center Websites for additional information.



## SALT II

Because of an expressed interest in the opportunity for advanced leadership training, planning for S.A.L.T. II (Studies in Advanced Leadership Training) is underway. Bobbie Ann is building a list of those who might be interested in joining this training. It requires a three year commitment of three weekends a year for college level instruction in Scripture, Theology, Church history, and public ministry.

Textbooks are provided at no charge. More information will be published as it is available. If you are interested in receiving an invitation please let Bobbie Ann know at [brobinson@cofchrist.org](mailto:brobinson@cofchrist.org).