

2012 NATIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

This conference will be held in Independence, July 18–22, 2012. It will be a delegate conference with a minimum of 1500 delegates. This will NOT be a legislative conference but rather a consensus building conference. **USA Conference Q&A, Journey to USA Conference.** All are urged to continue in study, prayer, and dialog as the journey to discern God's will on these very difficult matters.

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Offertory Stories

www.cofchrist.org/generositystories to view PowerPoint presentations (presentations cannot be edited in PowerPoint viewer): www.microsoft.com/downloads or www.cofchrist.org/offertory

HISTORY AND SPIRITUALITY

Practice storytelling, witnessing, and model lifelong learning while volunteering at the Kirtland Temple Visitor and Spiritual Formation Center. The opportunity to experience and understand the spiritual disciplines that prepared the people in the 1800s and today to continue answering God's call awaits you. The need is especially great for individuals or couples willing to serve one year or longer. Training, housing, and utilities are provided. Contact Lachlan Mackay at lmackay@cofchrist.org or (217) 453–2246 for information and application.

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MICHIGAN MISSION CENTER

WEEKLY MICHIGAN MISSION CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21–NOVEMBER 28, 2010

Please notice 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. All the current information we have regarding these listed announcements is listed here. Still have questions? Call the Mission Center office at 888–853–2339.

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MISSION CENTER NEWS

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: *We are pleased to announce that Dianna Vanderkarr will assume the permanent position as Administrative Assistant for the Michigan Mission Center beginning January 1, 2011. Dianna has been gracious in serving in this role on a volunteer basis since October. Join me in congratulating Dianna! She will play a key role in keeping communications flowing throughout the Michigan Mission Center!*

NEW OFFICE HOURS: The Mission Center Office will be staffed on Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Interim Administrative Assistant, Dianna Vanderkarr will be available Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. via phone and email. Please leave a message at 888–853–2339, ext. 21 or email office.

The office will be closed for Thanksgiving, November 25–28.

DISCIPLE FORMATION

DOES YOUR CONGREGATION want to sponsor a Bible School next summer, but doesn't know how to get started? Would you like to hold a priesthood retreat and invite others in your area? Are you trying to get information about a Temple School class? Do you wonder when reunion will be held? Do you need material for a vibrant Sunday School? There is someone who can help with these and many other ideas for lifelong disciple formation. Call Bobbie Ann!

Bobbie Ann Robinson has 37 years of experience as a public school teacher, along with years of priesthood, pastoral, and leadership ministry. She has directed camps and reunion along with holding many other staff positions. She is also a wife, mom, and grandma. She is eager to have the Michigan Mission Center help her define the role of Disciple Formation Specialist, since we are the only Mission Center to have such a person! Bobbie Ann can help you find guest ministry, skilled Temple School teachers, persons with detailed knowledge on a variety of disciple formation topics, form carpools to attend workshops, etc. She can assist in forming fellowship groups, which are groups of congregations who join together for fellowship (like family game night or a progressive dinner) or worship (like a preaching series, or class) or a project (starting a food pantry or rebuilding a cabin on a campgrounds). Do you have other ideas? Send them to her. These groups are dynamic and their borders are only set by your invitation. Watch the website calendar www.cofchristmi.org for postings about these events.

By having a full time minister available to work with congregations and camps on disciple formation, our hope is for our enhanced understanding of God, our spiritual practices, our theology and our stewardship. We all claim to be disciples. As we live by our enduring principles and respond to the call to share Jesus, we will continue developing our understanding of scripture, our response to calling, and how we share witness.

Bobbie Ann can be reached at 810-689-4608, 866-853-2339, or brobinson@cofchrist.org.

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT

JOURNEY HOUSE: *Greetings friends—Good News! After a careful & thoughtful interview process, Ben Crowley has been selected as the campus minister intern by the interviewing committee. Ben accepted the position. Yeah! His diligent attention to the house during his interim contract certainly led to his selection. Yet, his vision for the Journey House, commitment to the JH mission, and his overall energy for the position were the deciding factors. He has grown immeasurably since his first interviews quite some years ago.*

Many thanks to all of you during this process. Your attention to the detail, continuing prayer and commitment serve the JH mission well. Keep on praying! God has a work for us to do.

CALLING ALL CMU AND/OR MMCC STUDENTS

The Mount Pleasant Community of Christ needs your help in creating a ministry for CMU and MMCC students. The first part of the ministry is locating the students! If you have a son, daughter, niece, nephew, cousin, spouse, neighbor, church member, pen pal, etc. who is currently attending Central Michigan University or Mid-Michigan community college please share with us this great news. In the past, the Mount Pleasant Community of Christ has created a campus ministries program that included weekly lunch gatherings on campus, special weekend activities, and care packages during finals week. We'd like to continue this program with your help! This year, the Mount Pleasant Community of Christ will also include special laid back mid week worship services catering to our college students. We would like to be the "home away from home" where students feel comfortable to come and put their feet up or to come in seek of help when in need. Please contact Noelle Morlock at hom.communications@yahoo.com with questions or to pass along a name. Any information provided will be confidential to the congregation and not posted or shared elsewhere.

WORLD CHURCH

An official statement from the First Presidency and the Council of Twelve Apostles is attached. It will also be available on the church web site at www.cofchrist.org/peace/statements/22oct2010FP-C12.asp.

FIELD MEETINGS: *Bobbie Ann Robinson, Gregg McDonald, Deb Crowley, Dianna Vanderkarr, Jacob Blakesley, Diane McNeil and Andy Robinson just returned from North Central/USA Canada Field meetings held at Conception Abbey in Missouri. A lot of information was crammed into a few days, all of which we continue to process. Information and discussions were held on the Baptism/Confirmation Policy, Priesthood Faithfulness, National Conference, Consensus building process in the works, Power of Ten initiative, spiritual formation practices, etc. So much to absorb! The feedback we have received from you on some of these issues was shared and will be taken to the World Church Leadership Council in December. Let us continue in prayer and dialog as we face the many challenges before us. Most of all, as we cope with change, let us never divert our eyes and efforts on that which matters most—sharing Jesus Christ and building communities of joy, hope, love and peace.*