

## MICHIGAN MISSION CENTER YOUTH EVENTS

### DECEMBER

- 11th Friday Knights Christmas Party  
29th-Jan 1st New Year's Retreat at Blue Water  
(Info and Forms): <<http://www.mycofchristmi.org/>>

### JANUARY

- 8th Saturday Knights and Saturday Knights Seekers Game Night @ Waterford  
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  
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## MICHIGAN MISSION CENTER INFORMATION

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## WEEKLY MICHIGAN MISSION CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of  
**DECEMBER 5-12, 2010**

*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.*

Turn to the back page to learn how you can subscribe to this weekly email update!

## WORLD CHURCH NEWS

### YOUR GENEROUS GIVING WILL EXPAND MINISTRY

*The church received an estimated \$830,000 in World Ministries Mission Tithes in October, 6% more than budgeted. One third of the way through the 2011 fiscal year, we are well on the way to reaching the \$9.8 million needed to support budgeted ministry throughout the world. Thank you for all you do to support and extend the reach of the church in pursuit of God's mission.*

*David D. Schaal, First Presidency, at the 2010 World Conference service of sending forth declared, "I want children all over the world to learn about the Enduring Principles of the Community of Christ and receive the gospel of Jesus Christ as interpreted by our unique vision and pastoral and prophetic call. That's why I pay tithing . . . I pay because it's in alignment with what I care for and what I value . . . It is an intimate act of worship." (Video and MP3 of Schaal's "Do You Love Me?" sermon are at [www.CofChrist.org/WC2010](http://www.CofChrist.org/WC2010).)*

*Are you responding to God's generosity by giving to your full capacity to both World and Local Ministries? Our shared mission depends on our consistent generosity. Thank you to all who support the ministries we are called to share with the world. Learn more at [www.CofChrist.org/give](http://www.CofChrist.org/give).*

### "GLAD TIDINGS WE BRING: LESSONS AND CAROLS"

*2010 Advent worship will be webcast live Sunday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. CST. Join us at the Temple in Independence, Missouri, or at [www.CofChrist.org](http://www.CofChrist.org). President Steve Veazey will offer the homily. The service will combine Advent-themed scripture readings with seasonal music from the Voices of Peace Symphonic Choir, Emporia State Faculty Brass Quintet, and Jan Kraybill on the organ. A wooden dove Christmas ornament will be given to those*

who attend the service in the Temple Sanctuary. You may wish to give a similar ornament to those who attend at your location.

## SHARING

A new chapter has been added to *Sharing in Community of Christ: Exploring Identity, Mission, Message, and Beliefs*. Download "We Share: A Disciple's Generous Response" from the website at [www.CofChrist.org/OnlineResources/reunion/SharinginChristrev1018lastchapter.pdf](http://www.CofChrist.org/OnlineResources/reunion/SharinginChristrev1018lastchapter.pdf). The new edition of the book, including this chapter, will be available from Herald House in January: [www.HeraldHouse.org](http://www.HeraldHouse.org), 1-800-767-8181, [sales@HeraldHouse.org](mailto:sales@HeraldHouse.org).

## SEMINARY COURSES

Sign up for the next Community of Christ Seminary courses if you have ever thought about taking a graduate course to learn more about the history of Christian thought, Christian theology, worship, spirituality, or mission and evangelism. The seven-week session includes weeks 1–3 online; week 4 (January 24–28, 2011) face-to-face at the Temple in Independence, Missouri; and weeks 5–7 online. Courses may be taken for graduate credit, for 4.2 CEUs, or audited. Contact Judy Luffman at [luffman@graceland.edu](mailto:luffman@graceland.edu) or (816) 833-0524, ext. 4508 for more information.

## 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.

## GET THE 10 MINUTE NEWS REPORT

Keeping the World Church connected. For information on world hunger and tangible love grants, daily prayer for peace, monthly contribution updates etc. please see <http://www.cofchrist.org/news/10min/>. Get the 10 Minute News Report in your inbox with an e-subscription, see <http://www.cofchrist.us1.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=35dc4dcd10932f0ebafe02d2a&id=eafb5656c5>.

## MISSION CENTER NEWS

## GENEROSITY STORIES

For stories about what's happening in the Community of Christ, read the December *Herald* "One in Christ" section or visit [www.CofChrist.org/generositystories](http://www.CofChrist.org/generositystories). Each Sunday we are invited to "share equally" with Mission

Tithes for local and world ministries. These stories are provided to keep us in touch with how your contributions to Mission Tithes are sharing the peace of Jesus Christ.

## A CHILD SHALL LEAD

"A Child Shall Lead", takes us to Otter Lake in the Michigan Blue Water USA Mission Center. Laura Sutton relates:

Recently I learned about a family with two small children (one with special dietary needs) in Otter Lake facing difficult circumstances. The house payment and utility shut-off notice amounts exceeded their reduced income. Because of the wife's job loss, they didn't know what more they could do. I was impressed with their care in handling what they had. The family regularly uses coupons to buy groceries, but now they were desperate.

I stopped by one day to leave some information on more resources and talk to them about the Oblation Fund. Their six-year-old daughter stepped forward, looked straight into my eyes and said, "You almost fooled me, but I know who you really are. You're the angel I prayed for." I tried to tell her that I was just a normal person from a church with many people who cared about her and her family. She thought for a minute and said, "That makes sense, too. God's just showing us how to be green. Why would he waste all that angel fuel when there is someone like you around the corner that does just as good a job? So today, you are my angel."

I feel incredibly grateful for all the members of our church who allowed me to be that little girl's angel that day. You are the real angels. Your generous contributions to the Oblation Fund provide hope to families in need. Thank you for responding faithfully by giving so very generously.—Laura Sutton, financial officer, Otter Lake, MI

## DISCIPLES' GENEROUS RESPONSE

What is happening to you or in your congregation as a result of giving to local ministries through Mission Tithes? Share those experiences as part of your congregation's Disciples' Generous Response.

## DETROIT HOPE

Detroit Hope is asking for donations of childrens' books as well as food donations for Christmas. Many of these children do not read well and do not have access to good childrens' books. It would be nice to provide them books to learn from.

## PREPARATION FOR 2012 CONFERENCE

Preparation for 2012 Conference activity scheduled for Saturday, January 15, 2011, 9am–4pm is postponed due to instructor surgery!