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### CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

The Christmas around the World feature in the December *Herald* "One in Christ" section is a wonderful display of the diverse Christmas celebrations throughout our worldwide church. We hope to expand on that feature in our 2011 December *Herald* by representing more areas of the world and including additional submissions in an online slideshow at [CofChrist.org](http://CofChrist.org).

Submit high resolution (preferably 2MB or larger) by January 28. Mail hard copy photos to Herald, 1001 W Walnut, Independence, MO 64050-3562.



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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of December 19-25, 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!

### MISSION CENTER NEWS

#### FROM THE MISSION CENTER PRESIDENT

*In several short days, we officially become the Michigan Mission Center, USA/Canada Field. What lies ahead in 2011? Only God knows; surely there will be challenges and joys as we journey together. Just envision the "ideal" status of where we could be a year from now—a wave of excitement flowing through our congregations as we listen intently to the leadings of the Holy Spirit; new faces entering our churches and finding Jesus Christ alive and well; continued peaceful written and verbal exchanges as we continue discerning God's will on difficult issues facing the church; a people who show uncommon respect, love, and compassion for one another; a people engaged and zealously alive with what matters most—sharing the Peace of Jesus Christ!*

*"My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing that God cannot do!" Do we believe it with all of our hearts? If so, let's act like we believe it and be witnesses to mighty acts the Holy Spirit will manifest through a faithful, obedient people!*

*May God bless you all this Christmas! May you have a spiritually prosperous and blessed New Year!—Deb Crowley*

#### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed December 23-Jan 1, 2011. If there is an emergency please contact Deb Crowley via phone or email.

## 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)*

## WORKSHOP ON HUMAN SEXUALITY

*(Please note dates have changed from those previously announced)*

This one-day workshop will explore theories related to sexual orientation, spectrum of beliefs regarding non-heterosexual persons in faith communities, historical view of non-heterosexual behavior among diverse cultures, scriptural response to this issue in context using presentations and group discussions. Note: This is NOT to persuade, but to educate and inform. Facilitator: Dave Premoe of East Lansing Congregation. Four locations: Charlotte, January 15; Bristolwood, Feb. 19; West Branch, April 2; Gaylord, April 9; 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Donation lunch will be provided. Register online at [www.cofchristmi.org](http://www.cofchristmi.org) or phone 888-853-2339.

## 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>

## 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.

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| January 7-8  | Introduction to Caring Ministries<br>Instructor: Rick MacGregor      |
| February 4-5 | Introduction to Understanding Scripture<br>Instructor: Dean Robinson |
| March 18-19  | Aaronic Ministries: Ministry of Presence<br>Instructor: Ron Kuenzli  |

## GENEROSITY STORIES

**WHAT'S YOUR STORY?** now on [www.CofChrist.org/generositystories](http://www.CofChrist.org/generositystories). This simple, free resource uses an audio PowerPoint and a script to enable congregations to weave their own stories into a customized presentation.

## MICHIGAN MISSION CENTER YOUTH EVENTS

### DECEMBER

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  
(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*

## WORLD CHURCH NEWS

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