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ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Michigan Mission Center Organizing Conference

“We are Many, We Are One”

- DATES:** October 15,16,17 2010
PLACE: Horizon Center Saginaw, Michigan
COST: \$5.00 per person/ \$20.00 maximum per family
GUESTS: President Steve Veazey
 Apostle Stassi Cramm
 President of Seventy John Wight

PLEASE Register by October 1st:

Online form at www.cofchristsgl.org

Registration forms at www.cofchristsgl.org

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WHA'T S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT PRE-REGISTERING??

Are you registered?? Some may ask why it is important to register ahead of time rather than “just showing up.” The primary reason is a cost-effective, environmentally sensitive reality! And, it’s a down-right courteous thing to do!

Experience tells us that if we know how many to expect, the appropriate number of materials are prepared ahead of time. Since there is the outside potential of 7,000 people in Michigan that could choose to attend the conference, knowing how many plan to come is a huge help!

Help us out! As of today (9-22-10), 173 persons are registered. We’d love to see 400! And printing of materials begins October 1st. So please encourage everyone to respond via email, USPS mail, or phone **THIS WEEK!!!!**

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH—Saturday during the business session. It is **IMPERATIVE** that youth be registered by October 1st!

WHAT TO EXPECT

Meet President Veazey and other guests at the reception on Friday evening between 7-9 p.m. Just so you can see who is who, introduction of guests and Michigan Mission Center Staff will occur at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday is a very full day! A robust worship service begins the day, then it’s down to the business of organizing the Mission Center. Along with budgets, campground board nominations, support of Mission Center Leadership, and resolutions on how to conduct business in the future, the conference will consider priesthood calls for several individuals called to additional priesthood responsibilities.

Saturday evening, Apostle Stassi Cramm will challenge us through the message and we celebrate the ordinations of those accepting their calls.

Sunday morning begins with a variety of class options.

President Veazey will give the Sunday morning message at a Communion Service. Included in the service is special video commemorating our history and focusing on how “We are Many, We are One” and the challenge to move forward together in the name of Jesus Christ.

GET TO KNOW THE MICHIGAN MISSION CENTER STAFF



DIANE MCNEIL

Seventy Diane McNeil serves as a full-time world church minister in the Michigan Field. Her current assignment is Campus Ministry Specialist and Missionary Outreach, joining John Wight as Associate Missionary Coordinator to the MI Field. In the Michigan Mission Center she will serve as Mission Center Mis-

sionary Coordinator (50%), and Campus Ministry Specialist (50%).

Diane was born in Petoskey, MI, spending part of her childhood in Gaylord, MI and part in Lansing, MI. She has a degree in music education from Michigan State University, and worked in this field for a number of years while raising her family. Her hobbies include reading, bike riding, movies, music and travel. She anticipates a trip to visit her daughter and son-in-law who recently moved to Malawi.

Diane is married to Joseph McNeil and has three grown children, Jennifer, Melody and Geoff, two sons-in-law, Michael and Keith, and a charming grandson, Malcolm. She and Joe live in Caledonia, MI.

ANDY ROBINSON



Born and raised in Flushing, MI, Andy spent his Sundays at Bristolwood in Flint and summers at Blue Water. After his high school years, he went off to study at Graceland in 2001 to pursue a degree in Elementary Education. Post-Graceland, he moved back to Michigan for a short time before returning to Graceland to work as an Admissions Counselor.

While working at Graceland, Andy developed a passion for working with young adults: he hosted a weekly Bible study at his house, volunteered with the Community of Christ Leadership Program to coordinate Covenant Discipleship Groups and participated in the Young Adult Leadership Program. After two years of working at Graceland, however, Andy felt a desire to move back to Michigan to pursue full-time employment with the church as Young Adult Minister for the Michigan Field in November of 2008.

Just recently married, Andy and his wife Amy are navigating the usual newlywed trails while adding an additional layer of complexity: immigration. Amy (a native of Kitchener, ON) and Andy were introduced in August of 2009, their first date in September, engagement in November and wedding in May of 2010. Over the next couple of months they will be traveling back and forth across the border, trying to spend as much time as possible together as their work schedules allow and hoping for Amy to be allowed to move by this Christmas.



RON KUENZLI

Ron was called to serve as a pastor at Caro and then District Stewardship Commissioner by then Regional Bishop Larry Norris and served in that capacity for about 15 years, sometimes serving as congregation financial officer simultaneously. Ron was called to the office of High Priest and Bishop in 2006 and MCFO for Michigan Blue Water Mission Center since 2006.

Ron has a special interest in developing Aaronic ministries as he feels that Aaronic ministers are a key to congregational life. He leads a coalition of Tuscola County churches that bring relief ministry to the poor. They have had success in pulling the community together to provide emergency basic living needs to the county much as our oblation system serves the church. They use volunteer seniors each doing a little to accomplish a great enterprise.

Ron enjoys building things—buildings, cabinetry, etc. He likes the outdoors, and does some deer hunting, having trophies from elk and caribou hunts.

Ron is looking forward to serving in the new Michigan Mission Center as a bishop assisting Gregg McDonald by supporting the CFO's and working with Risk Management to support congregations.



JACOB BLAKESLEY

Six years ago, Seventy Jacob Blakesley received a personal calling by God to serve in the Northwest part of Detroit. At times the task is daunting, but Jacob takes it in stride. Through relentless patience, understanding, care and compassion for the people of the community, he has found a diverse brother and sisterhood that are truly forming a sacred community

of disciples striving to live like the one they follow—Jesus Christ.

Detroit Hope has various programs and ministries to serve the congregation that continually change as needs arise. Affectionately known as “Pastor Jacob,” congregants are encouraged to lead, to seek peace, and to reach out to others.

Jacob and his wife, Rachel, have a one year old son, Levi whose bright blue eyes and charming smile bring sunshine to everyone. Jacob is also an artist, having graduated from Graceland with an Art Degree.

If you would like to find out more, check out Detroit Hope Supporters Facebook page, or check out the website at <http://www.detroithopecofchrist.org> for more testimonies, pictures and ministries.