



# *The Link*

February 7, 2010

*“We proclaim Jesus Christ and promote communities of joy, hope, love and peace. We will become a world-wide church dedicated to the pursuit of peace, reconciliation and healing of the spirit.”*

Dear Friends,

In two months, delegates from around the world will gather in Independence for World Conference. The Central Missouri Mission Center will send 47 delegates to this important event. These individuals will join others as they participate in worship, listening activities, spiritual formation, legislative meetings, dialogue sessions and relationship building. Our delegates are already making preparations through study, prayer and discernment on the various issues and counsel that will come before this Conference.

As the Mission Center President, I would ask that the 1,642 members of the Mission Center who are not delegates to also make preparation for this important event. Each of you have different ways of seeking God’s guidance in your life, so I am not asking everyone to pray at a certain time or have a specific meditation time. However, I would ask that you use your ways of communicating with God to seek guidance, insight and discernment of God’s call for you as an individual and for us as the Community of Christ.

I encourage you to share in true dialogue with each other. Listen to one another to understand each other’s perspective, be open to new learnings or resolve to seek mutual understanding.

There is one more thing I would ask of you as you make your preparation for the Conference; read paragraph 9 of the Counsel at least daily. Focus on these words of challenge and promise. Let the words become part of your personal search. Allow the words from the following portion of this paragraph to be embedded in your mind.

- (d) If you truly would be Community of Christ, then embody and live the concerns and passion of Christ.
- (e) The challenge and opportunities are momentous. Will you remain hesitant in the shadows of your fears, insecurities, and competing loyalties? Or will you move forwards in the light of your divinely instilled call and vision?
- (f) The mission of Jesus Christ is what matters most for the journey ahead.

My prayer is that each member of this mission center will be open to what God desires for you and His creation.

**Claude M. Rains, Jr., President/Financial Officer, Central Missouri Mission Center**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 7—World Conference Delegate Meeting**, 2:30 pm, Warrensburg. All persons in the Mission Center are welcome to attend.

**March 6 — Worship Workshop**, Pleasant Hill. See details below\*.

**March 20 — Tony and Charmaine Chvala-Smith Workshop**, *How Did We Get Here from There?*, 8:30 am-4 pm at the Warrensburg Church. Register by calling 1-888-747-0439 or locally, 747-6193.

**March 21 — Youth Leaders meeting** at Warrensburg, 2-3 p.m.

**March 21 — Spring Fling for Junior/Jr. High/Sr. High** at the Warrensburg Church, 3-5 p.m. Come for freebies, camp info, music, fellowship and fun! There will be supervised activities for the youth during the leaders meeting 2-3 p.m.

**April 10-17, 2010 — World Conference** at Independence. On April 18, **Wednesday**, immediately following the adjournment of the business session, there will be a Field Reception in the Independence Chamber of Commerce Building located at 210 West Truman—the corner of Spring and Truman Road. There will be fellowship, light snacks, and special recognitions.

**2010 Family Camp, will be June 30-July 4**, at Lake Doniphan. Start making plans with your friends to be there! Steve and Cathi Cackler-Veazey will be our guest ministers.

**\*Worship Workshop (8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)—No cost, Pleasant Hill.**

Please call 1-888-747-0439 toll free or locally 660-747-6193 to let Mary or Edna know you are coming. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks provided.

**“Worship that Includes Everyone”**

- Planning worship that **connects** to each person
- **Understanding** how we respond in worship
- Planning worship that **transforms** us

Please plan to attend the remaining worship workshop. Each workshop is different and focuses on the experiences of connecting, understanding, and transforming in worship. Copies of slides and notes from the first and second sessions will be available for those who missed it, along with opportunity to briefly review the main points. The sessions concentrate on the principles that help each of us experience meaningful and challenging worship.

## SUMMER CAMP DATES

**Children's Camp** — **June 4-6**, Grades K, 1, 2, Camp Far Westa, Anita Norman, Director

**Sr. High Camp** — **July 5-8**, Grades 9, 10, 11, 12, Camp Far Westa, Camp Directors, Steve and Janet Muse

**Spectacular** — **July 24-31**, Grades 10, 11, 12, Graceland University, Anita Norman, Delegation Leader

**Junior Camp** — **August 2-6**, Grades 3, 4, 5, Camp Far Westa, Camp Director is Heather Brooner (Far West Volunteer)

**Jr. High Camp** — **August 2-6**, Grades 6, 7, 8, Camp Far Westa, Camp Director is Kyle Jeschke (Far West Youth Minister)

**Young Adults** — Age 21 or older, interested in helping at a Youth camp this summer, contact Anita at [anorman@cmcofchrist.org](mailto:anorman@cmcofchrist.org).

**CIT's Needed** — Youth and young adults, ages 15-20, if you are interested in helping at a youth camp this summer as a Counselor-in-Training, please contact Anita, by March 15.

### **Youth Service Corps**

Are you 12-18 years old and interested in helping World Conference run smoothly while meeting new friends from around the world? You will get to do all sorts of cool things that will have a positive impact for those around you. Apply for Youth Service Corps at [www.CofChrist.org/wc2010/registration2010.asp](http://www.CofChrist.org/wc2010/registration2010.asp).

If you are youth worker certified and are at least a sophomore in college and would like to help in a supervisory position in the Youth Service Corps, please contact Edna, [etivis@cmcofchrist.org](mailto:etivis@cmcofchrist.org).

**Conference Kids Needs You!** With World Conference just a few weeks away, the Conference Kids program needs 5-10 teachers to make this ministry work. All program materials and supplies will be provided. Staff/teacher volunteers must be 21 or older and a Registered Youth Worker. The morning program runs from 7:30-12:15 Monday-Friday and 8:00-10:15 on Saturday. The afternoon program runs from 1:30-5:30 Sunday-Friday. Contact Conference Kids Director Brenda Strickland at [bstrickland@CoChrist.org](mailto:bstrickland@CoChrist.org) or at 740-464-4681 if you can help!

### **Central Young Adult (CYA) Retreat, March 5-7, Camp Chihowa.**

All young adults (18-35) and friends from Central, Midlands, Farwest, and Central Missouri Mission Centers are invited to share *The Real World* with Karin Peters, guest minister. Cost is \$65. Call Rob Borkowski, 816-595-1705 for more information.

## Called to Serve

**“...When you are in the service of your fellow beings you are only in the service of your God.” Mosiah 1:49**

Please consider answering the call to serve by volunteering at Community of Christ International Headquarters. Volunteers play a vital role at the Temple and Auditorium such as welcoming guests, supplying a listening ear, and assisting staff. These are only a few of the opportunities. You are invited to share your gifts and talents as you journey on your path of discipleship.

As you sense the call to serve, may you be blessed by the leading of God's Spirit. To volunteer, contact Volunteer Resource Ministries at 1-800-825-2806, ext. 2020, [www.CofChrist.org/volunteers/](http://www.CofChrist.org/volunteers/), [Volunteer@CofChrist.org](mailto:Volunteer@CofChrist.org)

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The following positions are open at Community of Christ International Headquarters. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested, please apply as indicated. To view the complete position descriptions below, visit <http://www.cofchrist.org/hr/staff.asp>. Please send letter of interest, application and resume to [hrm@cofchrist.org](mailto:hrm@cofchrist.org) <<mailto:hrm@cofchrist.org>>.

**Headquarters is seeking a World Conference Herald House Store Manager.** This part-time to full-time position will focus on design, set up and management of the 2010 Herald House Conference Store. Applicants must be able to work a minimum of part-time Monday through Friday, February 15 – March 12, 2010, and full-time Monday through Friday, March 15 – April 23, 2010. Applicants must also be available to work Saturday, April 10, Saturday, April 17 and Sunday, April 11, 2010. Qualified applicants should have intermediate computer skills, excellent written and verbal communication skills, excellent organizational skills, able to lift 50 pounds, previous retail management experience, and ability to provide exceptional customer service.

**Headquarters is seeking an Info Desk and Herald House Bookstore staff for World Conference.** These staff members will staff the information desks in the Auditorium and Temple both early and late in the day during World Conference, as well as assist as needed in the Temple Bookstore and the Event Store. Qualified applicants should have excellent customer service skills, good verbal communication skills, good telephone manner, good listening skills, able to stand for long periods of time, intermediate computer skills, and able to lift 50 pounds.

**Headquarters is seeking a Disciple Formation Project Resource Specialist.** This specialist will assist with the development and implementation of a Community of Christ-specific scope and sequence for Lifelong Discipleship Formation including the envisioning, writing, creating, producing, and delivering of Community of Christ resources. Qualified applicants will be skilled in resource development, able to contribute to the development of Community of Christ-specific scope and sequence for Lifelong Disciple Formation, and have proven practical experience and knowledge about Community of Christ theology, policy, identity, mission, message and beliefs.

**Family Camp, June 30-July 4**

Registrations will be accepted starting  
February 8 with a \$100 deposit!