



# The Link

June 7, 2009

*“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.”*

We currently have 220 people registered for our annual summer Family Camp at Lake Doniphan. We look forward to the preaching and teaching ministry of our guest ministers, Church President Steve Veazey and his wife Cathi Cackler-Veazey.

Our mission center has made family camp a priority for the last 92 years. We have traditionally kept our camp fees substantially lower than the actual cost to make camp affordable for many families. **Remaining fees need to be paid by Monday, June 22.** Some funds are available from the camping ministries reserve fund, but this year we will depend on offerings to cover 39 percent of our family camp budget (\$10,000). Whether you are attending camp this year or not, we greatly appreciate your generous offerings as you consider the importance of this time our people spend together in fellowship, study and worship.

Please continue to prayerfully consider the needs of our 2009 family camp... your support is a tremendous blessing for all of us.

--Mary Kidd, Camp Director

*Our summer camping season has already begun with our Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade children at camp last weekend! The following youth camping opportunities are also available this summer:*

Junior Camp (completed grades 3-5)	June 13-17	\$145 after May 15
Junior High Camp (completed grades 6-8)	July 5-10	\$175 after June 5
Senior High Camp (completed grades 9-12)	June 30-July 5	\$175 after June 5
International Youth Forum (completed grades 9-12)	July 21-24	\$290 by June 19
Spectacular (completed grades 10-12)	July 25-Aug 1	\$315 by June 19

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Or call us at 888-747-0439



**October 23-25** — *Justice for Women, Dignity for All* is the theme of the **2009 Peace Colloquy** at the Temple. The 2009 Peace Award recipient is Dr. Halima Bashir from Darfur, Sudan; a young adult aged 29, African and Muslim. For more details contact Jeanette Hicks at 816-833-1000 ext. 2224, [jhicks@cofchrist.org](mailto:jhicks@cofchrist.org). Online registration at [www.cofchrist.org/peacecolloquy](http://www.cofchrist.org/peacecolloquy).

**April 3-11, 2010** — **World Conference** at Independence. **Attention:** All persons who wish to submit their names for **delegates for Central Missouri Mission Center** need to send an e-mail to [centralmo@cmcofchrist.org](mailto:centralmo@cmcofchrist.org) or call (660-747-6193 or toll free 1-888-747-0439) by **November 2, 2009**.

**Attention: Liahona needs a used refrigerator!** Please contact the Mission Center Office, 660-747-6193 or 1-888-747-0439 if you have one to donate or know of someone who has a used refrigerator. It needs to be in place and ready to use by July 31.

**Volunteers Needed: IYF Independence Village needs your help!**

Submit your name to [kpwilson@cofchrist.org](mailto:kpwilson@cofchrist.org) if you can help during the following times: Wed, July 22, 1:30-3:30 and 5-7 pm;

Thurs, July 23, 5-7 pm; and

Friday, July 24, 11am-1pm.

Meals are provided and you will receive a T-shirt.

“...discern the divine will for your own time and in the places where you serve.” Doctrine and Covenants 162:2c

### **Conditions of Membership**

The 2007 World Conference requested the First Presidency to “examine the issue of rebaptism in the context of the worldwide mission of the Community of Christ...[and that] following prayer, reflection, and discernment of God’s will for the Community of Christ, the First Presidency issue instructions relevant for today regarding requirements for church membership.”

### **An Invitation to the Church**

The Presidency invites the church to seriously engage in sustained prayer, spiritual formation, group discussion, and scripture study while listening to each other and the Holy Spirit. This process is not intended to be a popular-opinion poll. If so, we simply would conduct a survey. In fact, a first step in true discernment is to set aside preconceived ideas and agendas so we can become more open to God’s guidance, whatever it may be.

For the First Presidency  
Stephen M. Veazey

See [www.CofChrist.org/CofM/Resources](http://www.CofChrist.org/CofM/Resources) for *Conditions of Membership: Prayer, Discussion, and Discernment Guide*. Resources are available for use by families, small groups, and congregations.

**Attention Pastors: Contact the Mission Center Office, 888-747-0439 or 660-747-6193 or send an e-mail to [etivis@cmcofchrist.org](mailto:etivis@cmcofchrist.org) if you need copies for your congregation to study.**