

HEADWATERS MISSION CENTER NEWSLETTER

September 12, 2024

Fall Congregational Business Meetings by Liz Trinkle

Ah, the fall season is upon us — students are back to school, football games are being played, the leaves are changing, and **congregational business meetings are being scheduled and held.**

No one *loves* congregational business meetings! But they're so much more enjoyable when they begin and end with prayer or song, when we invite the Holy Spirit to guide us, and when we recognize the opportunity to channel our time and talents together into **living the mission of Jesus Christ.** Congregational Business Meetings, and our annual Mission Center business meeting at Fall Conference, are important to fostering Missional Leadership (see picture and caption).



I remember when I was a pastor, I felt a mix of emotions regarding business meetings. While I was eager to utilize this process to give each one a voice, it was a struggle to get the meeting scheduled and communicated at least 2 weeks before. And then there is the Robert's Rules of Order....

So I encourage each of us to **thank their pastors and pastorate teams for their leadership!** Ask them, ***“What can I take off your plate this month, given your preparations for the business meeting takes time?”***

MISSIONAL LEADING

Missional Leadership is how **a group** cultivates safe space in community to envision and enact an alternative future, God's future of justice and peace into being.

Copied from missionalleaders.org, a wonderful collection of resources and inspiration from Leading Congregations in Mission (LCM).

Especially if you are a former pastor, **you could offer your help to the pastor.**

If your congregation doesn't have an elected Secretary, or if that person isn't able to attend, **your pastor would greatly appreciate a volunteer to take the notes for the meeting.**

Having a quorum at the meeting is important; therefore, another way you can support your congregation is **by attending the business meeting.** And if you feel like you don't know how to share during a business meeting because Robert's Rules of Order is so confusing, I highly recommend this 7-minute [video from Susan Leahy on YouTube.](#)

A special thank you to each Mission Center Council member that is traveling or joining the congregational business meetings!



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HEADWATERS MISSION CENTER+ EVENTS

DUE DATE: Elect delegates to be considered at Fall Conference for World Conference delegate election by October 1

And then please email the names AND EMAIL ADDRESSES of your delegates to khill@headwatersmc.org on or before October 1 as well. For voting, we need the email addresses whether you're attending Fall Conference in person or over Zoom. Thank you!

*Headwaters Mission Center Fall Conference Nov 1-3, 2024 in Apple Valley MN

Registration is open for Fall Conference, and our theme is “**Awakening to Our Future.**” We are so excited that Apostle Robin Linkhart and Field Support Minister Denise White will be joining us.

Our business meeting will be on Saturday the 2nd in the afternoon, after the 1 pm Prayer for Peace. The hybrid option will be provided (through Zoom). As in previous years, voting will take place digitally, whether you are in person or joining online. The main order of business is to pass a 2025 budget.

The agenda for the weekend will be shared soon. Outings for Junior Camp-age and SPEC/Historic Sites Road Trip-aged groups are taking shape.

If you are a Registered Youth Worker or Registered Youth Worker Assistant, and would be willing to help with offering childcare in the nursery during the business meeting, please contact Liz Trinkle at ltrin-kle@headwatersmc.org.

The Sunday worship (starting at 10:30 am on November 3) will also be shared over Zoom.

Looking ahead:

- First Sunday of Advent—December 1, 2024 (Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend)
- Northwoods 7th Annual Christmas Party “**Community of Christ, where you can be your best sELF**” —December 7th @ 5 pm
- Christmas is on a Wednesday this year
- Ash Wednesday—March 5, 2025
- Easter—April 20, 2025
- Earth Day—April 22, 2025
- World Conference — May 30—June 6, 2025—Theme is “Hope is Here”
- Headwaters Reunion at The ARC—June 18—22, 2025





“At the Crossroads: Igniting Faith and Justice in a Time of Change ”

Beginning our new series: Prophetic Courage for a Just Transition

“The restoring of persons to healthy or right relationships with God , others, themselves, and the earth is at the heart of the purpose of your journey as a people of faith.” D&C 163:2b



Stassi Cramm

Member, First Presidency

Community of Christ

Called to be Prophet/President Designate for Community of Christ upon the retirement of President Stephen Veazey

Climate Webinar

Sunday, September 22, 2 - 3:30 pm PT

Begins 2pm PT, 3pm MT, 4pm CT, 5pm ET, 11am HT, 10pm London, 7am Sydney +1 day

We are privileged to host President Stassi Cramm as our keynote presenter for the 2024-25 Climate Webinar Series. Her insights concerning a “just transition” away from fossil fuels and toward a lifestyle of prophetic courage, justice, and peace provides the foundation for our Fall/Winter emphasis. Her clear and prophetic voice echoes through both church and secular society with courageous vision.

If not registered for this Zoom series, please register at

<https://cofchristclimatejustice.org/register>

Sunday, October 20 Webinar: Human Rights Team; Climate Justice Team; Earth Stewardship Team

“Responding to the Climate Emergency: WC 2025 Climate Resolutions”

Hosted by the N. American Climate Justice Team. Sponsored by GPNW Mission Center, Community of Christ.

Open to all people of all faiths and traditions.



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Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission

The Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission presents another season of "CIMM Sessions." Little bite-sized servings of theology, culture, and Community of Christ Mission, presented by the Graceland and Community of Christ Seminary. CIMM Sessions last about an hour with a topical presentation and a short Q&A session.

CIMM Sessions welcomes the upcoming fall season with a number of exciting topics and people. Our schedule so far includes:

- September 4—Worship in a Changing Culture (Part 1) - Daniel Harmon
- September 11—Listening with the Lectionary (covering Oct/Nov 2024) - Tony and Charmaine Chvala-Smith
- September 18—Worship in a Changing Culture (Part 2) - Tyler Marz and Karin Peter
- October 2—Star Trek Community—Community of Christ Star Trek Group
- October 16—Faith and Politics—Which forms Which? - Matt Frizell
- October 23—Living Peacefully in a Divided Political World—TBA
- October 30—Listening with the Lectionary (covering Dec/Jan) - Tony and Charmaine Chvala-Smith
- November 6—”God All Around” - Linda Booth

To enroll for any or all of these sessions, visit our website www.graceland.edu/cimmsessions and fill out the registration. Anyone is invited to these free sessions - bring a snack!



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CIMM Course Offerings

FALL B SESSION: OCT 21 - DEC 15, 2024

Code	Class	Cost
CIMM0400	INTRO TO SCRIPTURE An introduction and exploration of the nature of scripture in the life of Community of Christ.	\$25
CIMM0302	MINISTRY OF THE DEACON An exploration of the role of Deacons and understanding how they connect ministries of hospitality, preparation, and addressing the physical needs of people, especially the poor.	\$25
CIMM0405	CHILDREN AND YOUTH WORKER TRAINING This course is designed for anyone wishing to work with children and young people within Community of Christ and is the first step in becoming a registered children and youth worker.	\$25
CIMM1500	COMMUNITY OF CHRIST THEOLOGY, SCRIPTURE AND HISTORY An exploration of key themes, important developments, and significant issues in Community of Christ theology. Students will examine the prophetic nature of Community of Christ identity, message, mission, and beliefs.	\$100

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER: WWW.GRACELAND.EDU/CIMM

Spring A (January 6—March 2, 2025):

- ⇒ Introduction to Pastors Ministry: \$25
- ⇒ Ministry of the Disciple: \$25
- ⇒ Christian Ministry Certificate: Practical Ministry (Zac Harmon-McLaughlin)



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August 21, 2024

To Community of Christ in the U.S.A.,

Greetings in the peace of Jesus Christ. As we move toward national elections in November, we hold our nation and each of you in prayer. We carry on our hearts the hope of healing widening divisions, restoring civility to our public discourse, and renewing our commitment to compassionately find common ground as we actively participate in God's unfolding future.

As we are challenged in Doctrine and Covenants 163:3a and c:

"You are called to create pathways in the world for peace in Christ to be relationally and culturally incarnate. The hope of Zion is realized when the vision of Christ is embodied in communities of generosity, justice, and peacefulness. ...That which seeks to harden one human heart against another by constructing walls of fear and prejudice is not of God. Be especially alert to these influences, lest they divide you or divert you from the mission to which you are called."

As followers of Jesus, the peaceful One, we are called to see beyond our differences and embrace that which connects one human heart to another. Our shared brokenness and desire for healing transcends age, class, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, and political ideology. Our Enduring Principles ground us in the Worth of All Persons, reveal divine possibility in our diversity, and instill authentic hope in our vision of God's Shalom.

As citizens of a nation founded on the principle of "*We the People*," we must work tirelessly to bridge our differences while we work together for the common good. We must stand against violence towards candidates and others working in the political process. May we trust in the Spirit to empower us with courage to listen, patience to understand, and love to heal and forgive in the weeks ahead.

In the peace of Christ,

Apostles serving U.S.A. Fields,

Janné Grover

Robin Linkhart

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MINNESOTA
MULTIFAITH
NETWORK

5th Annual Conference

November 14, 2024

Hindu Society of Minnesota's Temple
10530 Temple Drive
Maple Grove, MN 55311

Kintsugi, the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with gold lacquer, symbolizes resilience and transformation through embracing imperfections. Like the repaired pottery adorned with gold, our fractured societies reveal wounds of injustice; confronting these fractures with empathy and acknowledgment is essential for healing.

A Call For Justice and Healing

The Role of Minnesota's Multifaith
Community in Times of Division,
Distrust, and Trauma

Whatever the outcome of Election Day 2024, the Minnesota Multifaith Network believes that the work of healing and building just communities is needed now more than ever.

This year's convening, **A Call For Justice and Healing: The Role of Minnesota's Multifaith Community in Times of Division, Distrust, and Trauma**, invites us to confront the deep divisions being experienced today. We know those divisions are creating pervasive distrust and causing great trauma. In the midst of such painful realities, we believe that within our various religious and spiritual communities lies wisdom, experiences, and practices that can contribute to healing and the work of justice. Join us at the **Hindu Temple of Minnesota** as we explore ways in which different faith traditions can come together to promote justice and healing.

In our day together we not only will name the realities of our divisions but share and experience ways that healing and justice might be our shared commitment and work. This time together is an opportunity for self-critical reflection, sharing best practices, and learning from one another and the wisdom of our traditions. We will lift up and listen to the voices of those who are 'othered' and marginalized as we build bridges, relationships, and community - weaving together a shared cry for justice and sharing in the work of healing.

We will close the day with a traditional banana leaf meal, a culinary tradition from South India where food is served on a banana leaf, often reserved for special occasions and celebrations.

Conference Cost

As we cultivate a healthy and just network, equity is at the center. For that reason, there is no set cost for the conference and dinner will be provided for in-person attendees. **Instead of an event fee, MnMN is relying on donations.** For those able, we invite you to give generously to help cover event costs. Most importantly, we desire your presence and participation. For those not able to make a minimum \$1 donation or make a donation via an online option, or for any other registration questions, please contact MnMN at info@mnmultifaith.org.

The conference will begin at 12:30 pm and end at 7 pm. [Register here.](#)

More event details coming soon!

Outreach International (OI) - News

New service: Did you know that OI has a new portal on its website where you can draft your will for free? August has been National Make a Will month.

OI's new, free tool -- **Legacy Planner** -- allows you to write a last will and testament online. Check it out on their website. outreach-international.org.

Inside scoop: **Advent Stable materials will be available in early October!** These fun lessons give children activities about love, joy, peace, and hope. These materials are easy to use and do the prep for you. Use at home, in church or other appropriate gatherings. Just jump into the stories from Wally the Water Buffalo, and let the photos, videos, and activity booklets guide you and the children through an enriching experience of joy and generosity. Watch the website or contact Casey Main, OI Development & Project Mgmt Specialist for information. phone: (816-768-8627).





7th Annual Northwoods Christmas Extravaganza

The Community of Christ, where
you can be your best
sELF!



December 7th
5 pm

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ONLINE CONGREGATIONAL INFO:

You are warmly invited to join the following congregations for worship.

Apple Valley—Hybrid worship

Sundays—Fellowship begins at 10:00 a.m. with worship at 10:30.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81325903089?pwd=L290OEM2VGtVdFVTa2E5RUphY3JGQT09>

Meeting ID: 813 2590 3089 Password: AVWorship1

Madison—Hybrid Worship

Zoom worship and Gathering: Sundays 9:30 a.m. for summer; returning to 10:30 am starting Sept 8, 2024

You can join them online using this Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82865581378?pwd=MHZoN21EamVKRi9ETTZTUXFzajZEQT09>

Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 828 6558 1378 Passcode: 666111

Milwaukee/Wauwatosa—Hybrid Worship

Zoom worship and Gathering: Sundays 10 a.m. Social Time: 9:30 a.m.

You can join them online using this Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81200672184?pwd=TVFJQTM2TVowZ2ZtYVJhUWZZVm40QT09>

Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 812 0067 2184 Passcode: 737761

Northwoods—Wednesday evening devotions

You are invited to participate in the weekly Northwoods **Wednesday evening devotions**. We gather via Zoom each Wednesday at 7 p.m. CST for approximately an hour. Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87983150140?pwd=YTNhblcvTThmQW10bXkvQTFZQldTUT09>

Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 US Meeting ID: 879 8315 0140 Passcode: 057329

Red Wing—Hybrid Worship

All are welcome to join the Red Wing Coalition at 10:00 AM each Sunday morning for Fellowship Chats followed by our prayer list and worship service at 10:25. Please call or text 651-206-3410 if you have any questions about the link, or for more information. Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85704678238?pwd=Y24zOUFzeEVWeU1zaU1UUXJwU1Vidz09>

Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 857 0467 8238 ; Passcode: 594835

St. Paul—Hybrid Worship

You are warmly invited to join the St. Paul congregation for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Join Zoom

Meeting—<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83761982678>

Meeting ID: 837 6198 2678 Dial in: +1 312 626 6799

