

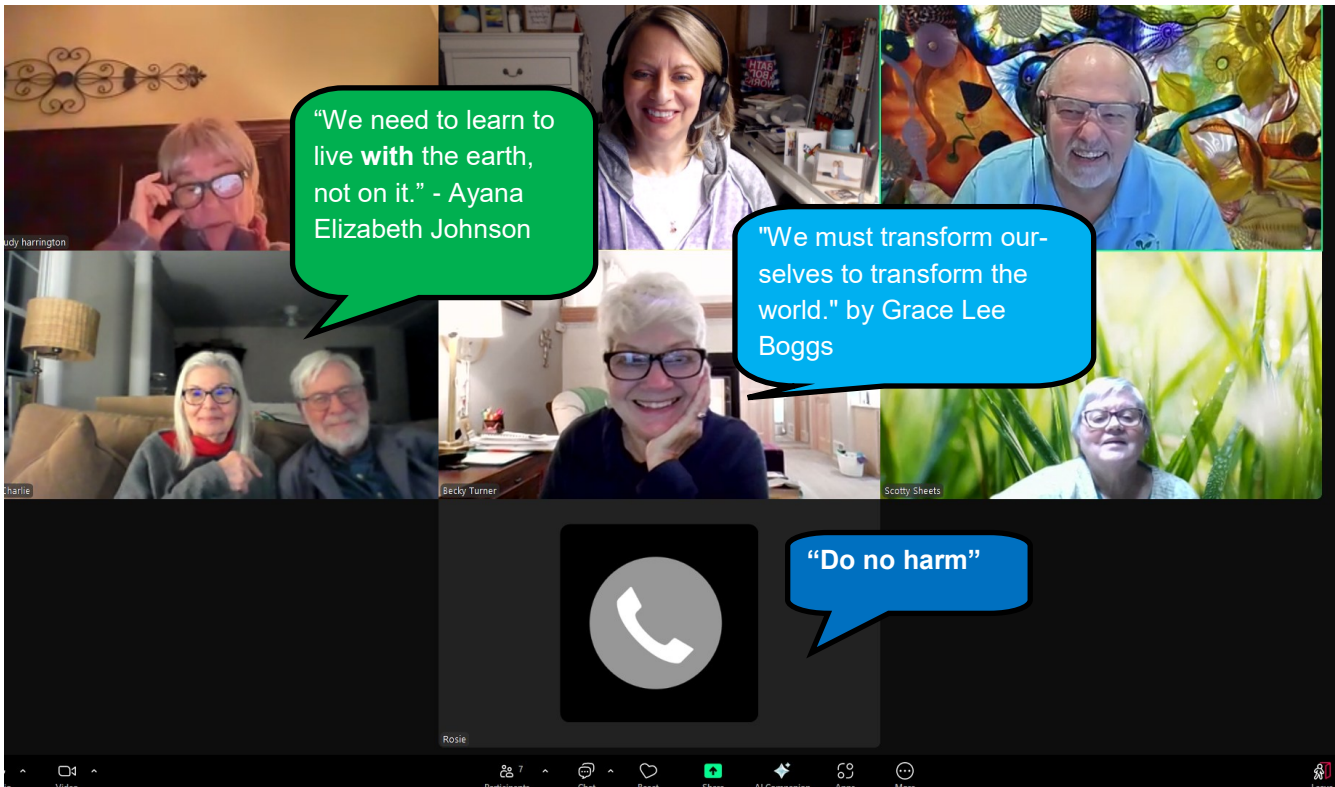
HEADWATERS MISSION CENTER NEWSLETTER

January 9, 2025

“What If We Got It Right?” Join the next Climate discussion on January 19, 2025

We have been **transformed with hope** about things we can do individually and together to fight the climate crisis after reading this book, “**What if We Get It Right?**” by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson. We have had such incredible discussions in our Sunday nights meetings for the past 3 months. We notice climate-related issues more than we used to, and we’re making changes in our daily lives as a result!

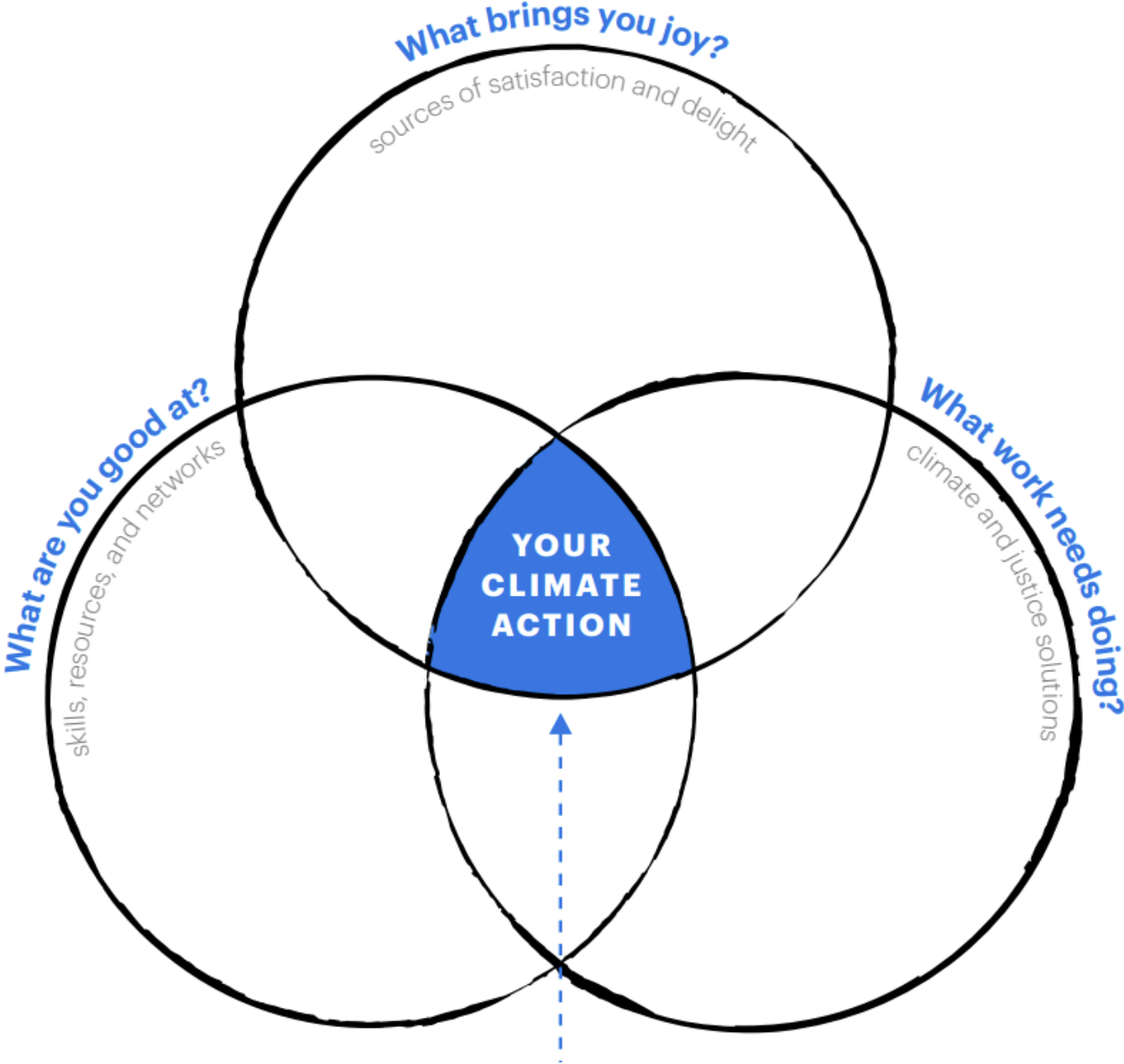
We yearn to keep the conversation going with more people! So join us in our first of 3 monthly climate crisis Zoom discussions on **January 19 from 5—6:30 pm**. Share about what you’re noticing and doing, or thinking about doing. This book talks about how the climate crisis cannot be addressed as individuals. So let’s **learn from each other, be inspired by each other, and support each other** as we seek to live the Enduring Principle of Sacredness of Creation with greater intention and connectedness.



"There is a soft power in how you spend your time and money, how you look out for each other, how you roll up your sleeves and make change." - Ayana Elizabeth Johnson.

JOIN THE NEXT CLIMATE DISCUSSION ON JANUARY 19, 2025

Consider filling out this Venn diagram from the book and be ready to discuss it during the January 19th meeting



<https://www.ayanaelizabeth.com/climatevenn>

HEADWATERS MISSION CENTER+ EVENTS IN 2025

- All are warmly invited to the **Northwoods Evening Devotions** Zoom meetings weekly on Wednesday nights at 7 pm. See page 11 for Zoom connection info for this.
- **Climate Change Discussion**—January 19, 2025 from 5—6:30 pm on Zoom. This is the first of 3 monthly discussions on the climate crisis on the 3rd Sunday in Q1 2025.
- **Mission Center Council Meeting**—January 23, 2025 at 7 pm on Zoom. Please note that this is one week later than usual (typically on the 3rd Thursday of each month).
- **Congregational Leaders' Meeting**—January 28, 2025 at 7 pm on Zoom. Note that there will not be a February meeting given the Congregational Leaders' Retreat Feb 21—23.
- **LIFT Ski Retreat**—January 31—Feb 2, 2025 at Apple Valley Community of Christ, directed by Grant and Kennedy Warner. All Senior High age through age 25 are invited! Register now at www.headwatersmc.org > Registration.
- **Climate Change Discussion**—February 16, 2025 from 5—6:30 pm on Zoom.
- **Congregational Leaders' Retreat**—February 21—23, 2025 in LaCrosse, WI at the Franciscan Spirituality Center. This retreat will be focused on **rest, renewal and being spiritually fed**. Register now at www.headwatersmc.org > Registration.
- **Ash Wednesday**—March 5, 2025
- **Climate Change Discussion**—March 16, 2025 from 5—6:30 pm on Zoom.
- **Easter** — April 20, 2025
- **Earth Day Online Worship**—April 27, 2025, 10:30 am
- **World Conference** — May 30—June 6, 2025—Theme is “**Hope is Here**”
- **Headwaters Reunion at The ARC with Apostle Bunda Chibwe** —June 18—22, 2025
The Sunday worship from Reunion on June 22, 2025 will be available over Zoom. We will recognize graduates and experience Bunda Chibwe's morning message.
- **NEW! Male-identifying AND Female-identifying Retreats**—both July 25—27, 2025 at Duluth Northwoods
- **October 1, 2025**—Due date to have congregational business meetings to elect delegates for Headwaters Fall Conference
- **NEXT Fall Conference**, November 1-2, 2025 in Madison, WI
The Sunday worship from Fall Conference will be available over Zoom, as will the business meeting on Saturday.





Live-Stream

Hope is Near

POSTPONED TO JANUARY 25, 2025

The Center for Living Water, based in Independence, MO, warmly invites us to a special worship experience on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 7 pm in person at the Community of Christ Temple Sanctuary, or online via live-stream (in English language).

In person participants are invited to come early for an opportunity to journey through spiritual practice stations and stay after for a reception. Full details and schedule below, all times are USA Central Standard Time.

6:00 p.m. "Hope is Near" spiritual practice stations in the Temple

7:00 p.m. Sacred Pulse Gathering in the Temple Sanctuary (streaming on Facebook and YouTube)

[The Center for Living Water - YouTube](#)—Subscribe





Lift

Headwaters **SKI RETREAT**

Apple Valley, Minnesota
(Senior High School to 25 years old)

JANUARY 31ST - FEBRUARY 2ND

Directors Grant & Kennedy Warner (763) 222-6969

REGISTER AT [HTTPS://WWW.HEADWATERSMC.ORG](https://www.headwatersmc.org)

COST: \$50 PER PERSON



Community of Christ
CHRIST'S MISSION. OUR MISSION

HEADWATERS MISSION CENTER



Graceland
UNIVERSITY | 1895

Community of Christ
SEMINARY

Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission

With the new year, there's a new set of CIMM Sessions coming your way most Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm central! Note the old Zoom link will change with the new year; therefore, please visit www.graceland.edu/cimmsessions to register and receive the new 2025 Zoom link!

Class Schedule

- **January 8 – Listening with the Lectionary (Feb/March), Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith**
- **Preaching Series**
 - **January 15 – The Power of Narrative Preaching In Witness and Mission – Linda Booth**
 - **January 22 – The Power of Narrative Preaching to Awaken Congregations – Linda Booth**
 - **January 29 – Narrative Preaching In a Post-Modern World – Linda Booth**
 - **February 5 – Emerging Thoughts In Sharing the Message pt 1 – Joey Williams**
 - **February 12 – Emerging Thoughts In Sharing the Message pt 2 – Joey Williams**
 - **February 19 – “Loss and Light” with Barbara Weldon**
 - **February 26 – “Finding Your Voice” with David Lloyd**
 - **March 5 – Millennial Preaching – TBA**
- **Adult Reunion Text Series – “Hope Is Here”**
 - **March 12 – Story of Hope – Stassi Cramm**
 - **March 19 – Breathe In Hope – Katie Harmon-McLaughlin**
 - **March 26 – Turn Toward Hope – Crossing Identity Boundaries – Zac Harmon-McLaughlin**
 - **April 2 – Spirit of Hope – Conflict Transformation – TBA**
 - **April 9 – Onward In Hope – Celebrate Community – TBA**
- **Preaching Series (cont.)**
 - **April 16 – Quick-egesis: A Quick Exegetical Process for Worship and Preaching (pt 1) – Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith**
 - **April 23 – Quick-egesis: A Quick Exegetical Process for Worship and Preaching (pt 2) – Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith**



Community of Christ
CHRIST'S MISSION, OUR MISSION

HEADWATERS MISSION CENTER



Graceland
UNIVERSITY | 1895

Community of Christ
SEMINARY

Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission

Go to [Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission | Graceland](#) for more information, and to register for these online Temple School classes.

January 6 – March 2, 2025

CIMM0301 – **Ministry of the Disciple** – Instructor: Apostle Robin Linkhart

CIMM0100 – **Introduction to Pastors Ministry** – Instructor: David Lloyd

March 3 – April 27, 2025

CIMM0300 – **Introduction to Priesthood Ministry** – Instructor: (TBA)

CIMM0306 – **Ministry of the Seventy** – Instructor: Bethany Lloyd

CIMM0303 – **Ministry of the Teacher** – Instructor: (TBA)

CIMM0309 – **Ministry of the Bishop** – Instructor: Carla Long

May 5 – June 29, 2025

CIMM0400 – **Introduction to Scripture** – Instructor: Dave Shaal

CIMM0450 – **Children and Youth Worker Core Training** – Instructor: (TBA)

June 30 – August 24, 2025

CIMM0307 – **Ministry of the High Priest** – Instructor: (TBA)

CIMM0308 – **Ministry of the Evangelist** – Instructor: (TBA)

CYW Core Training (cont) – Instructor: (TBA)

August 25 – October 19, 2025

CIMM0300 – **Introduction to Priesthood Ministry** – Instructor: (TBA)

CIMM0304 – **Ministry of the Priest** – Instructor: (TBA)

CIMM0305 – **Ministry of the Elder** – Instructor: (TBA)

October 20 – December 14, 2025

CIMM0400 – **Introduction to Scripture** – Instructor: (TBA)

CIMM0302 – **Ministry of the Deacon** – Instructor: (TBA)

CYW Core Training – Instructor: (TBA)

Unlike the Wednesday night CIMM sessions, there is a cost for these courses.

Financial assistance is available through Headwaters Mission Center by emailing our CFO, Linda Bendorf, at lbendorf@headwatersmc.org

Free virtual workshop series for white folks

Witnessing Whiteness: The Journey into Racial Awareness and Anti Racist Action

Wednesdays, January 29 - April 2, 2025
6:00-8:00pm CT, 10 sessions

This is a 10 session workshop series designed for white people to begin and/or continue anti-racism work using the [Witnessing Whiteness](#) book and curriculum. We gather online in real time to dialogue and engage in experiential activities exploring the white experience.

This is an *extremely interactive series where you will be asked to be on camera during the sessions. We will have large group discussions, breakout rooms for small groups and lots of personal reflection activities.*

Goals of the Series

- Build a community with a shared understanding of privilege, whiteness, and racism
- Increase your ability to begin, support, and deepen racial justice work
- Develop leadership capacity around issues of diversity, inclusion, and race

What you need

- Your own copy of the [third edition](#) of the book
- Ability to participate on Zoom
- Ability to commit to regular attendance. The first and final sessions are mandatory. We ask that you miss no more than two.

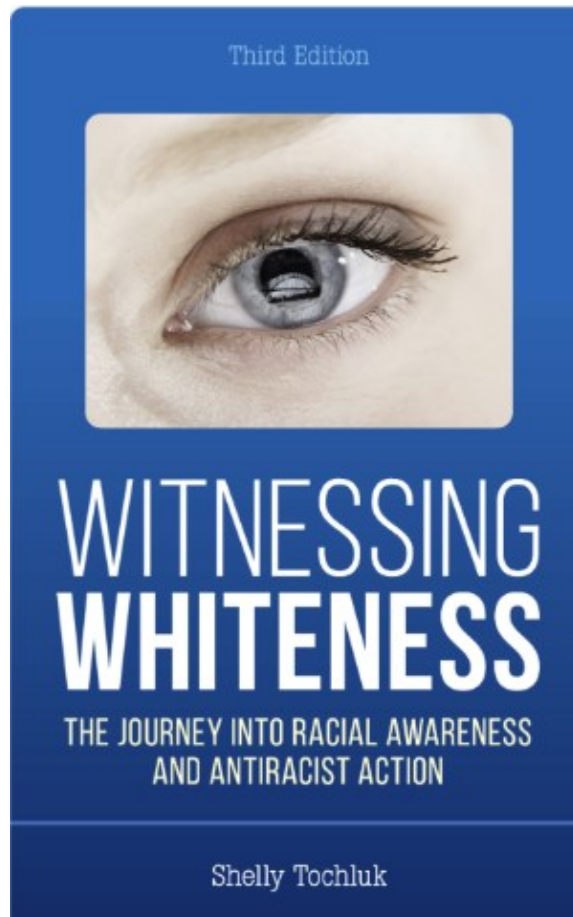
Please register by January 17, 2025. This series is limited to 20 participants.

Please email Serena Sato at satossky@gmail.com with any questions.

Testimonials from past participants:

"I'd taken other racial justice classes, but this one felt different. I appreciated the specific focus on whiteness and privilege, and that there were opportunities each week to practice 'walking the talk.' There was lots of learning, sure, but each piece also had an element of doing. That seems essential for those who want to not just understand racism but who also want to affect change."

*"The Witnessing Whiteness class has truly been a life-changing and humbling experience! I have always thought of myself as a "good white person." And while I do try to do good in my community, I cannot discount or ignore the role my white privilege has played and continues to play in my interactions with friends, neighbors, and community members of color. Frankly, my privilege has allowed me not to even think about it. I honestly believe that **every white person needs to take this class before attempting to step up and interrupt racism in their community.** I cannot recommend the class highly enough!"*



Azalea Reunion

“Hope for the Future”



March 17 - March 22, 2025

at Bluff Springs Campground near Pensacola, Florida

Apostle David Nii will be joined by Barbara Walden, Executive Director of Community of Christ Historic Sites Foundation, and Sally Roth, President of the Historic Sites Foundation Board

*Join us as we explore lessons of hope from our history and present day
Leading us to "Hope For The Future"*

Contact: Ken Porter, 850-346-3470 or kdporter46@gmail.com

See next page for registration form



Community of Christ
CHRIST'S MISSION. OUR MISSION

HEADWATERS MISSION CENTER



Azalea Reunion March 17 - 22, 2025 at Bluff Springs Campground 1300 Liahona Trail McDavid, FL 32568

**Welcome to beautiful Bluff Springs Campground surrounded by acres of natural beauty.
We hope to also share an array of blooming Azaleas!!!**

Registration will begin at 4 pm on Monday, March 17 with the final service Saturday, March 22 morning. A sack lunch will be available for your trip home.

Reminder: Bedding, towels and personal items are the camper's responsibility.

More specific information regarding programming will be sent out soon. Questions? Call, Text or Email Ken Porter, kdporter46@gmail.com , 850-346-3470 or Nelda Sorenson Porter, nsrsgo@gmail.com , 850-255-5988

SEE YOU IN MARCH!!!!

DETATCH BELOW AND MAIL

Registration Form For Each Camper

Registration cost is \$270. Checks should be made payable to Community of Christ and sent to: Ken Porter, 3381 Sugartree Dr. S, Pensacola, FL 32503, with your registration if possible.

Day Visitors: \$10 per day plus \$10 each meal. For day visitors, a dorm room and/or cabin will be made available for some rest time whenever you feel the need, so you can enjoy participating as much and as long as you desire. Transportation needs will be addressed if there is interest expressed.

Name: _____
Address _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____ Priesthood Office: _____

Lodging Preference Dormitory Cabin RV Site

Do you have skills, hobbies, talents, etc. you may want to share? Please describe on back.

Please bring bedding, towels, and other personal items

Diet and Other Special Needs: _____





Preserving & Sharing Church Heritage

ABOUT US

DONATE

Explore Community of Christ History With Us



Join Us in Raising \$25,000 in 25 Days

During the last 25 days of the year (from December 7-31), our Board of Directors is extending a second matching gift opportunity! **From now until the end of 2024, our board is offering to match the next \$16,000 in donations given to the Community of Christ Historic Sites Foundation.**

[Donate](#)

A New Matching Gift

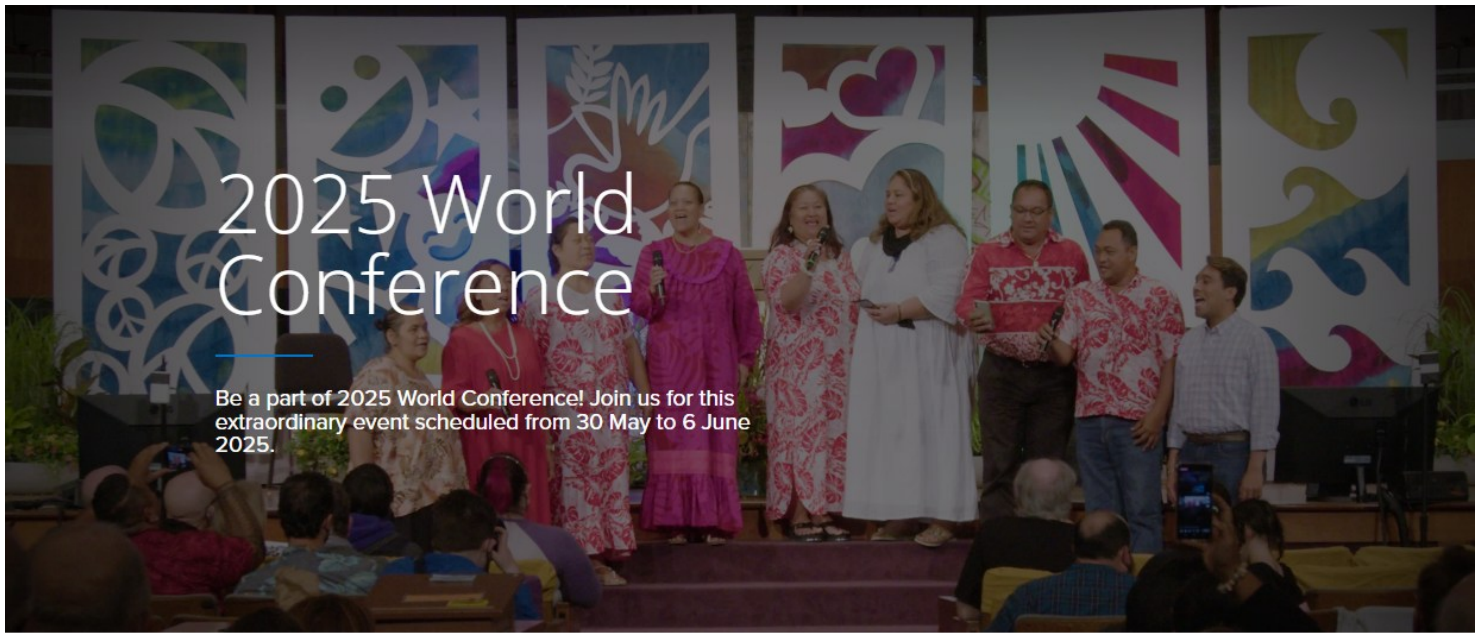
[CLICK HERE TO MAKE AN ONLINE DONATION AND REGISTRATION](#)

Palm Sunday at Kirtland Temple

13 December 2024

Here's a reminder to mark your calendars for April 12–13, a church history weekend in Kirtland centered on Community of Christ's Ohio, USA, roots and the lessons embedded in our heritage. Our weekend of stories will close with a Palm Sunday service in the Lower Court of the Kirtland Temple.

This event is one of six annual worship services reserved for Community of Christ at the historical properties in Kirtland and Nauvoo, Illinois, USA. Additional details about the Palm Sunday weekend will appear in the *Herald* and at HistoricSitesFoundation.org.



2025 World Conference

Be a part of 2025 World Conference! Join us for this extraordinary event scheduled from 30 May to 6 June 2025.

[Documents](#)

[Schedule](#)

[Countdown](#)

[Location](#)

[Back to Top](#)

Hope is Here

The 2025 World Conference Theme: **Hope is Here**

- Inspired by Acts 2:1-21, guiding our journey through the conference
- Embracing new leadership and the prophetic spirit to which we are called

Historic Leadership Transition

- Celebrating President Veazey's 20 years of visionary leadership
- Considering Stassi D. Cramm as next prophet-president

Conference Details

Visit the website: CofChrist.org/2025-world-conference and find legislation and schedule

- Online registration opening in early 2025
- Each mission center is being invited to prioritize the 14 pieces of legislation

Exploration Sessions

- Online Zoom gatherings to discuss resolutions (February-April 2025)
- Special session on Nonviolence Statement (November 11-16, 2024)
- Free participation via Zoom

We hope you will be part of this exciting time in the life of the church!

Love this save the date video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/siEuGRJyd5Y>

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

