

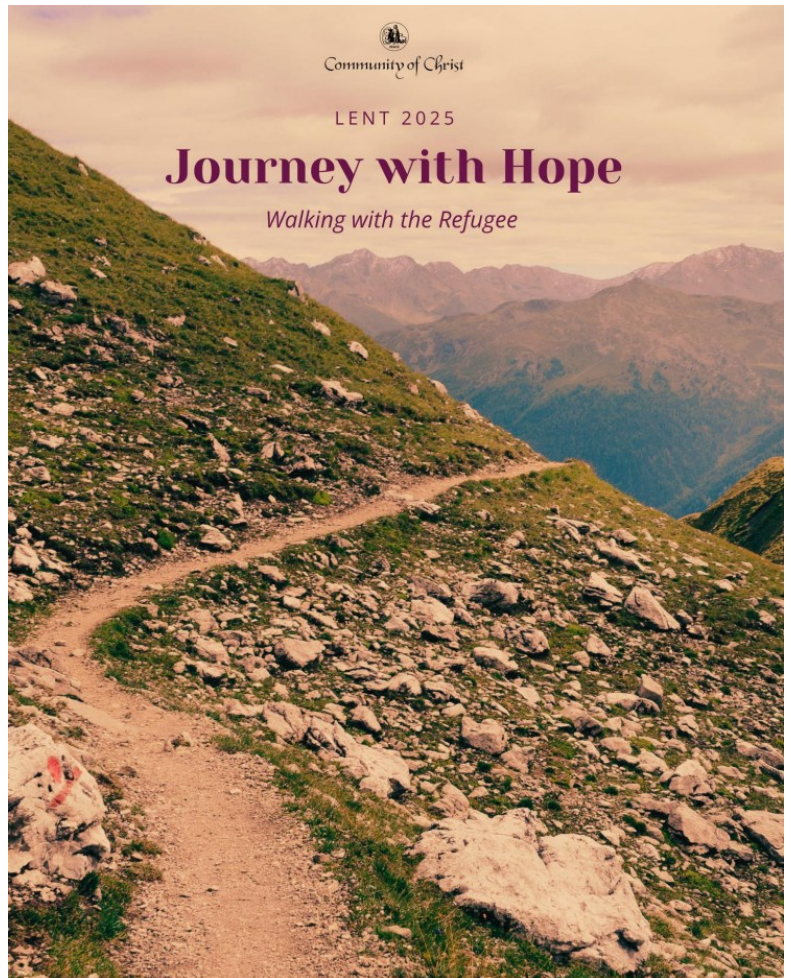
# HEADWATERS MISSION CENTER NEWSLETTER

March 6, 2025

## Journey with Hope—Walking with the Refugee

Welcome to the season of Lent. As stated in the 2025 Lenten resources from Community of Christ, the guide ([Journey with Hope: Lent Devotions \(PDF Download\) – Herald House](#)) helps us see how this guide can be experienced in many ways:

- ◆ For daily prayers
- ◆ For weekly independent or group study
- ◆ Within weekly worships
- ◆ Through online gatherings with family and friends.



Allow the theme hymn for Lent, Community of Christ Sings 550, “***We Are Pilgrims on a Journey***” to be with you throughout the Lenten season.

***We are pilgrims on a journey, here together on the road;  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.  
Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too.  
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.***



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# 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**—March 16, 2025 from 5—6:30 pm on Zoom.

[https:// us02web.zoom.us/j/82157611836?  
pwd=NWxkQVQwRmpmZFo4S3ZlaFBReiVPQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82157611836?pwd=NWxkQVQwRmpmZFo4S3ZlaFBReiVPQT09)

Meeting ID: 821 5761 1836 | Passcode: 794586 | Dial by location +1 312 626 6799

- **Easter** — April 20, 2025
- **Earth Day Online Worship, “We Still Have Time, a celebration of the Sacredness of Creation”**—Earth Day evening, Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 7 pm—8 pm
- **World Conference** — May 30—June 6, 2025—“**Hope is Here**” - Earlybird registration ends April 1—no fooling!
- **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 flyer on pg 6*



- **SPECTACULAR 2025**—July 12—19, 2025 at Graceland University in Lamoni, IA. Theme: **Hope in Action**
- **Male-identifying AND Female-identifying Retreats**—both July 25—27, 2025 in Duluth.
- **Junior and Junior High Camp** August 6—10, 2025 at “The Castle” near Brainerd. Ages: finished 4th grade through finished 8th grade.
- International Day of Peace.—Stassi Cramm, president-designate of Community of Christ, will present ***The Role of Nonviolence in Living Christ’s Mission*** through the Peace Perspectives online series on Saturday, September 27.
- **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.*

- **8th Annual Northwoods Christmas Party**—December 6—7, 2025—Theme to be unveiled this summer in a special announcement!



# Offering Sanctuary

Community of Christ has been asked by many congregations in the United States how they can respond to immigration issues—offering church buildings or facilities as sanctuaries, and/or how to generally participate in the sanctuary movement.

Congregations and members seeking guidance about how they can respond to immigration issues should start by reviewing the information and recommended actions in the 2013 Statement on Immigration, available in the Official Statements on Our Ministry Tools. ([Immigration-Statement-English.pdf](#))

Earlier this week, Karen Hill emailed 3 guides provided by the Office of General Counsel of Community of Christ:

- 1. Offering Sanctuary—Informational Guidance for U.S. Community of Christ Leaders**
- 2. Sanctuary in the U.S. —General Legal Overview**
- 3. Immigration Enforcement Actions—Action Plan for Congregations**, which includes very specific guidance in these 2 sections:
  - ⇒ BE PREPARED
  - ⇒ WHAT TO DO IF ICE OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SHOW UP AT CHURCH

If you would like to have these documents emailed to you, please email [ltrinkle@headwatersmc.org](mailto:ltrinkle@headwatersmc.org).

If a congregation has additional questions, Denise White, our Field Support Minister, has additional resources that can be provided. [dwhite@cofchrist.org](mailto:dwhite@cofchrist.org) 740-312-0047, voice and text





Join us for a  
"BREATHTAKING"  
Earth Day celebration



Save the Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025  
7pm on Zoom (Link to follow)  
Headwaters Mission Center



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

- May 30—June 6, 2025 in Independence, Missouri
  - Inspired by Acts 2:1-21, guiding our journey through the conference
  - Embracing new leadership and the prophetic spirit to which we are called
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Register before April 1 for early-bird rates AND some wonderful SWAG for registering early. Find info about all things registration related at [2025 World Conference | Community of Christ](#)



For World Conference, we want to hear voices from all ages and places about what hope means to you! Please participate and share with your mission center and congregations.

The worship team is gathering short simple videos to share during our worship services and want to hear and see folks from across the church. We have two separate prompts you can choose from to submit a video recording. You can choose one, or both options.

See description and links below for more information and how to easily record via phone or tablet and submit.

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### **OPTION 1— “Hope is...”**

Record a brief video sharing what *hope is* to you. This should be a very short video, no longer than 1 minutes. Your description of hope could be relating to an object, person, occurrence in your life, or something else. Your video should start with the phrase “Hope is...” and then you can elaborate in 1-3 sentences.

Examples:

- Hope is like a birdsong. Its melody provides gentle comfort amidst the chaos of life.
- Hope is a balm to my soul. When life is difficult, I think of Jesus Christ, who gives me strength to carry on.

**Click here to record a “Hope is...” video:** <http://cofchrist.memfox.io/hopeis>

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### **OPTION 2— Messages of hope based on the daily themes of World Conference.**

Below are the World Conference daily themes. Share a story that relates to **one** of the daily themes. These videos should be about 1-3 minutes in length.

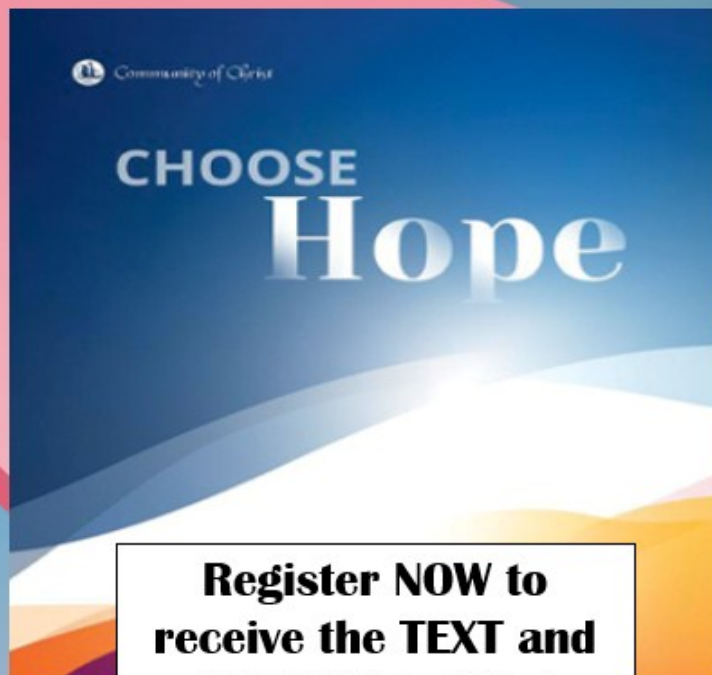
- Story of Hope
- Prophetic Hope
- Turn Toward Hope
- Spirit of Hope
- Choose Hope
- Onward in Hope

**Click here to record a Daily Hope Theme video:** <http://cofchrist.memfox.io/hopedailythemes>



# HEADWATERS 2025 SUMMER REUNION WITH BUNDA CHIBWE

**JUNE 18 - 22ND**



**Register NOW to  
receive the TEXT and  
RESERVE lodging**

[HEADWATERSMC.ORG/REGISTRATION](https://HEADWATERSMC.ORG/REGISTRATION)



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## Interviews and Home Visits

You might remember that Becky Turner wants you to **SHARE YOUR STORY**, and many of you have already—thank you!

What is the most common response received thus far in the interviews to question 4,

**Q: *What do you think is important for the Community of Christ to do now?***

A: Many people, especially those that are home-bound, **would love to have people from church visit periodically.** This need has come up in many of the interviews.

Visiting is already occurring, but this feedback reminds everyone, that there is the need for more connection. Whether a priesthood member or not, we can experience the **Blessings of Community** when we spend time visiting.

Karen and Liz have asked the Cluster Leaders, as they reach out to pastors each month, to encourage each congregation to maintain 2 lists to support visiting:

- 1. Those that would like periodic home visits**
- 2. Those that would be able to join with another member and go visiting.**

Maintaining the lists can help promote more active visiting. Just a reminder that it is best practice that a pair (or more) of people do the home visit together.

If any individual or congregation is in need of a traveling communion kit, we have one available—contact [khill@headwatersmc.org](mailto:khill@headwatersmc.org).

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By the way, there are still more opportunities to SHARE YOUR STORY with Becky. Just contact her at 651-206-3410 or email her at [b42jturner@gmail.com](mailto:b42jturner@gmail.com) to arrange a time.

***Here are the questions for the interview:***

- 1. Tell me about your religious upbringing.***
- 2. What was your first interaction with this church?***
- 3. Can you share 1 or 2 special testimonies of God's influence or blessings on your life?***
- 4. What do you think is important for the Community of Christ to do now?***
- 5. How do you think we can share the gospel with others?***
- 6. Who was/is the most influential person from this church in your life/why?***
- 7. What is the most important thing you want others to know about you?***





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## Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission

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We are excited to present a new series on the upcoming 2025 Reunion Adult classes shared by Headquarter leaders. These live ZOOM sessions are for those...

Teaching the classes as a preview

Who cannot attend Reunion

Who may have other duties during Reunion

Interested in an early presentation of this World Conference preparation

Participants can register for free on our website [www.graceland.edu/cimmsessions](http://www.graceland.edu/cimmsessions)

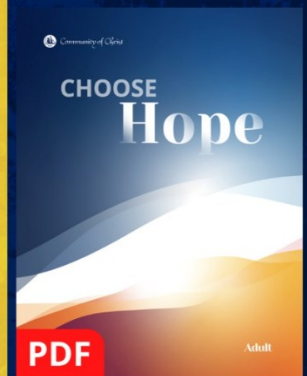
Recordings of these hour-long sessions will also be available on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@cofcseminaryatgu/videos>.

# CIMM Sessions

## “Hope is Here” – Adult Reunion Class Series

Join us live online 7:00pm Central Time

- 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 - Debbie Bayless
- April 9 – Onward in Hope - Celebrate Community – Janne Grover



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To Register:

[www.graceland.edu/cimmsessions](http://www.graceland.edu/cimmsessions)



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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](mailto:lbendorf@headwatersmc.org)

# *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](mailto:kdporter46@gmail.com)*

See next page for registration form



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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](mailto:kdporter46@gmail.com) , 850-346-3470 or Nelda Sorenson Porter, [nsrsgo@gmail.com](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_





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### 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](https://HistoricSitesFoundation.org).

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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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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