

Community of Christ

Date: September 30, 2004

TO: Presiding Elders and Congregations
Communication Coordinators

CC: MC Financial Officer, MC Missionary Coordinator, MC Council
MC Conference Manager

From: Barbara Borkowski

Subject: Mission Center Conference, October 23-24, 2004

The 2004 Greater Pacific NW USA Mission Center Conference will take place on October 23-24, 2004, at the Portland, Oregon congregation. Our conference theme is "Many Gifts, One Spirit." Scott Giles, a Field Specialist from the Sierra Pacific Mission Center, will share in the Saturday evening celebration service. Apostle Ken McLaughlin will provide preaching ministry on Sunday morning.

In preparation for the business sessions, you will find in this mailing a copy of the proposed 2005 mission center budget along with the congregational allocation worksheet to support the budget.

The following resolutions, the first from our Mission Center Council and the second from Highland Park Congregation, will be presented at our conference for consideration:

FORGIVENESS OF REVOLVING LOANS

WHEREAS jurisdictions of stake and districts that now comprise the Greater Pacific Northwest Mission Center made every effort to bring assets and financial obligations forward into the mission center structure with fairness and integrity to the whole, and

WHEREAS the former jurisdictions included mechanisms and procedures to provide revolving loan funds to financially assist congregations with special projects and/or unforeseen expenses, and

WHEREAS World Church lending policies to congregations make revolving loan funds no longer advantageous, and

WHEREAS four congregations still have outstanding balances on revolving loans, granted by the previous jurisdictions, now held by the Mission Center, and being regularly paid on by the congregations, and

WHEREAS, historically, portions of such loans to congregations have been forgiven by
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the lending jurisdictions when that action would not cause hardship upon the jurisdiction, therefore be it

RESOLVED that, in the spirit of jubilee and of building a stronger community, the remaining balances of the four outstanding loans be forgiven by the Mission Center.

OUTREACH STRATEGIES COMMITTEE FROM HIGHLAND PARK CONG.

WHEREAS, the population of the United States and the Community of Christ is aging, and

WHEREAS, the shift of the average age of individuals in our congregations is becoming more apparent in our congregations, and

WHEREAS, this trend will continue into the future when in the year 2030, it is estimated, one out of every five persons will be over the age of 65, and

WHEREAS, these demographic changes are underway, and

WHEREAS, these changes will continue to offer this Mission Center new opportunities for outreach and

WHEREAS, The Mission Center can develop specific ministries to meet the future needs now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mission Center Leadership Council appoint an ongoing committee to develop future strategies for outreach to aging demographics, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this committee report back to the conference.

Please announce the above information to your congregational members and make sure your congregational delegates to the mission center receive a copy of both the budget and the resolutions. I look forward to seeing you at mission center conference in Portland.

Grace and Peace,
Barbara Borkowski, President
Greater Pacific NW Mission Center
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Delegate Formula

Membership < 60 = 2

Membership between 60 and 119 = 4

Membership between 120 and 239 = 6

Membership between 240 and 480 = 8

Membership > 480 = 10

MC Council & Field Officers = 10

Field Minister & Vol CSMs = 11

Greater Pacific NW Mission Center Congregations	August 2004 Membership	MC Delegates
Albany, OR	82	4
Anchorage, AK	115	4
Auburn, WA	212	6
Bellingham, WA	45	2
Bend, OR	163	6
Bremerton, WA	150	6
Bridgeport, WA	10	2
Cedarcrest, WA	142	6
Cottage Grove, OR	49	2
Cowlitz Valley, WA	155	6
Crystal Springs, WA	285	8
East Wenatchee, WA	58	2
Eastside, WA	89	4
Ellensburg, WA	17	2
Eugene, OR	227	6
Fairbanks, AK	77	4
Garden Grove, WA	142	6
Grants Pass, OR	58	2
Highland Park, WA	157	6
Klamath Falls, OR	31	2
Lacamas Heights, WA	109	4
Lincoln City, OR	28	2
Medford, OR	102	4
Montesano, WA	49	2
Myrtle Point, OR	85	4
Neilton, WA	21	2
North Bend, OR	40	2
Olympia, WA	54	2
Portland, OR	576	10
Puyallup, WA	230	6
Rainier Valley, WA	88	4
Redmond, OR	54	2
Renton, WA	159	6
Roseburg, OR	59	2
Salem, OR	124	6
Samish, WA	106	4
Seaside, OR	23	2
Selah, WA	29	2
Southridge, WA	178	6
Tuality CC, OR	282	8
University Place, WA	245	8
Woodburn, OR	114	4
Woodland Park, WA	176	6
Yakima, WA	54	2
MC Council & Officers		10
MC Field Ministers		11
Total	5249	207