

# Community of Christ

January 11, 2005

Dear Friends,

A special mission center conference for the Greater Pacific NW Mission Center is scheduled for March 12, 2005, at the Portland congregation. The primary legislative purpose of the special mission center conference is to elect delegates to the special World Conference to be held in Independence, MO June 2-5, 2005.

## **Election of delegates to the GPNW MC conference:**

In preparation for our special conference, each congregation will need to elect delegates and alternates as representatives at the conference. Attached is a spreadsheet that shows the delegate formula as well as the number of delegates assigned to each congregation, based on congregational membership. Please find your congregation on the spreadsheet to determine the number of delegates allowed for the conference.

It is important that you identify a date for a business meeting to elect delegates and alternates, no later than Sunday, February 27. Soliciting members willing to serve as delegates to the conference as well as preparing a ballot for the election would assist you in tabulating the election results. Members who receive the most votes, up to the number of delegates allowed, are considered elected delegates. The remaining members will serve as alternates in descending order of votes. Total number of alternates selected should not exceed the number of delegates authorized for the congregation. **The list of elected delegates and alternates should be published for the congregation and submitted for certification to Elva Eliason at [eeliason@cofchrist-gpnw.org](mailto:eeliason@cofchrist-gpnw.org) no later than Monday, February 28, 2005.**

Please Note: A long-standing principle of Community of Christ has been that the only qualification required for election of delegates, is that they be members in good standing. Your congregation can choose to send member delegates that are not part of your congregation. The only requirement for election of delegates is that they be members in good standing, of the Greater Pacific Northwest Mission Center.

## **Election of delegates to World Conference, June 2-5:**

The main purpose of our mission center conference is to elect delegates from our mission center to the special World Conference in Independence, MO. Please ask members of your congregation who are considering attending this special conference to allow their names to stand in nomination for delegate status to the World Conference. **Names, along with congregation, should be sent to Nan Sargeant at [nsargeant@cofchrist-gpnw.org](mailto:nsargeant@cofchrist-gpnw.org).** We will elect delegates from names submitted and nominations that come from the mission center conference floor. Nominees will be elected from a written ballot and then tabulated to produce our list of delegates, which will then be submitted to World Church. Delegates and alternates will be notified in April.

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**Special GPNW MC Conference, *Jesus Calls*, March 12, 2005:**

The 2005 special mission center conference will take place at the Portland Congregation, 4837 NE Couch St, Portland, OR, from 1-5 pm. Registration for the conference will run from noon to 1:00 pm. The conference will begin with a short song service at 1:00 pm followed immediately by the legislative session of the conference. The order of business will include the election of delegates to the special World Conference and the consideration of priesthood calls to the office of High Priest and Evangelist. No other business will be considered at this special conference. Apostle Ken McLaughlin will address the conference mid afternoon and the conference will conclude with a service of ordination and worship from 4:00-5:00 pm. The following priesthood calls have been accepted and will be presented to the conference for consideration:

John Wigle	Eugene, OR	High Priest
Jim Williams	Anchorage, AK	High Priest
John Berger	Southridge, WA	Evangelist

If you have any questions about the process of delegate election, either to the mission center or World Conference, please feel free to call me at 425.204.9317. I look forward to seeing you at conference as we experience the joy of fellowship and the celebration of worship.

Grace and Peace,  
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