

Employment Opportunities

Community of Christ International Headquarters is seeking a Bookkeeping Clerk with International Services. This full-time, staff assistant serves as the bookkeeping clerk for the non-USA/Canada field and provides administrative support for staff in International Services. Qualified applicants will have Education and experience in bookkeeping, be able to maintain strictest confidentiality, have excellent computer skills and Multi-lingual is desired. To view the complete position description, visit <http://www.cofchrist.org/hr/Jobs.asp>

Please send letter of interest, application and resume to Human Resource Ministries, 1001 W. Walnut, Independence, MO 64050 or hmr@cofchrist.org.

Gift of Volunteering

As we celebrate the New Year, please consider a resolution to share your gifts and talents at Community of Christ Historic Sites. We are scheduling now for the spring months and have a significant need for help in Kirtland, Ohio and Nauvoo, Illinois. Serve one to three months or longer. Contact Lachlan Mackay at LMackay@CofChrist.org or (217) 453-2246.



Missionary Outreach Workshop

Jan. 20, 7-8:30 p.m. and Jan. 21, 8:30 – 1 p.m.
Beacon Heights Congregation, 19402 E. Holke Rd
Independence, MO

This fast paced condensed workshop on *A Witnessing Community* will also integrate three of the five world church initiatives. Come prepared to participate and receive new, innovative easily usable, practical ideas to reach the unchurched and those seeking new strength for the dilemmas in their lives.

Also, bring your own success/failure stories and be

prepared for dialogue, action and thought-provoking ideas.

Gary Logan will be the guest facilitator along with Jean Brookens. There will be a number of resources available to take home.

This workshop is for *pastors, congregational missionary coordinators and those interested in missionary outreach ministries.*

Community of Christ Historic Sites Bus Tour:

April 16-25, 2012

Looking for an exciting release after a long winter? Join Barb Walden and Bob Kyser next spring as they travel through the prairies of the Midwest and into the rolling hills of upstate New York. Highlights of the ten-day tour include evening worship in the Kirtland Temple, a walk through the sacred grove in Palmyra, New York, tours of Joseph and Emma Smith's Mansion House in Nauvoo, Illinois, and Joseph Smith III's Liberty Hall in Lamoni, Iowa. The tour will also include a number of landmarks in U.S. history including the National Baseball Hall of Fame, Niagara Falls, Hancock Shaker Village and Museum, and the historic Oneida Community Mansion House.

We are accepting reservations for the remaining tour seats. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the Foundation on the April 2012 tour, please complete a tour reservation form and send it with a \$100 deposit to: Community of Christ Historic Sites Foundation, Attn: April 2012 Spring Tour, P.O. Box 338, Nauvoo, IL 62354. We anticipate the remaining seats for the tour will fill quickly.

Tour price is \$1,300 per/person for a double-occupancy room and \$1,800 per/person for a single-occupancy room. Tour price includes luxury bus transportation (from the Independence, MO area), hotel room each night, tour fees, insurance, and most meals. If you have any questions related to the tour, please contact Barbara Walden by e-mail at: bwalden@HistoricSitesFoundation.org, or by phone at (440) 477-9562

**CALL FOR PAPERS
RESTORATION STUDIES SYMPOSIUM
APRIL 13-15, 2012, INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI**

American Restorationism

The religious movement started by Joseph Smith, Jr. has often referred to itself as "*the Restoration*." Restorationism (or primitivism), however, has had multiple expressions throughout the history of Christianity. In America, desires to restore the church had roots going back to the Reformation, and pre-dated Joseph Smith's work by decades. While expressed in a variety of denominations, of particular relevance is the Stone-Campbell movement, whose members have also referred to themselves as "*the Restoration*."

From the rational Restorationism of Stone and Campbell came thousands of first generation Latter Day Saints, these converts to Mormonism often finding Smith's charismatic Restoration appealing. These converts included Sidney Rigdon, Lyman Wight, N. K. Whitney, Edward Partridge, Orson Pratt, Parley P. Pratt, and many others.

What comparisons might be made between the Latter Day Saint movement and the Disciples of Christ, churches of Christ, or the independent Christian churches? What theological influence did "Campbellism" have on the early Latter Day Saint movement? How much Stone-Campbell "DNA" is present in modern denominations that have their roots in Joseph Smith's founding work? What about older restorationism such as expressed by Anabaptist churches?

By placing our movement in dialogue with other Restoration movements, we expect to discover contemporary insights and historical connections. We invite you to join us in the conversation and discovery!

Papers offering theological or sociological perspectives dealing with these questions or others are solicited.

Send a 300-word abstract of your proposal, with a 100-word biographical introduction to rssapril2012@yahoo.com

PROPOSAL DEADLINE IS January 31, 2012.

Whether you present a paper or not, be sure to join us for an interesting symposium. Prof. Douglas A. Foster will deliver the annual Wallace B. Smith Lecture. Foster is director of the Center for Restoration Studies at Abilene Christian University (Texas), and one of the preeminent historians of the Stone-Campbell Movement.

Restoration Studies Symposium is jointly sponsored by Community of Christ Seminary, Sunstone Educational Foundation, and John Whitmer Historical Association.

Shalom Encounters 2012

Come to the Community of Christ Temple each month during 2012 to engage in worship, formation, and praise (transformative action) experiences. Save the fourth Wednesday of each month and every Monday-Friday during the 40 days of Lent.

Save the Dates

12:00–12:50 p.m., Shalom Place

We invite you to the Temple Sanctuary following each Shalom Encounter for the Daily Prayer for Peace at 1:00 p.m.

January 25 Voices for Racial Justice

February 22–April 5 A Journey through Lent

May 23 – Wind and Fire

June 27– Laugh, Play, Sing

July 25– Living Spiritual Lives Together

August 22– Grief: The Place Where Peace Begins

September 26 – 2012 Peace Colloquy Preview: Why You Should Be There!

October 24– Pieces for Peace

November 28 – I Am Woman: Women in Native American Cultures

December 5, 12, 19– Christ Comes into the Here and Now

Let the Temple continue to come to life as a sacred center of worship, education, community building, and discipleship preparation for all ages. —Doctrine and Covenants 163:8b

Educational Opportunities

MEADS (Ministerial Education & Discipleship Studies).

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Ministerial Education and Discipleship Studies

February 6 – 10, 2012

at the Temple, Independence MO.

Courses offered:

Public Ministry – Robin Linkhart instructor (8:30 am – noon)

Hebrew Scriptures – Wim van Klinken instructor (1:30 – 5 pm)

Pursue Peace on Earth – Brad Martell instructor (1:30 – 5 pm)

The “Pursue Peace on Earth” course is an excellent opportunity to go deeper into this mission initiative. The hope of Zion will become reality when we live Christ’s peace and generously share his peace with others. *This course is not part of the MEADS 12-course certificate program, however, you can earn Temple School credit. The cost for this course is \$25.00.*

Fees for Public Ministry and Hebrew Scriptures are \$50 to audit one course, \$88 for one course and \$175 for two courses.

To register for the February, 2012 session or if you have questions contact Michelle Booth at mbooth@cofchrist.org or 816-833-1000 ext. 1459.

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January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 1-2 MMC Offices closed
- 6 Epiphany
- 14 Jr/Sr High Lock-in, Webb Rd
- 15 Racial Justice Day
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr Day, MMC Offices closed

February

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 6-10 MEADS
- 11-12 Joyful Noise Hymnal Workshop
- 12 Youth Ministries Sunday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 20 Presidents' Day Observed
MMC Offices closed
- 22 Ash Wednesday
- 22-25 Central Mission Youth Rally

A New Year's Prayer (adapted)
May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's joy, hope, love, and peace to you for the year ahead.
Mike Hale

"Study and Faith" Scholarships

Graceland University Offers
50% Tuition Scholarships to
Community of Christ Students

Since 1895 Graceland University has shared the commitment of its sponsoring church, Community of Christ, to "seek wisdom by study and also by faith." Thousands of Graceland alumni, leaders in the church and in their communities, credit their Graceland experience as among the most critical years for their intellectual, social and spiritual growth.

Increasingly, however, the mounting cost of higher education has become a barrier for students who want to attend a nurturing private college like Graceland. In response, Graceland created a program of "Study and Faith" scholarships that will keep the doors open to many more Community of Christ students.

Continuing for the fall of 2012, any Community of Christ member who is accepted as a full-time student on the Lamoni campus will receive a scholarship equal to a minimum of 50% of the amount of tuition.

For 115 years, Graceland has provided "academic excellence in a caring community," reflecting the values of Community of Christ. The "Study and Faith" scholarship program will continue that productive partnership for yet another future generation of Graceland alumni prepared for lives of leadership and service.

To learn more about this exciting program, contact the Graceland University Admissions Office. Follow this link to apply for admissions: <http://www.graceland.edu/apply>

The first Joyful Noise Workshop will be held at the Temple Independence, Missouri, February 11, 2012

Do you:

- sing in your congregation?
- care about the church's songs?
- play an instrument (including clapping your hands—that's percussion!)?

Then come sing and play!

This all-day Saturday **free** event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude with an informal community sing-a-long at 7:30 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be provided. On Sunday morning, come worship at Community of Christ Stone Church at 10:30 a.m. A lunch following the service will be provided for \$8.00. Plan lodging and transportation on your own. For a list of area hotels see www.visitindependence.com.

The **Joyful Noise Workshop** will familiarize you with theological content, musical styles, worship planning techniques, and topical indexes for the 2013 Community of Christ hymnal. Multiple simultaneous sessions will be offered, tailored to the various interests of attendees. Attend one or more sessions and prepare to be successful with the next hymnal!

For more information or to register, contact Pam Robison at 833-1000, ext. 2324 or probison@CofChrist.org. Visit www.CofChrist.org/hymnal to learn more.