

A HOPEFUL FUTURE AWAITS

Midlands Mission Center

April 7, 2024

"There are many lives waiting to hear the redeeming words of the gospel, or to be lifted from hopelessness by the hands of loving servants. But they will be lost to you without the generous response of disciples who share from their own bounty that others may know the joys of the kingdom."

-Doctrine & Covenants 162: 7a





Business & Worship

Gathering Music

Welcome

“God Is Here”

CCS 70

Invocation

Call to Order

Attention to Minutes

Consideration of Priesthood Call:
Kerri Booth to Office of High Priest

Suspend Business

Invitation to Worship

Ordination Thoughts and Message by
Apostle Janné Grover

“A Diligent and Grateful Heart” CCS 539

Ordination of Kerri Booth to the Office of
High Priest by Apostle Janné Grover and
High Priest Charlie Fillinger

Disciples Generous Response

Mission Center News

“We Are a Family of Faith”

CCS 350

Prayer

Break



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World Conference Resolutions:

Bicentennial Doctrine and Covenants

Divine Insights Calling Us!

Close Business

“I Have Called You by Your Name”

Benediction

CCS 636

HVAC Resolutions

Resolution 1:

Whereas, Midlands Mission Center has an ownership stake in the Lake Doniphan Campground, and

Whereas, The existing HVAC system for the Lake Doniphan Main Lodge is approximately 50 years old and has reached the end of its serviceable life and needs to be replaced, and

Whereas, The Lake Doniphan Campground board voted to replace the existing HVAC system serving the Lake Doniphan Main Lodge, and

Whereas, The Midlands Mission Center Advisory Council has authorized gifting the outstanding balance of the pool loan of approximately \$10,000 and loaning \$15,000 at 0% to Lake Doniphan Campground to cover part of the minimum down payment to secure funding from a World Church Houses of Worship loan, and

Whereas, Midlands Mission Center has enough funds in Reserves to pay for this amount without requiring repayment of the funds, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Midlands Mission Center will gift the \$15,000 amount to Lake Doniphan Campground instead of asking for the 0% loan to be repaid to the Midlands Mission Center.

Resolution 2:

Whereas, Midlands Mission Center has an ownership stake in the Chihowa Retreat Center, and

Whereas, The existing HVAC system for the Lake Lodge is approximately 30 years old and has reached the end of its serviceable life and needs to be replaced, and

Whereas, The Chihowa Retreat Center board voted to replace the existing HVAC system serving the Lake Lodge, and

Whereas, The Midlands Mission Center Advisory Council has authorized up to a \$30,000, 0% loan to Chihowa Retreat Center to replace the needed HVAC system, and

Whereas, Midlands Mission Center has enough funds in Reserves to pay for this amount without requiring repayment of the funds, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Midlands Mission Center will gift up to the \$30,000 amount to Chihowa Retreat Center instead of asking for the 0% loan to be repaid to the Midlands Mission Center.

Bicentennial Doctrine and Covenants

Whereas, The Community of Christ embraces the enduring principle of continuing revelation, and

Whereas, Continuing revelations are compiled and published in the Doctrine and Covenants, and

Whereas, Concerns expressed as in Section 116 brought before the 2023 conference emphasized the need for clarification of historical and cultural contexts in which documents were received as scripture, and

Whereas, The conference action removing some sections to an Appendix and a later Resolution 1215 (1990) removed the Appendix leaving unexplained gaps in the book (sections 107, 108A, 109, 110, and 123) and related issues, and

Whereas, A book can be expected to pay for its publication by its sales, and

Whereas, The digital (searchable) edition of the Doctrine and Covenants provided in 2023 adds significantly to our scriptural repository, and

Whereas, A new edition celebrating our bicentennial in 2030 would have a revitalizing effect, therefore be it

Resolved, That this conference request the First Presidency consider preparing a bicentennial edition of the Doctrine and Covenants to include: historical and cultural contexts of revelations to facilitate understanding, clarifying our appreciation of scripture, and celebrating our heritage; and be it further

Resolved, That the First Presidency consider making it available in multiple languages online at no cost, while at the same time being available bound for purchase.

Divine Insights Calling Us!

Whereas, The Community of Christ offers scripture unique and instructive to the world, and

Whereas, Section 163 invites us to become a prophetic people sharing our sacred journey, and

Whereas, From the beginning, God has spoken to humanity through many sources including truth and knowledge, hymns, personal revelation, arts, and sciences in every culture representing divine insights, and

Whereas, Great religions share commonalities with the gospel of Christ, therefore be it

Resolved, That the First Presidency consider a compilation-abridgment of God's insights to the modern world be prepared by qualified volunteers appointed to this mission by the First Presidency to highlight counsel, inspiration and support for the Enduring Principles, from the world's cultures, and be it further

Resolved, That the First Presidency consider making this edition available in multiple languages online at no cost to the consumer. (However, it may also be bound and sold), and be it further

Resolved, That the First Presidency consider making a draft of this compilation-abridgment available in 2028 to the joint council and a refined copy be prepared for the bi-centennial celebration of the Book of Mormon and establishment of the Church in 2030.

Minutes of the Midlands Mission Center Conference of October 15, 2023

Reviewed and Approved by the Midlands Mission Center Advisory Council on January 28, 2024

Midlands Mission Center October 15, 2023 Conference Minutes

Held Via Zoom and in person at Mission Road Congregation at 3:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Midlands Mission Center Conference was called to order by mission center president team member, Kat Hnatyshyn. Sharon Robertson has agreed to serve as secretary. Minutes of the previous business meeting, October 16, 2022, are available on the MMC website and were approved by the Leadership Advisory Council.

Priesthood Call

Kat Hnatyshyn called for a motion to approve the call of Sharon Spaans to serve in the office of Evangelist. The motion was made by Paul DeBarthe and it was seconded. Sharon shared a brief testimony of acceptance of the call. Statements of support were given by Sue Phipps, Kat Hnatyshyn and Dave Hall. The vote was taken and the call of Sharon Spaans to the office of Evangelist was approved.

Mission Center Leadership

The floor was turned over to Apostle Janné Grover for consideration of mission center leadership team for 2024. Apostle Grover brought greetings on behalf of the Central USA mission field leadership team and on behalf of the first presidency. She also extended, on behalf of President Veazey and his family, gratitude for prayerful support for him and his family during this time.

Apostle Grover called attention to a letter from President Scott Murphy on behalf of the First Presidency, authorizing the sustaining of Kat Hnatyshyn (Chair), Allen Keehler, and Stan Troeh to serve as the Mission Center President Team for the year 2024. Haumana Johannsen of the Shawnee Drive congregation moved that this motion be approved, and it was seconded and carried by a show of hands in person and via Zoom.

Apostle Grover called attention to a letter written by Scott Murphy on behalf of the First Presidency and Ron Harmon on behalf of the Presiding Bishopric recommending the sustaining of Steve Beckman (Chair), Emily Hidy, and Kristine Shipley to serve as the Mission Center Financial Officer Team for the year 2024. Gary Collins of the Liberty congregation moved this motion be approved, and it was seconded and carried by a show of hands in person and via Zoom.

Apostle Grover called attention to a letter from herself recommending that Dave Hall be sustained to serve as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister for the year 2024 and called for a motion to that effect. The motion was made by John O'Neal of the Mission Road congregation. It was seconded and passed by a show of hands in person and via Zoom. Janné extended gratitude to Craig Hidy for serving as the Mission Center Invitation Support Minister for the past several years. The floor was returned to Kat Hnatyshyn who called attention to a letter from herself recommending a Mission Center Leadership Advisory Council of Virginia Adams, Sharon Diddle, Josh Huyett, Emily Hartford, Ron Millard, Sarah Marolf and Sally Roth. Roxann Kosmicki of the Mission Road congregation moved that the leadership advisory council, as presented in the letter, be sustained. It was seconded and passed by a show of hands in person and via Zoom.

Business meeting suspended for a pre-legislative session.

Business meeting reconvened.

After the pre-legislative session and a break, the MMC business meeting was reconvened by MMC president team member, Allen Keehler. Sharon Robertson will continue to serve as secretary. A reminder that the meeting is being recorded.

Budgets:

Resolved that the proposed 2024 budget for Midlands Mission Center be approved. Haumana Johannsen of the Shawnee Drive congregation moved that the motion be approved. It was seconded, and the motion was approved by a show of hands in person and via Zoom.

Resolved that the proposed 2024 budget for Central Avenue Center of Hope be approved. Stanton Adams of the Olathe congregation moved that the motion be approved. It was seconded, and the motion was approved by a show of hands in person and via Zoom.

Resolved that the proposed 2024 budget for Chihowa Retreat Center be approved. Rollie Marolf of the Topeka congregation moved that the motion be approved. It was seconded, and the motion was approved by a show of hands in person and via Zoom.

Bridge of Hope

Whereas, Community of Christ is called to be fully engaged in the mission of Jesus Christ around the world, and

Whereas, the Presiding Bishopric has asked congregations and mission centers to consider supporting the Bridge of Hope project, and

Whereas, Midlands Mission Center has been giving to Bridge of Hope since 2020 and

Whereas, 2023 is the final year of giving to Bridge of Hope Retirement Fund therefore, be it

Resolved, that Midlands Mission Center gift the minimum balance of \$60,924.12 from the Midlands Mission Center AIP Pool A Account before December 15, 2023 to the Bridge of Hope.

The Motion was moved by Ramona Collins of the Liberty congregation and was seconded. Jane Landrum of the Mission Road congregation moved that the resolution be amended to read "**Resolved**, that Midlands Mission Center gift the *remaining* minimum balance of \$60,924.12 from the Midlands Mission Center AIP Pool A Account before December 15, 2023 to the Bridge of Hope". The amendment was seconded and carried by a show of hands in person and via Zoom.

A vote was held on the amended resolution and it carried by a show of hands in person and via Zoom.

Affiliate Board Seats

Allen called for a motion to approve the following affiliate board seats in one group:

Chihowa Retreat Center

3-year terms

Doug Norris

Doug Ferguson

Steve Zahniser

HUD – Prairie Development and Westward Development

3-year term

Lehi German

Central Avenue Center of Hope

3-year terms

Chris Lackey

Patricia Sharp (1 year term)

Bill Wolfe

Terry Allen

SHARE, inc.

Fill open seat Dec '22-2024)

Keegan Troth

John O'Neal moved that these seats be approved. It was seconded and carried by a show of hands in person and via Zoom.

Lake Doniphan Retreat Center Board

MMC leadership will appoint and present the open seat to the Advisory Council for sustainment once updated By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation are approved with the state of Missouri. Randy Cole was thanked for his decades of service to the board.

New Business & Adjournment

Allen called for new business and hearing none the conference was adjourned by president team member, Allen Keehler with the singing of hymn CCS #560, *How Many Times We Start Again*. The session was followed by a time of worship.

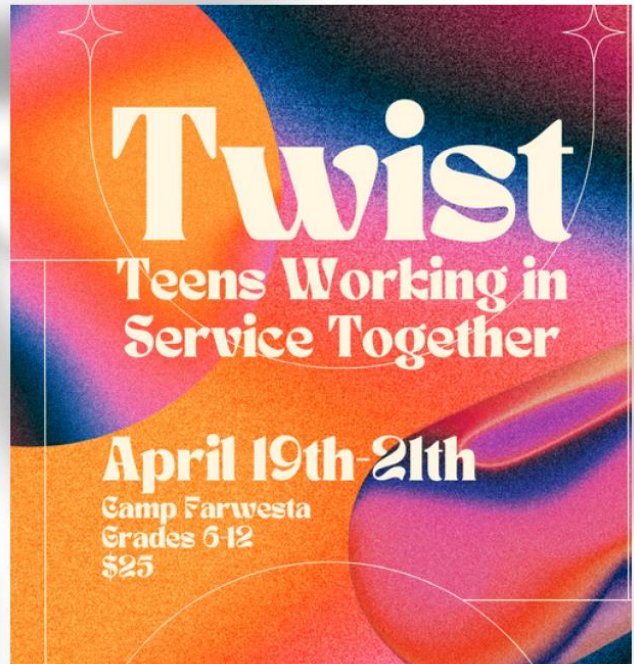
Respectively Submitted,

Sharon Robertson

Midlands Mission Center

Upcoming Events

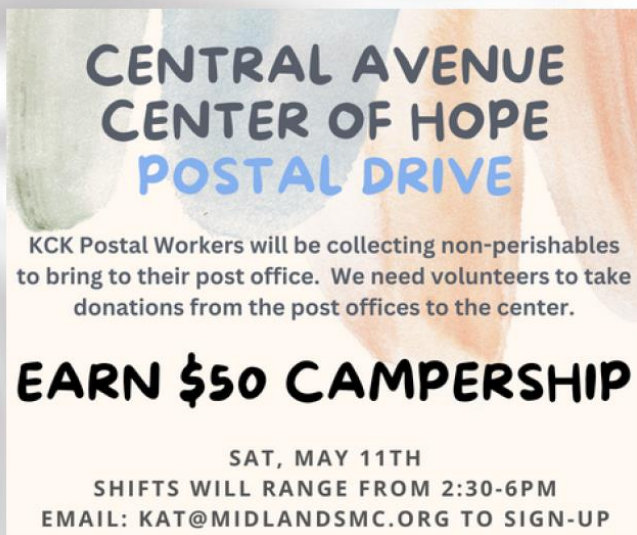
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Twist

Teens Working in Service Together

April 19th-21st
Camp Farwesta
Grades 6-12
\$25



CENTRAL AVENUE CENTER OF HOPE POSTAL DRIVE

KCK Postal Workers will be collecting non-perishables to bring to their post office. We need volunteers to take donations from the post offices to the center.

EARN \$50 CAMBERSHIP

SAT, MAY 11TH
SHIFTS WILL RANGE FROM 2:30-6PM
EMAIL: [KAT@MIDLANDSMC.ORG](mailto:kat@midlandsmc.org) TO SIGN-UP



Midlands Mission Center

June 6-8 Youth Quest (Olathe Congregation)
June 8-12 Junior & Middle School Camp (Chihowa)
June 13-17 Doniphan Family Camp
June 23-27 Sr High Camp/Float Trip
July 7-12 Chihowa Family Camp
July 13-20 Spectacular (Graceland University)
July 14-20 Camp MITIOG (Lake Doniphan)

2024 Camps
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Chihowa Family Camp, July 7-12, 2024

Midlands Mission Center
Guest Minister: Bishop Carla Long
More Info: midlandsmc.org

“Heal the Earth:
A Restoration Imperative.”



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Midlands & Central Missouri Mission Centers

Family Camp

June 13-17th
Lake Doniphan

Guest Minister:
Bishop Carla Long

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