



## Online Ministry & Priesthood Classes Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission (CIMM)

To enroll or for more information on these classes and the certificate programs, visit [graceland.edu/CIMM](http://graceland.edu/CIMM). Cost is \$25 unless noted.

### Spring A (January 6–March 2, 2025)

- **Introduction to Pastors Ministry** – David Lloyd
- **Ministry of the Disciple** – Apostle Robin Linkhart
- **Christian Ministries Certificate: Practical Ministry** – Zac Harmon-McLaughlin (\$100)

### Spring B (March 3–April 27, 2025)

- **Introduction to Priesthood Ministry** – Rick Maupin
- **Ministry of the Seventy** – Bethany Lloyd
- **Ministry of the Teacher** – David Lloyd
- **Ministry of the Bishop** – Presiding Bishop Carla Long
- **Christian Ministries Certificate: Dialogue, Understanding, and Peacemaking** – Andrew Bolton (\$100)

### Upcoming CIMM Sessions

CIMM Sessions are short seminars on topics of theology, culture, and Community of Christ Identity, Mission, Message, Beliefs and practices.

These sessions are broadcast live on **Zoom at 7:00pm Wednesday nights**. To register, please visit [www.graceland.edu/cimmsessions](http://www.graceland.edu/cimmsessions).

- Jan 8 – Listening with the Lectionary – Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith
- Jan 15 – The Power of Narrative Preaching in Witness and Mission – Linda Booth
- Jan 22 – The Power of Narrative Preaching to Awaken Congregations – Linda Booth
- Jan 29 – Narrative Preaching in a Post-Modern World – Linda Booth
- Feb 5 – Emerging Thoughts in Sharing the Message pt 1 – Joey Williams
- Feb 12 – Emerging Thoughts in Sharing the Message pt 2 – Joey Williams
- Feb 19 – “Loss and Light” with Barbara Weldon
- Feb 26 – “Finding Your Voice” with David Lloyd
- March 5 – Millennial Preaching – TBA



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## SAVE THE DATE

Feb 28 – Mar 2 TWIST @ Shawnee Drive

### SUMMER CAMP 2025

- June 18 – 11 Doniphan Family Camp
- June 26 – 30 Sr High Camp / Float Trip
- July 6 – 11 Chihowa Family Camp
- July 12 – 19 Spectacular @ Graceland
- July 13 – 17 Junior / Middle School @ Chihowa
- July 13 – 17 Camp MITIOG @ Doniphan
- July 24 – 26 Youth Quest @ Olathe

## NONVIOLENCE STATEMENT FEEDBACK

In response to 2019 WCR 1319, the First Presidency has crafted a draft Statement on Nonviolence. You are invited to read the statement and provide feedback on each section **by February 28, 2025**. The FP will review the feedback and update as necessary by May 2025.

Statement: [bit.ly/NonviolenceStatement](https://bit.ly/NonviolenceStatement) (click “Draft Statement”)

Survey: [bit.ly/NonviolenceSurvey](https://bit.ly/NonviolenceSurvey)

## JOB OPENING

### Midlands Fulltime Peace & Justice Specialist

The Peace and Justice Specialist will work with individuals and groups in MMC to support diversity and inclusion of all persons. This includes working with individuals and groups to foster acceptance and understanding of social injustice. The specialist will initiate actions to inform, encourage, and facilitate community development. For more information and an application visit [bit.ly/MMCPeace](https://bit.ly/MMCPeace).

## Under the Spire Concert Series

The Temple Sanctuary is a world class performance space. We are hosting gifted folk musicians who write and perform songs that evoke inspiration and peace. There is no ticket fee, but we do suggest a \$20 donation. Cost shouldn't be a barrier to participation. This series is sponsored by Community of Christ and the Independence Square Association. For more information, please visit [www.centerforlivingwater.org/concerts](http://www.centerforlivingwater.org/concerts).

### *Jan Kraybill*

**2pm Sunday, February 9 – Auditorium**

GRAMMY-nominated artist Jan Kraybill is a concert organist, pianist, and harpsichordist performs her 26th annual super bowl concert showcasing incredible music on the 6,334 pipe-organ.

### *UMKC Conservatory Choirs*

**7:30 pm Saturday, February 22**

Special guests will join to create beautiful chorial music that shines in this incredible acoustic space.

### *Madisen Ward*

**7 pm Sunday, February 28**

Madisen Ward started out playing music in coffeehouses with his mother in Independence. Family Folk Duo Madisen Ward and the Mama Bear signed to a label, opened for B.B. King among others, and appeared on several programs including Late Show with David Letterman and Today Show. Madisen now performs solo, crafting his own personal brand of soulful, folky, and creative Americana music.

## Preaching in the Age of Ted Talks

*Joey Williams*

**8:45 am – 4:00 pm**

**Saturday, January 25 @ Olathe  
or Saturday, February 1 @ Colonial Hills**

Midlands and Central Mission Centers will offer the same session twice, so choose the date that is convenient for you. A light meal will be provided. Register by January 18: [bit.ly/preachingwithjoey](http://bit.ly/preachingwithjoey)

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## World Conference 2025

DELEGATES: World Conference will be held **May 30 – June 6, 2025**, in Independence, MO. Midlands is seeking **two more delegates** plus alternates. To submit an application: [bit.ly/WC2025delegate](http://bit.ly/WC2025delegate).

LEGISLATION: Fourteen pieces of legislation have been submitted by mission centers and World Church Standing Teams for this gathering.

- View the legislation: [bit.ly/WC25Legislation](http://bit.ly/WC25Legislation)
- View the background and support statements: [bit.ly/WC25LegSupport](http://bit.ly/WC25LegSupport)
- MMC's unique **proposed resolution prioritization survey** is **open until Dec 14** to everyone, not just delegates: [bit.ly/WC25Priority](http://bit.ly/WC25Priority)

ZOOM SUPPORT: Volunteers are needed to support remote legislative sites. Multiple roles for non-delegates are available based on schedule, interest, and skills. Contact Brad Bryant at 309.706.6179 or [BBryant@CofChrist.org](mailto:BBryant@CofChrist.org).