

# MIDLANDS

## MISSION CENTER CONFERENCE

HOPE STRENGTHENED

April 13 2025  
2:30-5:00pm

COLLECTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY, YOU ARE LOVED WITH AN  
EVERLASTING LOVE THAT DELIGHTS IN EACH FAITHFUL STEP  
TAKEN. GOD YEARNS TO DRAW YOU CLOSE SO THAT WOUNDS  
MAY BE HEALED, EMPTINESS FILLED, AND HOPE STRENGTHENED.

~DOCTRINE & COVENANTS 163:10A

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## welcome:

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GATHERING MUSIC  
WELCOME  
SCRIPTURE READING  
PRAYER FOR WISDOM

JESSICA PYCIOR  
KAT HNATYSHYN  
DOCTRINE & COVENANTS 163:1  
JIM DIDDLE

## background for today's business:

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LEADERSHIP PLAN  
MIDLANDS BUDGET DISCUSSION  
CHIHOWA BUDGET DISCUSSION

TRANSITION HYMN *"TO BE YOUR PRESENCE"*

CCS 351

## business session:

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

CONSIDERATION OF FALL 2024 CONFERENCE MINUTE  
SUSTAINING OF MISSION CENTER RECORDER  
AMENDMENT TO THE MIDLANDS BUDGET FOR 2025  
AMENDMENT TO THE CHIHOWA BUDGET FOR 2025  
CHIHOWA BOARD SEAT  
SUSTAINING OF MISSION CENTER PRESIDENT TEAM

**CLOSE BUSINESS**



# Community of Christ

Midlands USA Mission Center

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Dear Members of the Midlands Mission Center,**

In preparation for the **Spring Mission Center Conference**, scheduled for **Sunday, April 13th, 2025, 2:30 PM** at the **Mission Road Congregation (7842 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66201)** or via Zoom (**midlandsmc.org for the link**), we want to share some observations, comments, and a plan for our next faithful steps together.

As we reflect on the past and envision the future, we are reminded of the collective strength and dedication that have carried us forward as one unified Mission Center. Midlands is home to eighteen congregations, along with six affiliate organizations governed by six boards. What many may not be aware of is that Midlands USA Mission Center is the fourth largest Mission Center in the United States and the tenth largest worldwide. **The ministry we provide collectively matters in the life of the church and within the communities we serve.**

In 2020, a pivotal shift occurred within our mission center as we transitioned from paid leadership to a volunteer-led model. This strategic decision allowed us to redirect human resource funds towards hiring a young adult minister and a part-time bookkeeper/recorder, with volunteer leaders serving across teams. Over the past five years, this model has evolved and currently includes a full-time **peace and justice specialist**, a part-time **bookkeeper/recorder**, and volunteer **youth and young adult leaders**. This approach has been instrumental in strengthening Midlands, fostering shared leadership, and embracing the diverse giftedness of our community.

Through this shared leadership model, the Mission Center has experienced tremendous financial flexibility and agility, enabling us to:

- complete vital HVAC and pool repairs for both campgrounds.
- provide financial support to campgrounds during COVID-19.
- fully repay the Doniphan loan.
- nearly eliminate reunion deficits.
- support our camping programs and camperships, ensuring accessibility for all.
- make significant contributions to the Bridge of Hope initiative.

**Looking Ahead:** With the recent call for Kat Hnatyshyn to serve in the Council of Twelve Apostles, and Steve Beckman's announced intent to step down as mission center financial office (MCFO) team lead at the end of 2025, we find ourselves at a unique crossroads, contemplating the

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exciting possibilities for ongoing leadership in Midlands. As we navigate this transition, we remain deeply committed to:

- shared leadership and ministry.
- advancing mission both inside and outside church buildings.
- promoting peace and justice within our communities.
- cultivating and creating sacred spaces.
- supporting discipleship, priesthood formation, and leadership development.

Looking to the future, we envision a new leadership structure led by a **single-line administrator** who will oversee both the mission center president and financial officer teams on a full-time basis. This dedicated role will provide the time and focus necessary to nurture and explore innovative approaches to ministry and mission, while also having the availability to deliver critical support and oversight for financial operations and emerging opportunities. This leadership will be complemented by the ongoing contributions of our peace and justice specialist, bookkeeper/recorder, and other essential volunteer roles.

With the support of field leaders, we are pleased to announce the appointment of **Betty Smith Campbell** (Webb Road congregation) as the volunteer mission center president (MCP) team lead to guide us through this transitional period. Betty's leadership, vision, and organizational expertise will be invaluable as we chart a new path forward. Alongside Betty, Allen and Stan will continue serving on the president team, ensuring stability and continuity. With the support of the conference, Betty will be set apart as the interim mission center president team lead.

**Budget Implications:** To support the transition to a single-line administrator, we propose the following budget amendment for Midlands' Spring Conference:

- For 2025, an increase of **\$50,000** in the Human Resource line and a corresponding **\$50,000** increase in income from the Operating/Reserve Fund.

Future years:

- For 2026, an additional increase of approximately **\$55,000** is projected in the human resource line, along with a corresponding increase in income from the Operating/Reserve Fund. This represents an increase of approximately \$105,000 compared to the current 2025 budget.
- By 2027, with the maturation of a HUD property, we anticipate generating new revenues from this resource, reducing reliance on the Operating/Reserve Fund and potentially ensuring financial sustainability for the single-line administrator position. *However, it is important to recognize that this expectation is subject to unpredictable circumstances and variables and therefore cannot be guaranteed.*

Following conference approval of both leadership change and budget revision, we will initiate the search for a single-line administrator who will gradually assume responsibilities starting with the MCFO duties and later transitioning into MCP duties.

Through collective discernment with the apostle, current mission center leadership, and the Leadership Advisory Council, future leadership updates will be shared at or around Mission Center Conference in October 2026.

We thank you for your unwavering commitment to the Midlands Mission Center. Together, through shared ministry and vision, we will continue to nurture and strengthen our congregations, embracing the mission of Christ in all that we do. If you have any questions or insights, please do not hesitate to reach out.

With gratitude and anticipation,

Midlands Mission Center Leadership Team  
(Allen, Kat, Stan, Steve, and Emily)

cc: Betty Smith Campbell



# Community of Christ

CHRIST'S MISSION, OUR MISSION

April 13, 2025

To the Midlands Mission Center:

Greetings in the grace and peace of Jesus Christ. Through worship, fellowship, and conducting important business in support of Christ's mission, I trust you will be blessed as you discern and share together.

As the mission center discerns the leadership needs to best support mission, it is with gratitude that Betty Smith Campbell is appointed to serve as the interim mission center president team lead. Betty will serve with Allen Keehler and Stan Troeh as your mission center president team. The role of the mission center president team is essential to assist congregations in living the mission to which Community of Christ has been called. We are grateful for Betty's willingness to serve in this essential leadership and ministry position during this time of transition.

I invite your prayerful consideration in sustaining Betty as mission center president team lead and seek for all mission center leaders your prayerful support.

In the peace of Christ,

Janné C. Grover, apostle

cc: K. Scott Murphy

# president team



## **Betty Campbell**

PRESIDENT OF RECORD  
COMMUNICATIONS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
DUTIES

## **Allen Keehler**

YOUTH MINISTRIES  
YOUNG ADULT MIN.  
NEW EXPRESSIONS  
DONIPHAN BOARD  
EX-OFFICIO

## **Stan Troeh**

PRIESTHOOD FORMATION  
SHARE INC. BOARD EX-OFFICIO  
HUD BOARDS EX-OFFICIO  
CHIHOWA BOARD EX-OFFICIO  
JPATKC

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MISSY SHIELDS - BOOKKEEPER/RECORDER

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CENTRAL AVENUE CENTER OF HOPE EX-OFFICIO

## **youth and young adult ministry:**

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# Midlands Mission Center

## Proposed Amended 2025 Budget

	2024 Approved	As of 12/31/24	2025	Amended 2025	2026 Vision
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>					
Congregational Pledges	101,000	86,493	90,000	90,000	88,000
Contributions	9,000	10,371	9,000	9,000	9,000
HR Pledge - Highlands		0	35,000	35,000	35,000
Income from Operating Fund - HR Funding		0		50,000	105,000
Other income		1			
Interest Income		69			
Investment Earnings		26,185			
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>110,000</b>	<b>123,119</b>	<b>134,000</b>	<b>184,000</b>	<b>237,000</b>
<b><u>DISBURSEMENTS</u></b>					
<b>PROGRAM MINISTRIES</b>					
<i>Camperships</i>	2,000	3,157	2,000	2,000	2,000
<i>Peace and Justice Ministries</i>	3,000	1,150	3,500	3,500	3,500
Includes Justice & Peace Action Team & Peace Grants					
<i>Communications Ministries</i>	800	0	500	500	500
<i>Leadership Ministries</i>	1,500	1,074	1,000	1,000	1,000
<i>Outreach Ministries</i>	5,000	1,590	7,500	7,500	7,500
<i>Youth Ministries</i>	4,000	0	4,000	4,000	4,000
<i>Young Adult Ministries</i>	4,000	1,312	4,000	4,000	4,000
<i>Camping/Campground Support</i>	12,000	0	12,000	12,000	12,000
<b>Total Program Ministries</b>	<b>32,300</b>	<b>8,283</b>	<b>34,500</b>	<b>34,500</b>	<b>34,500</b>
<b>HUMAN RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Total Human Resources</b>	<b>60,200</b>	<b>11,536</b>	<b>84,000</b>	<b>134,000</b>	<b>189,000</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>					
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>8,496</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>OTHER</b>					
<b>Reunion Reserve Funding</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>110,000</b>	<b>35,815</b>	<b>134,000</b>	<b>184,000</b>	<b>237,000</b>
<b><u>NET RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>87,305</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**MIDLANDS MISSION CENTER**  
**Comparative Statement of Financial Position**  
**December 31, 2024 and 2023 (Not Audited)**

	<b>ASSETS</b>			
	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$ 46,613.57		\$ 104,721.19	
Investment in World Church Pool	476,699.63	523,313.20	370,516.97	475,238.16
Prepaid Expense	-		-	
Accounts Receivable	16,481.25		22,367.83	
Due from Central Avenue Center of Hope	32,749.59		38,407.14	
Due from Camp Chihowa	153,637.79		160,171.58	
Due from Osawatomie Bldg Sale	45,000.00			
Due from Doniphan Retreat Center	-		9,608.62	
Total Current Assets		\$ 247,868.63		\$ 230,555.17
<b>Property and Equipment</b>				
Highlands Property	97,218.65		97,218.65	
Mt. Moriah Cemetery Lots	21,600.00		21,600.00	
Total Property and Equipment		118,818.65		118,818.65
Total Assets		<u>\$ 890,000.48</u>		<u>\$ 824,611.98</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Accounts Payable		\$ (86.04)		\$ 3,173.11
<b>Fund Balances</b>				
Operating Fund - Mission Center	\$ 412,648.28		\$ 421,874.17	
Buildings and Grounds Equity - Mission Center	97,218.65		97,218.65	
Other Reserve and Agency Accounts	393,905.59		316,032.05	
Total Fund Balances		890,086.52		821,438.87
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		<u>\$ 890,000.48</u>		<u>\$ 824,611.98</u>

# affiliate board seats

## Chihowa Retreat Center

REMAINING OF OPEN 3 YEAR TERM

JESSICA PYCIOR - 2025

Chihowa Retreat Center				
2025 Budget Proposal - Revised				
		Total Actual & Est Exp 2024	Budget 2025	Revised Budget 2025
<b>Revenue</b>				
	Contributions	7,894	15,000	15,000
	Interest	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Usage Fees	121,429	139,644	139,644
	Other Income	16,095	20,000	20,000
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>150,418</b>	<b>179,644</b>	<b>179,644</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>				
	Office Expenses	127	500	500
	Insurance	35,524	40,142	42,812
	Work Day Expenses	300	1,500	1,500
	Refunds	-	-	-
	Other	1	200	200
	<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>35,952</b>	<b>42,342</b>	<b>45,012</b>
<b>OPERATIONS</b>				
	Building Maintenance	27,228	19,000	17,000
	Equipment Maintenance	372	7,500	6,500
	Grounds Maintenance	1,405	1,000	1,000
	Swimming Pool Maintenance	2,552	5,000	5,000
	Mileage for Resident Manager	394	500	500
	Operating Supplies	1,426	1,500	1,500
	Pool Chemical Supplies	1,739	3,000	3,000
	Fuel for Equipment	906	1,000	1,000
	Marketing/Advertising	100	200	200
	<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>36,123</b>	<b>38,700</b>	<b>35,700</b>
<b>IMPROVEMENTS</b>				
	Building Improvements	6,408	6,500	5,500
	Equipment Improvements	3,179	250	250
	Grounds Improvements	379	600	600
	Swimming Pool Improvements	5,000	-	-
	<b>Total Improvements</b>	<b>14,965</b>	<b>7,350</b>	<b>6,350</b>
<b>UTILITIES</b>				
	Electricity	5,515	10,000	10,000
	Pest Control	1,422	1,500	1,500
	Propane	6,704	9,000	9,000
	Telephone/Internet	1,482	1,700	1,700
	Water	928	3,000	3,000
	Refuse	738	1,100	1,100
	<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>16,789</b>	<b>26,300</b>	<b>26,300</b>
<b>HUMAN RESOURCES</b>				
	Employee Salaries/Taxes	40,898	52,499	70,470
	<b>Total Human Resources</b>	<b>40,898</b>	<b>52,499</b>	<b>70,470</b>
	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>144,728</b>	<b>167,191</b>	<b>183,832</b>
	<b>NET RECEIPTS</b>	<b>5,691</b>	<b>12,453</b>	<b>(4,188)</b>

# mission center & world church updates:

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“community of christ, your name, given as a blessing, is your identity and calling. if you discern and embrace its full meaning, you will become a blessing to the whole creation. do not be afraid to go where it beckons you to go.”

**DOCTRINE & COVENANTS 163:1**

## **Community of Christ World Conference**

*May 30th-June 6th*

2 delegate seats remaining

Delegate training coming soon!

## **Justice and Peace Action Team of Greater Kansas City (JPATKC)**

The Courage of Our Convictions (an advocacy event)

*May 4th 2:00pm @ the Temple Continents Room*

## **Midlands Camps & Family Camps**

Registration and Promotions (see pages 14 & 15)

**Peace & Justice update** | (KCPrideFest) *June 6-8, 2025*

**Peace Colloquy at the Temple** | *Sept 12-14, 2025*

## MMC Youth & Young Adults Update – Spring MC Conference

Prepared by Greg & Dawn Bassett



### TWIST

The Spring TWIST was held the weekend of February 28 – March 2 at the Shawnee Drive Community of Christ congregation. We worked hard and played hard all weekend. Friday, everyone just hung out after our ice breakers and games. Then Saturday, the kids made “care bags” at Central Avenue Center of Hope in the morning, then split up in the afternoon. One group went to a Hillcrest thrift shop and the other group repaired a piece of the sidewalk in front of the congregational building. Saturday evening was filled with a group activity then karaoke in the sanctuary. Sunday, we worshipped with Shawnee Drive followed by a potluck lunch before saying goodbye. Everyone had a great time, and we are looking forward to getting together again in the Fall, which will be the weekend of October 3-5 at The Highlands. Please mark your calendars.

## **YOUTH CAMPS**

We are gearing up for a busy and fun 2025 camping season. Our Mission Center youth camps will all have hope related themes and we are looking forward to spending time with friends and continuing with our relationships with our Creator. Please spread the word to all youths that you know. We would love to break attendance records this year. The more people we have, the better the experience it is for everyone.

Our youth camps are as follows:

Senior High Adventure Camp – Embark in Hope  
June 26 – 30  
Meramac State Park

Junior / Middle School Camp – Theme TBD  
July 13 – 17  
Chihowa Campground

YouthQuest – Our Hope is Out of the World  
July 24 – 26  
Olathe Community of Christ

SPEC  
July 12 – 19  
Graceland University Campus

Camp MITIOG  
July 13 – 18  
Camp Doniphan Campground

**FYI - We are beginning to plan for our 2026 Caravan. Stay tuned for more information.**

## **YOUNG ADULTS**

We have some tentative plans for some activities and volunteer opportunities for our young adults scheduled for this summer and fall. Stay tuned for more information.

A photograph of a person sitting on a sandy beach, viewed from the side. They are in a meditative pose with their hands raised in front of them, palms facing each other, fingers slightly curled. They are wearing light blue pants. The background shows the ocean and a clear sky.

# worship

**Welcome**

Allen Keehler

**Call to Worship**

Doctrine & Covenants 163:11a-b

“God is calling for a prophetic community to emerge, drawn from the nations of the world, that is characterized by uncommon devotion to the compassion and peace of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Through divine grace and wisdom, this faith community has been given abundant gifts, resources, and opportunities to equip it to become such a people. Chief among these is the power of community in Christ expressed locally in distinctive fashions while upholding a unity of vision, foundational beliefs, and mission throughout the world.

There are many issues that could easily consume the time and energy of the church. However, the challenge before a prophetic people is to discern and pursue what matters most for the journey ahead.”

**Hymn**

*“Holy Presence, Holy Teacher”*

CCS 601

**Message**

Kat Hnatyshyn

**Hymn**

*“Jesus is Calling”*

CCS 578

**The Setting Apart of The MMC President Team** by  
Bishop Amy Hoerchler & High Priest Kat Hnatyshyn

**Disciples Generous Response**

Dave Hall

**Hymn**

*“Go Now Forth Into the World”*

CCS 646

**Benediction/Sending Forth**

Betty Smith Campbell

# 2025

SUMMER CALENDAR



JUNE 18-22  
DONIPHAN

JUNE 26-30  
SR HIGH CAMP

JULY 6-11  
CHIHOWA

JULY 12-19  
SPECTACULAR

JULY 13-17  
JUNIOR/MIDDLE SCHOOL

JULY 13-19  
CAMP MITIOG

JULY 24-26  
YOUTH QUEST