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DAY OF PREPARATION WWW.COFCHRIST.ORG/WC2013

TOGETHER in CHRIST A JOURNEY OF FAITH
2013 USA National Conference

USA National Conference Delegate Training

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16
9 AM—5 PM

1006 Clay St
Winter Park, FL 32789

Suggested donation \$12
For food and materials

National Conference delegates and alternates are required to attend this day of preparation and training with Apostle Linda Booth. Others are welcome to participate if desired.

Please register online at
www.cofchristfmc.org

On Sunday, February 17th, the Orlando congregation invites you to continue sharing with Apostle Linda Booth in a Q&A session at 10 am and in the 11 am Worship Service. A luncheon will also be provided after church as a Spec fundraiser.

You are invited to join with your Community of Christ brothers and sisters from around the globe in upholding World Conference 2013 on Sunday, **February 24**. This particular Sunday is set aside as a day of prayer and fasting for World Conference and a special offering will be received. The offering will help with the costs of World Conference and provide online access to the events of this important week to church members and friends worldwide.

Here's how you can take part in the World Conference Special Offering:

Envelopes:

- Use the special envelope included in your February envelope mailing, or
- Write "World Conference" on the memo line of your check and place it in the offering basket.

Online:

- Give online at www.cofchrist.org/give/ contribute using a debit or credit card.

Mail:

- Mail a check (payable to Presiding Bishopric) to Community of Christ, Attn: Fiscal Services,

1001 W. Walnut, Independence, MO 64050-3562. Be sure to write "World Conference Offering" on the memo line of your check.

Thank you for helping to make this event possible!



COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED

If you are planning to attend World Conference in Independence, MO, April 13-18, and would like to participate in serving communion, openings are still available. This is a unique opportunity for priesthood members to participate in this sacrament at a worldwide gathering. The World Conference Communion Service will take place in the Auditorium on Sunday, April 14. The required practice for servers will be Saturday, April 13 from 9:30 am to 12 noon in the Auditorium. If you would like to participate, please contact Jeanne Davis, Worship Specialist, at (816) 833-1000 x2146.

SEIZE THE DAY

A Young Adult Retreat

On March 15-17, young adults from around the Florida and Southeast Mission Centers will reunite at Deerhaven for a weekend of fun and games, campfire and crafts, recreation and worship. Those in college through 40-something are invited to connect with the Deerhaven camping experience, with God and with each other.

Guest Minister Blake Smith will be back by popular demand. Blake brings his experience as a Graceland University campus minis-

ter, a youth minister and training specialist, a pastor and leader. He is a native of Pensacola, FL, where he graduated from University of West Florida. He also received a master of divinity from St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, MO.

Register and pay by February 28th for a discount. Campership help is available on an as-need basis. Please contact Director Karla Van Beek for information at (941) 739-9823 or ivanbeek@tampabay.rr.com.



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Lent

Begins Ash Wednesday, February 13, and ends before the Easter celebration; commemorates Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry; a time for remembrance, preparation, repentance, soul-searching and reflection

DGR HIGHLIGHT

CONGREGATIONS IN COMMUNITY

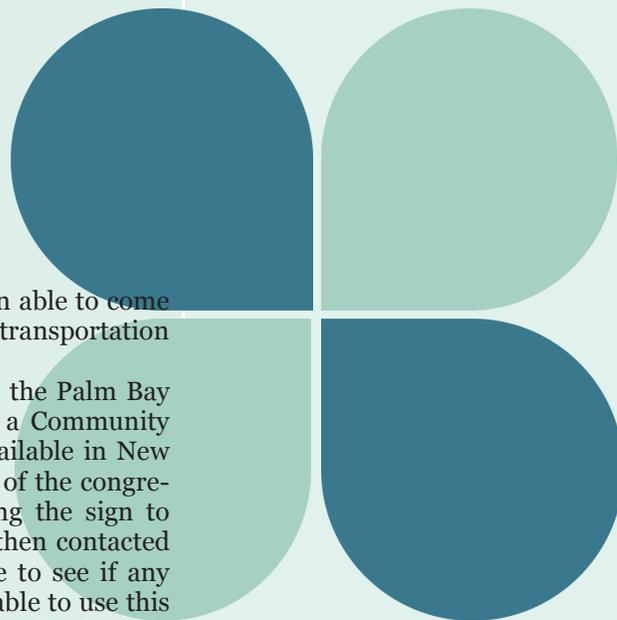
Part of the joy of living in community comes when brothers and sisters reach out in love and concern to meet the needs of another. This is also true of the community of a mission center when neighboring congregations are able to reach out and meet a need in another congregation.

Recently, the Tampa congregation realized that the van they were no longer using might be useful to someone else. They learned of the need in the New Port Richey congregation for a way to get folks to church. The Tampa congregation voted to give the van, along with the remaining funds to maintain the van, to the New Port Richey congregation. Jerome Sauls, pastor of New Port Richey, called Tampa pastor Barbara Woolard to thank the congregation for their gift. He has been using the van every week to bring people to church. On a recent Sunday, he picked up 11 people

who would not have been able to come to church without the transportation provided by the van.

Earlier last year, the Palm Bay congregation learned of a Community of Christ church sign available in New York. Winter members of the congregation were able to bring the sign to Palm Bay. Betty Yoder then contacted the mission center office to see if any congregations might be able to use this sign. Because members of Palm Bay congregation were willing to reach out and coordinate the movement of this sign, the Jacksonville congregation now has a new Community of Christ sign in front of their church.

The compassion and concern shown by members in the Florida Mission Center continues to bless others, especially within our congregations. May we continue to open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to the Spirit that connects us and leads us to bless one another.



WINTER REUNION

Winter Reunion Guest 2013,

I just want to say thank you to all of you for your generous donations. In my brief year and a half as Caretaker of the campgrounds, I have come to see just how special these grounds are to so many. From the young to the young at heart these grounds are a place for fellowship, acceptance, growth & rejuvenation. With your wonderful contributions we can give that experience to so many more guests today and for years to come. Again thank you so very much. Bless each and every one of you and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Rob Tillis - Manager/Caretaker
Deerhaven Campgrounds



With beautiful weather and almost 100 attendees, Winter Reunion 2013 was a huge success. Attendees came from all over Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, Georgia, Kentucky, Delaware, New York, and of course, Florida. Guest ministers Karin and Ray Peter shared their giftedness and blessed the reunion with greater understanding of the call to mission. Campers learned the Mission Initiatives and shared in community throughout the week.

Special thanks to Jackie Mueller for all her great photos! See more on the Deerhaven FL Connections Facebook page.



Highlights from the week included the awesome lighthouse worship center, beautiful banners, the creation of puzzles and crafts, an amazing Talent Show, beautiful music, seeing friends from far away, hearing Karin Peter preach, sharing good meals, a variety of fun classes, and much more!



YOUTH RETREAT



Thanks to Laura Moose for all the great photos!



On February 1-3, about 35 youth campers and staff gathered at Deerhaven for a weekend of fun and fellowship. Youth in grades 6 through 12 came together, many of them meeting for the first time, and



shared a love and energy that, as staff member Laura Moose said, “was awesome! You would have never known that most of the youth didn’t already know each other.” Campers played mixers, learned about God’s Shalom, and were the first group to get to use the newly renovated outdoor chapel. Director Stacy Bermudez and her staff and campers are looking forward to the summer camping season and the retreat next year!

MARCH FOR RIGHTS

Members of the West Palm Beach, Gainesville and Jacksonville congregations are planning to participate in the **March for Rights, Respect, and Fair Food**, a two-week demonstration walk from Ft. Myers to Lakeland. Participants may join in at any point along the route and walk as far as they are able.

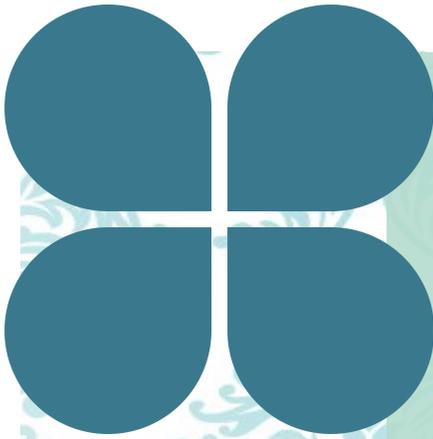
The March is a product of the Fair Food Movement begun nearly 13

years ago to promote the rights and welfare of Florida farmworkers, especially tomato pickers. The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) is joined by Interfaith Action of SW Florida, the Student/Farmworker Alliance, faith movements, human rights organizations, businesses and consumers to promote the welfare of Florida farmworkers. The March has two goals: to mark the progress made since the start

of the new millennium and to underscore the hard work that remains to be done.

For more information on the Fair Food Movement or to participate in the March for Rights, Respect and Fair Food, visit www.ciw-online.org or contact Lizzie Wood of the Jacksonville congregation at (904) 383-0321. Our actions help to uphold the worth of all persons in Florida.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Deerhaven Events

PRE-REGISTER AT WWW.COFCHRISTFMC.ORG

- March 15-17—**Young Adult Retreat**, “Seize the Day,” Guest Minister: Blake Smith
- MEN’S RETREAT—CANCELLED

REGISTERING EARLY AS WELL AS CANCELLING EARLY, IF NEEDED, HELPS US KEEP THE COST OF EVENTS DOWN AND HELPS DIRECTORS AND STAFF PREPARE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Other FMC Events

- February 16—**National Conference Delegate Training** at the Orlando church—9am to 5pm; Linda Booth training USA National Conference delegates on new voting system
- February 24—**World Conference Day of Preparation**; a day of prayer and fasting throughout the church—a special offering will be collected this day to offset the cost of world conference

Conference Registration and Information

- April 13-18—**World Conference** in Independence, MO: <http://www.cofchrist.org/wc2013/>
- April 19-21—**USA National Conference** in Independence, MO: <http://www.cofchrist.org/usaconf/default.asp>

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