

Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center Conference Agenda
October 23, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

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1. Welcome

- Welcome
- Invocation
- Greetings from World Church

2. Pre-Legislative Remarks & Polling Practice

3. Call to Order & Presentation of Standing Rules:

- Call to Order at _____ PM
- **Motion** to approve Standing Rules

Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center Standing Rules

1. The mission center president(s) will preside over the conferences and their organization.
 2. The mission center president(s) will formulate and adjust the conference agendas as required. Therefore, printed and/or electronic agendas are for guidance only and will not be considered either general or specific orders.
 3. Per a vote of the 2019 mission center conference legislative body, the Cedar Valley-Nauvoo USA Mission Center conferences are non-delegate conferences. The legislative body will reflect a vote of common consent by those attendees who are confirmed members of Community of Christ and whose membership is registered in the Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center, or whose membership is in the process of being transferred to the mission center.
 4. Mission center conferences can be conducted online. Voting during an online conference will be by first asking if there is any objection to recording a unanimous vote. If any member objects, then the vote will be conducted by dividing the body into groups of 10. Each group of 10 will have a teller who will count the vote of each individual voter. The group tellers will report their group's vote count to the chair at the end of the vote and all members will return to the main body.
 5. Budgets and/or financial information for the Cedar Valley-Nauvoo USA Mission Center, congregations, and/or campgrounds will be considered in a separate financial conference; with the session to be held before the end of the calendar year so as to present a more accurate accounting of all budgets/finances.
 6. The time limit for introduction of new business is set at 8:00 AM the day of the conference; by which time all items of new business must be in the hands of the mission center president(s). This time limit does not apply to items introduced by the mission center president(s) or the mission center financial officer.
 7. All items of new business and substantial amendments that arise thereto must be submitted to the mission center president(s) in writing with the name and contact information of the mover included.
 8. Standing rules are adopted by two-thirds (2/3) vote. Any of the Standing Rules may be suspended by a majority vote of the legislative body without debate. A two-thirds (2/3) vote is required to amend or repeal the standing rules.
 9. Rules contained in the most current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* will govern the conference where they are not in conflict with the Standing Rules, or any other special order adopted by the conference.
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4. Election of Conference Secretary & Approval of 2020 Minutes:

- Election of Conference Secretary
- **Motion** to approve the 2020 MC Business Session Conference Minutes
- **Motion** to approve the 2020 MC Financial Conference Minutes

Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center 2020 Conference Minutes October 24, 2020 - Via ZOOM Online Conferencing

Welcome: Robert Cook, MC President/Financial Officer, shared words of welcome from the mission center; followed by Kent LeVan offering the invocation. Denise White, Field Support Minister, shared greetings from World Church. Evelyn Dustin, along with several others, shared words of thanks for Robert Cook and the ministry he has provided while serving as mission center president.

Pre-Legislative Remarks: Robert Cook shared several updates on issues caused by COVID-19 and that the Quincy congregation is in the process of closing and Maquoketa will be selling their building but remaining open. Cook also shared the reminder that this is the first year we are a non-delegate conference and clarified that due to being a virtual/non-delegate conference, the Standing Rules would need to be approved due to required language changes. Finally, Cook explained that voting would occur by recording a unanimous vote if agreed to by the body and if a vote was needed, the attendees would be put into ZOOM breakout rooms to process the vote.

Call to Order and Presentation of Standing Rules: Robert Cook called the conference to order at 1:35 PM with 67 people in attendance and presented the Standing Rules for consideration. Alan Ourth moved to accept the Standing Rules as presented, second by Linda Hardy. To practice, a breakout voting session was held with all votes approving the Standing Rules as presented. Motion carried.

Election of Conference Secretary: Lois DiPrima nominated Gayla Burgess to serve as conference secretary. No other nominations received. Robert Cook, as chair, declared Gayla Burgess as the conference secretary.

Approval of 2019 Conference Minutes: Lois Blythe moved to accept the 2019 conference minutes as presented, second by Roger Reid. Robert Cook, as chair, asked if there were any objections to recording a unanimous vote, no objections were received. A unanimous vote was recorded.

Sustain Mission Center President, Financial Officer, and Invitation Support Minister: Denise White, Field Support Minister, assumed the chair and read a letter of appointment from World Church to sustain Evelyn Dustin and Kent LeVan as Co-Mission Center Presidents for 2021. Since this position is appointed by World Church, White asked if there were any objections to recording a unanimous vote, no objections were received. A unanimous vote was recorded.

White read a letter of appointment from World Church to sustain Robert Cook as Mission Center Financial Officer for 2021. Since this position is appointed by World Church, White asked if there were any objections to recording a unanimous vote, no objections were received. A unanimous vote was recorded.

White read a letter of appointment from World Church to sustain Pat Reaves as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister for 2021. Since this position is appointed by World Church, White asked if there were any objections to recording a unanimous vote, no objections were received. A unanimous vote was recorded.

Sustain Mission Center Leadership: Robert Cook, MC President/Financial Officer, assumed the chair and made the recommendation that all current members of the mission center leadership retain their roles for 2021:

- Community Leaders: Ron Howell, Brenda Mitchell, Lois Blythe, Rick Enright
- Youth Ministries: Scott Gelande
- MC Temple School Rep: Brenda Mitchell
- MC Admin Assistant/Recorder/Historian/Webmaster: Gayla Burgess
- Counselor to MC Financial Officer: Rex Sandidge
- Assistant to MC Financial Officer: Lynn Poppett

Motion by Deb Luce to sustain the current members of the mission center leadership for 2021 as presented. Second by Roger Reid. Robert Cook, as chair, asked if there were any objections to recording a unanimous vote, no objections were received. A unanimous vote was recorded.

Sustain Campground Board of Directors: Robert Cook made the recommendation that all current members of the Campground Board of Directors retain their roles and terms for 2021:

- One-Year Term: Todd Batey and Dale Warner
- Two-Year Term: John Saur and Mark Parrott
- Three-Year Term: Dan Spray and Scott Gelande
- Ex-Officio: Robert Cook as MC Financial Officer

Motion by Brad Bengé to sustain the current members of the Campground Board of Directors for 2021 as presented. Second by Brenda Mitchell. Robert Cook, as chair, asked if there were any objections to recording a unanimous vote, no objections were received. A unanimous vote was recorded.

Sustain Cedar Valley Grove Campground Operations Group: Robert Cook made the recommendation that all current members of the CVG Operations Group retain their roles and terms for 2021:

- One-Year Term: Anita Zahniser and Dennis LaRoque
- Two-Year Term: Pam Tisdale and Gaelane Rosinski
- Three-Year Term: Lisa Hill and Scott Gelande
- Ex-Officio: Robert Cook (MC Financial Officer), Dan Spray (MC President Rep), Roger Reid (Special Appointment), and Kent LeVan (Resident Manager)

Motion by Rex Sandidge to sustain the current members of the CVG Operations Group for 2021 as presented. Second by Drayden Hampton. Robert Cook, as chair, asked if there were any objections to recording a unanimous vote, no objections were received. A unanimous vote was recorded.

Sustain Camp Nauvoo Operations Group: Robert Cook made the recommendation that all current members of the Camp Nauvoo Operations Group retain their roles and terms for 2021:

- One-Year Term: Lynn Poppett and Lee Ourth
- Two-Year Term: Brad Bengé and Evelyn Dustin
- Three-Year Term: Deb Batey and Pat Reaves
- Ex-Officio: Robert Cook (MC Financial Officer) and Tom Durgin (Resident Manager)

Motion by Lois Blythe to sustain the current members of the Camp Nauvoo Operations Groups for 2021 as presented. Second by Lois DiPrima. Robert Cook, as chair, asked if there were any objections to recording a unanimous vote, no objections were received. A unanimous vote was recorded.

New Business: Cook clarified that no new business had been received.

Adjournment: Motion by Dawn Durgin to adjourn the conference at 2:21 PM, second by Tom Durgin. Robert Cook, as chair, asked if there were any objections to recording a unanimous vote, no objections were received. A unanimous vote was recorded.

After Conference Reminders: Cook shared a reminder of the second mission center conference event on Saturday, December 5th at 1:00 PM to consider the financials for the mission center and campgrounds and that the event will be held via ZOOM and would also be a non-delegate conference session.

Cook also shared a short financial review highlighting that the goal is to carryover the 2020 mission center budget as the 2021 budget without any changes, that Camp Nauvoo is in danger of running out of funds by April 2021, and that CVG has enough funds in reserve to stay afloat for a couple more years.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gayla Burgess, Conference Secretary

Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center 2020 Financial Conference Minutes December 5, 2020 - Via ZOOM Online Conferencing

Welcome: Robert Cook, MC President/Financial Officer, shared words of welcome

Hymn of Welcome: *CCS 339 In Christ There is No East or West*

Invocation: Pat Reaves, MC Invitation Support Minister

Opening Comments: Robert Cook, MC President/Financial Officer

- All congregations are financially stable at this time.
- Quincy will be closing as of January 1, 2021, and the building will be sold.
- Maquoketa will be selling their building but remaining a congregation that meets in homes.
- The mission center budget is stable at this time with most assessments being paid in full.
- CVG is financially stable at this time due to income from assets and mission center financial support. Additional uses for the facilities need to be developed to increase income.
- Camp Nauvoo is operating on a crisis budget due to loss of income related to COVID, insurance, and mortgage/building expenses.
- Fundraisers and donation drives are being planned to help support both campgrounds.
- Congregations and campgrounds will probably remain closed for another year due to COVID.

World Church Financial Update: Denise White, Field Support Minister

- Giving Tuesday received approximately 858 contributions totaling ~\$773,000.
- AmazonSmile has raised over \$15,000.
- Bridge of Hope, which supports World Church mission, building endowments, and retirement funds has raised \$9 million toward the goal of \$12.9 million. The Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission

Center has contributed \$21,437 to Bridge of Hope with \$5,027 in congregational gifts and \$16,410 from the sale of properties, including the landlocked acreage in Savanna, IL.

Questions:

- Will the sale of the Quincy and Maquoketa facilities go to World Church or the mission center? *An agreement will be made between all parties before any assets are distributed, including input from the congregations. At this time, Maquoketa has specified they would like half to go to Bridge of Hope and half to go to CVG. Specifics regarding the Quincy building are pending at this time.*

Call to Order:

- Robert Cook, MC President/Financial Officer, called the conference to order at 1:32 PM.
- There were 31 attendees seated with a 2/3 vote of 16, if needed.
- Robert clarified that the approval of the conference secretary (Gayla Burgess) and the Standing Rules would automatically carryover from the first session of the conference previously held on October 24, 2020.
- Robert explained the unanimous vote procedures. *When it is time for a vote, the conference chair will ask for a unanimous vote. If there are no objections, the vote will carry. If any objections are received, breakout rooms will be used to process the vote.*

Approval of Camp Nauvoo 2019 Audit Reports and 2021 Budget:

- Motion by Brad Bengé to approve the audit reports and budget as presented. Second by Brenda Mitchell.
- Robert Cook reviewed the audit process and figures. The audits are done in partnership with World Church Fiscal Services.
- Robert reviewed the 2019 and 2020 budgets and clarified that Camp Nauvoo is operating under a crisis budget that was developed due to lack of income resulting from COVID closures. The largest expenses are insurance, utilities, and loan payments.
- Question raised regarding *Administration (Non-Office) Miscellaneous* expenses found on page 5, line 23 for \$21,273.70.
 - Motion by Brad Bengé to table the vote while Rex Sandidge reviewed the budget to be able to answer the question raised. Second by Pat Reaves. Robert called for a unanimous vote, carried.
 - Rex Sandidge clarified this was a loan from the mission center to Camp Nauvoo for lodge construction costs and that the loan had been repaid.
 - Motion by Brad Bengé to take the vote off the table. Second by Brenda Mitchell. Robert called for a unanimous vote, carried.
- Robert called for a unanimous vote on the original motion, carried.

Approval of CVG 2019 Audit Reports and 2021 Budget:

- Motion by Brad Bengé to approve the audit reports and 2021 budget as presented. Second by Brenda Mitchell.
- Robert Cook reviewed the 2019 and 2020 budgets and reported that the largest expenses are utilities, insurance, maintenance, and special projects.
- Gaelane Rosinski, CVG Operations Group, clarified that a lot of income was lost due to COVID-related cancellations. The goal of the Operations Group is to raise \$20,000 in 2021.
- Robert Cook called for a unanimous vote, carried.

Approval of Mission Center 2019 Audit Reports and 2021 Budget:

- Motion by Brad Benge to approve the audit reports and 2021 budget as presented. Second by Claire Leonard.
- Robert Cook reviewed the 2019 and 2020 budgets and clarified that the audit figures are reported by World Church, not the mission center.
- Robert reported that the 2021 budget would mirror the 2020 budget with the following changes:
 - Congregational assessments would be lowered from \$30/member to \$28. Assets from assessments would also be lower due to the closing of the Quincy congregation.
 - A transfer of \$20,000 from the AIP account will go toward supporting both campgrounds due to loss of income related to COVID.
 - Camp Nauvoo received several loans and, due to loss of income, will only pay interest at this time.
 - A Camp Nauvoo Emergency Fund was established. The monies in the fund will be held as backup until the Camp Nauvoo operations budget is depleted; at which time any monies utilized from the fund will transfer to Camp Nauvoo as a loan. If this fund is not needed, the monies will be held in reserve as backup.
- Robert Cook called for a unanimous vote, carried.

Adjournment:

- Motion by Myra Elliott to adjourn at 2:36 PM. Second by Julie Benge.
- Robert Cook called for a unanimous vote, carried.

Sending Forth:

- Hymn of Sending Forth: CC2 649 *With a Steadfast Faith*
- Benediction: Brenda Mitchell, Community Leader

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gayla Burgess, Conference Secretary

5. Sustain MC Presidents, Financial Officer, and Invitation Support Minister:

- A. **Motion** to sustain Evelyn Dustin and Kent LeVan as Co-Mission Center Presidents for 2022
- B. **Motion** to sustain Robert Cook as Mission Center Financial Officer for 2022
- C. **Motion** to sustain Pat Reaves as Invitation Support Minister for 2022

6. Sustain Mission Center Leadership:

- A. **Motion** to sustain the following MC Leadership for 2022:
 - Mission Center Presidency/Council:
 - Ron Howell, Community Leader (*Burlington, Hannibal, Keokuk, Mt Pleasant, New Canton*)
 - Brad & Julie Benge, Co-Community Leaders
 - Brenda Mitchell, Community Leader and MC Temple School Representative
 - Mark Parrott, Co-Community Leader (*Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Maquoketa, Waterloo*)
 - Lois Blythe, Community Leader (*Carthage, Followers of the Way, Ft Madison, Nauvoo*)
 - Belinda Johnson, Co-Community Leader
 - Rick Enright, Community Leader (*City Center, Davenport, Muscatine, Willow Grove*)
 - Dave Maslowski, Co-Community Leader

- Deb Luce, Community Leader (*Galesburg, Moline, Pekin, Rock Falls*)
 - Carole Kasowski, Co-Community Leader
- Scott Gelande, Youth Ministries
- Gayla Burgess, MC Admin Assistant, Historian, Recorder, and Webmaster
- Counselor to MC Financial Officer: Rex Sandidge
- Assistant to MC Financial Officer: Lynn Poplett

7. Election of Campground Board of Directors for 2022:

- 1-Year Term: John Saur
- 1-Year Term: Mark Parrott
- 2-Year Term: Dan Spray
- 2-Year Term: Scott Gelande
- 3-Year Term: _____
- 3-Year Term: _____
- Robert Cook, Ex-Officio – MC Financial Officer

8. Election of Cedar Valley Grove Operations Group for 2022:

- 1-Year Term: Pam Tisdale
- 1-Year Term: Gaelane Rosinski
- 2-Year Term: Lisa Hill
- 2-Year Term: Scott Gelande
- 3-Year Term: _____
- 3-Year Term: _____
- Robert Cook, Ex-Officio – MC Financial Officer
- Dan Spray, Ex-Officio – MC President Representative
- Roger Reid, Ex-Officio – Special Appointment
- Kent LeVan, Ex-Officio – CVG Resident Manager/MC Co-President

9. Election of Camp Nauvoo Operations Group for 2022:

- 1-Year Term: Brad Bengé
- 1-Year Term: Evelyn Dustin
- 2-Year Term: Deb Batey
- 2-Year Term: Pat Reaves
- 3-Year Term: _____
- 3-Year Term: _____
- Robert Cook, Ex-Officio – MC Financial Officer
- Dawn Durgin, Ex-Officio – Camp Nauvoo Resident Manager

10. New Business: *Consideration of new business submitted by 8:00 AM on October 23, 2021.*

11. Adjournment:

- **Motion** to adjourn at _____ PM
- Benediction

Informational Ministry Reports:

Mission Center Presidents' Reports

In the words of Charles Dickens, "It was the best of times and the worst of times." The year 2020 came and went, but COVID remained with us and many of our congregations remained closed through the start of 2021. As we moved into late spring, COVID seemed to be retreating and most of our congregations were able to reopen. Then, COVID decided it wasn't through yet and the Delta Variant started to take over, which resulted in the second summer without in-person reunions and youth camps. On the bright side, the mission center found new and exciting ways to worship and meet together virtually allowing many people to reconnect with others they have not seen in years, locally and across the country. It was even reported that several events had more attendees virtually than they have for past in-person events. The most important lesson learned as a result of COVID is that the Holy Spirit is with us always and is not confined to a particular building or space; but always resident within each of us. I encourage all of our congregations to utilize virtual meetings and events, and to investigate installing Wi-Fi if they haven't already done so; the investment is well worth it. If at all possible, we commit to returning to in-person events in 2022, while continuing to utilize virtual events and abiding by any COVID safety guidelines necessary.

Kent LeVan, Co-Mission Center President

As Kent stated above, 2021 was an interesting year. We did learn that virtual events can bring us together, but it can also cause a disconnect wherein people turn away. Thankfully, many who resisted the use of technology over in-person events have since become avid users of the many services available to stay connected. We successfully utilized ZOOM for monthly priesthood meetings, reunions, mission center conferences, and worship service to continue meeting together as a mission center. Kent and I both appreciate the support the mission center has shown us as we worked through the newness of our roles this past year. We humbly ask for forgiveness for any inadvertent errors that we may have made over the last year as we grew into our new responsibilities. May God direct each of us to listen to the Holy Spirit and act even when it may seem crazy to do so.

Evelyn Dustin, Co-Mission Center President

Mission Center Invitation Support Ministries Report

This past year has been a year of "behind the scenes" ministry. Evelyn Dustin and I determined last December that we needed to meet with the priesthood on a regular basis to help them remain active in their ministry. We discovered that many priesthood members were hungry for a connection with others and the chance to offer ministry. So, we began hosting monthly meetings with each individual priesthood group which gave them the opportunity to get to know each other, review the responsibilities of their particular office, where they were in the ministry they were providing, what their ministry passions are, and their vision for future ministry. We worked to establish new ways to think outside the box during these unique times and how they could continue to use their gifts to serve congregational life and outward ministry opportunities. We took a break from the meetings over the summer and have the goal to host them again, once per quarter, sometime this fall.

The other challenge we faced as a mission center was offering an exciting and welcoming ministry for our youth. A team was established in August to brainstorm ideas to offer this missing ministry and a plan is slowly coming together. The goal is to establish two programs tentatively entitled, Kids Connect and Teen Connections, and to pilot the programs in January. These programs would be

offered weekly (or monthly) over eight weeks in a hybrid format via ZOOM and/or in one of several in-person locations. The programs would offer lessons, crafts, snacks, campfires, and team-building events similar to the Young Peacemakers Club. We are currently looking for volunteers who are registered youth workers to assist with the programs, as well as congregations that would like to host on-site, in-person events. We do understand that these programs might not look or work the same across the mission center and, being pilot programs, that we will have to work through some trial and error issues; so we appreciate anyone who wants to volunteer to help us grow these programs for our youth. If interested in assisting or hosting, please reach out to me at preaves55@gmail.com!

My goal for the mission center's Invitation Support Ministries (MCISM) that some lovingly call "Mc Is Ums is two-fold. First, I want to reach out and befriend people and invite them to participate in the best experiences of their lives; something beyond what they currently have. We are living in a "broken" world, so my second goal is to help strengthen our unity so that when new people come to us for ministry, we welcome them with meaningful opportunities. I cannot think of a better gift than to introduce seekers to Christ-centered congregations that offer love and support to everyone. From our hymnals we sing, "For Everyone Born, A Place at The Table". Christ's table should be filled with diversity, not just people from our traditional value system of Christianity. We need to be strong and step up to the plate by offering seekers real hope, joy, love, and peace regardless of their current life conditions. We know that the best way to live is through Christ, so we need to communicate it loudly to those living in an incomplete and hurting world. May God bless us in this important endeavor.

Pat Reaves, MC Invitation Support Minister

Temple School Report

Thanks to the wonders of modern technology, 11 people completed 24 Temple School courses between January 2020 and July 2021. Although most of the Temple School courses offered are priesthood oriented, not everyone completes them to meet pre-ordination requirements. Temple School courses are available to anyone who would like to take them via small group sessions, one-on-one learning, and eLearning. A list of available courses can be found on the Community of Christ website (<https://www.cofchrist.org/temple-school>). If you are interested in completing a Temple School course (or teaching one for the mission center), please contact me directly at: mitchellsonfirst@gmail.com.

Brenda Mitchell, MC Temple School Coordinator

Joseph Smith Historic Site Report

The JSHS remained closed in 2021 due to the pandemic. We were grateful to our maintenance volunteers (Sherry MacGregor, Fred Elliott, Myra Elliott, Matt Elliott, Jerry Wiemann, Mike Allen, and the RV Association) for their great work. We also look forward to welcoming visitors and staff back in March 2022; and are currently recruiting volunteers to help with maintenance and to serve as historical interpreters.

One of our wonderfully, generous church families donated their financial support to expand the maintenance shop, which provided more workspace and storage. The addition was completed over the summer and the interior finishing work is ongoing.

The RV Association was able to install a new roof on the “bee house” near the Homestead. They also continued their work on the Clark House, assisted with the addition to the maintenance shop, and spruced up and painted the historic homes.

The Joseph Smith, Jr., and Lucy Mack Smith Family Foundations completed significant improvements to the Smith Family Cemetery, including upgrading the lawn irrigation system and rehabilitating the lawn. Sidewalk lighting will also be replaced before the end of the year.

We were able to offer virtual tours to various groups from the United States and Canada. Dalen Elliot, JSHS Summer Intern, was able to capture the buildings in 3D, which allowed for more online tour opportunities. Recruiting of summer interns for 2022 will begin soon! We would love to share these opportunities with the young adults across the mission center. If interested, please reach out to us, we would love to have you!

Finally, we are very appreciative of the support of time, talents, and treasures the mission center continues to provide to the Joseph Smith Historic Site.

Thank you for your care and generosity,
Christin MacKay, JSHS Director, and Wendy Eaton, JSHS Administrative Specialist



Community of Christ

CHRIST'S MISSION, OUR MISSION

October 30, 2021

To the Cedar Valley Nauvoo Mission Center

Dear Saints:

Greetings in the name of Christ. I hope as you share together as part of this mission center conference that you will be blessed as you fellowship, worship, and engage in the business of the conference in the spirit of loving community.

Today, the Presidency is pleased to recommend for your consideration Kent LeVan and Evelyn Dustin to serve as your Mission Center President Team. We are grateful for Kent and Evelyn's willingness to serve in this essential leadership and ministry position that supports your congregations and your missional call. The Mission Center Team will be chaired by Kent LeVan

We now ask for your prayerful consideration to sustain Kent and Evelyn to serve as the appointed Mission Center President Team. May you continue to hold each of them in your prayers.

In the spirit of peace,
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

K. Scott Murphy

cc: Robin Linkhart, Apostle

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Today, the Presidency and Presiding Bishopric are pleased to recommend for your consideration Robert Cook to serve as your Mission Center Financial Officer. We are grateful for Robert's willingness to serve in this essential position in partnership with the Mission Center President to uphold and support your congregations in generosity and whole-life stewardship, which are important principles in living the mission of Christ.

We now ask for your prayerful consideration to sustain Robert to serve as the appointed Mission Center Financial Officer. May you continue to hold Robert in your prayers.

In the spirit of peace,
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

K. Scott Murphy

PRESIDING BISHOPRIC

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cc: Robin Linkhart, Apostle
Steve Graffeo, Presiding Bishop

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Community of Christ

CHRIST'S MISSION, OUR MISSION

Council of Twelve Apostles

September 27, 2021

To the Cedar Valley Nauvoo Mission Center

Dear friends,

I am pleased to present to you for your support Pat Reeves as the Cedar Valley Nauvoo Mission Center Invitation Support Minister. In this position, Pat will support, encourage, and equip congregations, disciples and priesthood for ministries of invitation, hospitality, and witness as a way of life.

We recognize the many ways Pat leads mission through developing disciples to serve, identifying and empowering emerging leadership, experimenting with innovative ministry, and integrating the ministry and leadership of mission center seventy to support congregational life. We are deeply grateful for the valuable mission support and leadership Pat has provided for the extended duration of the current global pandemic.

I encourage your support for her appointment.

Blessings,

Robin K. Linkhart
Apostle, North Central USA Mission Field

cc: John S. Wight, President of Seventy