



**Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center**

**Fall Conference-Business Session**

**Camp Nauvoo**

**November 24, 2024**

***Awakening to Our Future***



**Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center Conference Agenda  
November 24, 2024 @ 1:00 PM**

**100: WELCOME**

- 101: Words of Welcome
- 102: Greetings from World Church
- 103: Prayer of Blessing Over Conference

**200: ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRE-LEGISLATIVE REMARKS**

**300: CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF STANDING RULES**

301: Call to Order

Conference called to order at \_\_\_\_\_ PM by \_\_\_\_\_.

302: Approval of Standing Rules – Refer to page 5

**MOTION** to approve the Standing Rules as presented.

First \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Discussion/Vote Approved: Yes / No

**400: APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE SECRETARY**

401: Approval of Conference Secretary

**MOTION** to approve \_\_\_\_\_ as mission center conference secretary.

First \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Discussion/Vote Approved: Yes / No

**500: APPROVAL OF 2023-24 CONFERENCE MINUTES**

501: Approval of October 2023 Conference Minutes – Refer to pages 6-8

**MOTION** to approve the October 2023 mission center conference minutes as presented.

First \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Discussion/Vote Approved: Yes / No

502: Approval of December 2023 Financial Conference Minutes – Refer to pages 8-9

**MOTION** to approve the December 2022 mission center financial conference minutes as presented.

First \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Discussion/Vote Approved: Yes / No

503: Approval of April 2024 Special Conference Minutes – Refer to pages 9-10

**MOTION** to approve the December 2022 mission center financial conference minutes as presented.

First \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Discussion/Vote Approved: Yes / No

**600: APPROVAL OF 2025 MISSION CENTER LEADERSHIP**

601: Approval of Mission Center Co-President & Financial Officer – Refer to page 11

**MOTION** to sustain Kent LeVan as Co-Mission Center President and Financial Officer for 2025.

First \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Discussion/Vote Approved: Yes / No

602: Approval of Mission Center Co-President – Refer to page 12

**MOTION** to sustain Evelyn Dustin as Mission Center Co-President for 2025.

First \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Discussion/Vote Approved: Yes / No

603: Approval of Mission Center Invitation Support Minister – Refer to page 13

**MOTION** to sustain Pat Reaves as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister for 2025.

First \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Discussion/Vote Approved: Yes / No

604: Approval of Mission Center Council

**MOTION** to sustain the Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center Council for 2025, as presented.

First \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Discussion/Vote Approved: Yes / No

- Ron Howell, Community Leader
  - Brad & Julie Bengé, Co-Community Leaders
  - *Congregations: Burlington, Hannibal, Mt Pleasant, New Canton*
- Cindy Anderson, Community Leader
  - Mark Parrott, Co-Community Leader
  - *Congregations: Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Waterloo*
- Lois Blythe, Community Leader
  - Belinda Johnson, Co-Community Leader
  - *Congregations: Carthage, Followers of the Way, Ft Madison, Nauvoo*
- Gaelane Rosinski, Community Leader
  - *Congregations: Quad City Connection, Muscatine*
- Pat Reaves, Community Leader
  - *Congregations: Galesburg, Moline, Pekin, and Rock Falls*
- Carolyn Baker and Julie Bengé, Co-Youth Ministries Coordinators
- Gayla Burgess, MC Admin Assistant, Historian, Recorder, Webmaster

**700: ELECTION OF CAMPGROUND BOARD AND OPERATIONS GROUPS**

701: Election of Campground Board of Directors

- 1-Year Term: Mark Parrott
- 1-Year Term: John Saur
- 2-Year Term: Scott Gelande
- 2-Year Term: Dan Spray
- 3-Year Term: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3-Year Term: \_\_\_\_\_
- Kent LeVan, Ex-Officio – MC Financial Officer

*Note: Todd Batey and Dale Warner dropped off due to completion of serving one-year terms.*

Nominations for 3-Year Term (2 open seats):

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominees: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Vote Results:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION** to approve \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to serve 3-year terms on the Campground Board of Directors.

First \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Discussion/Vote Approved: Yes / No

**702: Election of Cedar Valley Grove Operations Group**

- 1-Year Term: Gaelane Rosinski
- 1-Year Term: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-Year Term: Lisa Hill
- 2-Year Term: Randy Reaves
- 3-Year Term: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3-Year Term: \_\_\_\_\_
- Kent LeVan, Ex-Officio – MC Financial Officer & CVG Resident Manager
- Dan Spray, Ex-Officio – MC President Representative
- Roger Reid, Ex-Officio – Special Appointment - Chair
- Cathy Reeves, Ex-Officio – Special Appointment - Treasurer

*Note: George Barber and Rick Enright dropped off due to completion of serving one-year terms and Pam Tisdale due to her upcoming move (with 1 year left on her term).*

**Nominations for 3-Year Term (2 open seats):**

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominees: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominees: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vote Results:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION** to approve \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to serve 3-year terms and \_\_\_\_\_ to serve a 1-year term on the Cedar Valley Grove Operations Group.

First \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Discussion/Vote Approved: Yes / No

**703: Election of Camp Nauvoo Operations Group**

- 1-Year Term: Brad Bengé
- 1-Year Term: Doug Howell
- 2-Year Term: Deb Batey
- 2-Year Term: Lynn Poplett
- 3-Year Term: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3-Year Term: \_\_\_\_\_
- Kent LeVan, Ex-Officio – MC Financial Officer
- Evelyn Dustin, Ex-Officio, MC President Representative
- Dawn Durgin, Ex-Officio – Camp Nauvoo Resident Manager

*Note: Carol Brooks and Lee Ourth dropped off due to completion of serving one-year terms.*

**Nominations for 3-Year Term (2 open seats):**

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominees: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominees: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominees: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vote Results:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION** to approve \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to serve 3-year terms on the Camp Nauvoo Operations Group.

First \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Discussion/Vote Approved: Yes / No

**800: ELECTION OF 2025 WORLD CONFERENCE DELEGATES**

The floor will be opened for additional names to be submitted to serve as the mission center 2025 World Conference delegates/alternates.

*The mission center is allotted 32 delegates and 32 alternates.*

Names Submitted to Serve as Delegates			Names Submitted to Serve as Alternates		
1	Rosinski, Gaelane	17	1		17
2	Poplett, Jared	18	2		18
3	Poplett, Mary	19	3		19
4	Mayfield, Diane	20	4		20
5	Cook, Robert	21	5		21
6	Warner, Dale	22	6		22
7	Reaves, Pat	23	7		23
8	Barber, George	24	8		24
9	Taylor-Hillyer, Tamara	25	9		25
10	Elliott, Myra	26	10		26
11	Dustin, Evelyn	27	11		27
12	Luce, Deb	28	12		28
13		29	13		29
14		30	14		30
15		31	15		31
16		32	16		32

**MOTION** to approve the mission center’s 2025 World Conference delegates as discussed.

First \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Discussion/Vote Approved: Yes / No

**900: PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS**

Consideration of new business submitted to the Mission Center Co-Presidents by 8:00 AM on November 24, 2024.

**1000: ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** to adjourn the conference at \_\_\_\_\_ PM.

First \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Discussion/Vote Approved: Yes / No

## **Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center – Standing Rules – 2024**

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. 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.
  6. 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.
  7. Budgets and/or financial information for the Cedar Valley-Nauvoo USA Mission Center, congregations, and/or campgrounds can 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.
  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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## **Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center Conference Minutes October 14, 2023 – Cedar Valley Grove Campground**

### **WELCOME**

- Welcome by Kent LeVan and Evelyn Dustin, Co-Mission Center Presidents.
- Bishop Carla Long offered words of welcome on behalf of World Church.
- Evelyn Dustin offered a prayer of blessing over the conference.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

- Kent LeVan called the conference to order at 1:17 PM with 49 people in attendance and a 2/3 vote total of 32.
- Motion by Kent LeVan to approve Gayla Burgess to serve as conference secretary. Second by Sue Wakefield. Vote taken, carried.
- Robert Cook assumed the chair and presented the Standing Rules for approval noting the addition of item #8 that stated, *Items of financial business, either new motions or amendments, that result in a budget change exceeding \$1,000 for the mission center or campgrounds must be submitted to the mission center financial officer thirty (30) days in advance of the financial conference in order to allow appropriate consideration by the committee(s) responsible for the budget(s), as well as the entire mission center.*
  - Motion by Brad Bengé to approve the Standing Rules as presented. Second by Linda Hardy. Discussion on the proposed change included several concerns on the 30-day deadline and timing of release of the budgets prior to the financial conference.
  - Lee Wakefield called the question. Vote taken on whether the body was ready to vote on the original motion, carried.
  - Vote taken on the original motion with 16 votes to approve. Robert declared the motion failed as it did not receive the required two-thirds vote.

### **APPROVAL OF 2022 CONFERENCE MINUTES**

- Kent LeVan assumed the chair.
- Motion by George Barber to approve the October 2022 mission center conference minutes as presented. Second by Pam Tisdale. Vote taken, carried.
- Motion by Linda Hardy to approve the December 2022 financial conference minutes as presented. Second by Shirley Spray. Vote taken, carried.

### **APPROVAL OF 2024 MISSION CENTER LEADERSHIP**

- Carla Long, Bishop, assumed the chair and read a letter from World Church supporting Kent LeVan and Evelyn Dustin as Co-Mission Center Presidents.
  - Motion by Brad Bengé to sustain Evelyn Dustin and Kent LeVan as Co-Mission Center Presidents. Second by Deb Luce. Vote taken, carried.
- Carla Long read a letter from World Church supporting Kent LeVan as Mission Center Financial Officer.
  - Motion by Jared Poplett to sustain Kent LeVan as Mission Center Financial Officer. Second by Claire Leonard. Vote taken with one nay vote. Motion carried.
  - Robert Cook and Carla Long offered a prayer of setting apart for Kent to serve as Mission Center Financial Officer.
- Carla Long read a letter from World Church supporting Pat Reaves as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister.
  - Motion by Paul Lindburg to sustain Pat Reaves as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister. Second by Brad Bengé. Vote taken, carried.
- Kent LeVan assumed the chair and thanked Robert Cook for his service.
- Motion by Chris McQuitty to sustain the Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center Council as presented. Second by Pam Tisdale.

- Kent shared that Ron Howell will serve as Community Leader for Hannibal and New Canton and Brad/Julie Bengé will serve as Community Leaders for Burlington, Keokuk, and Mt Pleasant. Vote taken, carried.
- Motion by Deb Luce to approve Rex Sandidge as Counselor to the MC Financial Officer and Robert Cook as Assistant to the MC Financial Officer. Second by Brad Bengé. Vote taken, carried.

## **ELECTION OF CAMPGROUND BOARD AND OPERATIONS GROUPS**

- Robert Cook assumed the chair and clarified there were two open positions for three-year terms for the Campground Board.
  - Robert Cook nominated Dan Spray and Scott Gelande. Randy Reaves nominated Pat Reaves, Skylar Bengé nominated Brad Bengé, and Ashley Thompson nominated Pam Tisdale. Vote taken. Dan Spray and Scott Gelande were elected.
  - The 2024 Campground Board will consist of Todd Batey and Dale Warner (1-year terms), John Saur and Mark Parrott (2-year terms), Dan Spray and Scott Gelande (3-year terms), and Kent LeVan (MC Financial Officer) will serve ex-officio.
- Kent LeVan assumed the chair and clarified there were two open positions for three-year terms on the Cedar Valley Grove Operations Group.
  - Kent LeVan nominated Lisa Hill and Randy Reaves, Molly Crump nominated Kimberly Crump, and Gaelane Rosinski nominated Reed Hoke. Vote taken with a tie resulting for Randy Reaves and Reed Hoke. Second vote taken between Randy and Reed. Lisa Hill and Randy Reaves were elected.
  - The 2024 CVG Operations Group will consist of George Barber and Rick Enright (1-year terms), Gaelane Rosinski and Pam Tisdale (2-year terms), Lisa Hill and Randy Reaves (3-year terms). Kent LeVan (MC Financial Officer), Dan Spray (MC President Representative), Roger Reid (Special Appointment to Chair), and Cathy Reeves (Special Appointment to Treasurer) will serve ex-officio.
- Evelyn Dustin assumed the chair and clarified there were two open positions for three-year terms on the Camp Nauvoo Operations Group.
  - Evelyn Dustin nominated Lynn Poplett and Deb Batey and Ashley Thompson nominated Pam Tisdale. Vote taken. Deb Batey and Lynn Poplett were elected.
  - The 2024 Camp Nauvoo Operations Group will consist of Carol Brooks and Lee Ourth (1-year terms), Brad Bengé and Doug Howell (2-year terms), and Deb Batey and Lynn Poplett (3-year terms). Kent LeVan (MC Financial Officer), Evelyn Dustin (MC President Representative), and Dawn Durgin (Resident Manager) will serve ex-officio.

## **PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS**

- Kent LeVan assumed the chair and presented the following motion from Scott Gelande: *I move that the Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center annual conference shall conduct the conference worship service and both the leadership and financial portions of the conference on the same day and in-person.* Second by Molly Crump.
  - Discussion included several comments in support of the motion as well as concerns of the length of the day when combined into one event.
  - Lee Wakefield called the question. Vote taken on whether the body was ready to vote on the original motion, carried.
  - Vote taken on the original motion, carried.
  - Kent clarified that the 2024 mission center conference would be held at Camp Nauvoo either in late October or early November to allow for the camp/reunion accounts to be closed out and the proposed 2025 budget prepared.



## ADJOURNMENT

- Bishop Carla Long shared a prayer of sending forth.
  - Kent LeVan declared the conference adjourned at 2:26 PM.
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### **Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center Special Financial Conference Minutes December 2, 2023 – Via Zoom**

**Attendees:** Robert Cook, Douglas McFarlane, Gaelane Rosinski, Kent LeVan, John Saur, Lynn Poplett, Mark Parrott, Lee Wakefield, Evelyn Dustin, Brad Bengé, Skylar Bengé, Nathan Bengé, Julie Bengé, Brenda Mitchell, Carolyn Otis, Gayla Burgess, Karen Ourth, Lee Ourth, Steve Mitchell, Roger Reid, Deb Luce, Dawn Durgin, Pat Reaves, Rex Sandidge, Scott Gelande, and World Church Field Support Minister Denise White

**Opening Prayer:** Kent LeVan

**Call to Order:** Kent LeVan called the conference to order at 3:06 PM and declared 25 attendees.

**General Comments:** Robert Cook, MC Financial Officer, assumed the chair.

- Camp Nauvoo is running in the black. CVG is in the negative.
- CVG's focus is youth camps and young adult activities.
- Camp Nauvoo's focus is hospitality to the community and external groups.

#### **Acceptance of Camp Nauvoo 2022 Audit/Inspection Reports and Approval of 2024 Budget:**

- Inspection report is the required audit by World Church.
- The 2023 actuals are through June 30, 2023.
- Expansion project cost approximately 1M dollars, with \$450,000 borrowed from mission center and the Houses of Worship revolving fund through World Church.
- **Motion** by Rex Sandidge to approve the inspection report documents as presented. Second by John Saur. No discussion. Robert requested approval to record a unanimous vote, approved. Motion carried.
- **Motion** by Skylar Bengé to approve the proposed 2024 budget. Second by Dawn Durgin. No discussion. Robert requested approval to record a unanimous vote, approved. Motion carried.

#### **Acceptance of CVG 2022 Audit/Inspection Reports and Approval of 2024 Budget:**

- Inspection report is the required audit by World Church.
- The 2023 actuals are through August 31, 2023.
- Concerns about CVG's future financially. Mission center youth camp program relies on CVG.
- **Motion** by Roger Reid to approve the inspection report documents as presented. Second by Gaelane Rosinski. No discussion. Robert requested approval to record a unanimous vote, approved. Motion carried.
- **Motion** by Brad Bengé to approve the proposed 2024 budget. Second by Roger Reid. Bengé requested clarification on the youth camp budgeted amount (page 10, line 7); Robert clarified that line item is the surplus and stated that youth camp funding is covered through the mission center 2024 proposed budget. Robert requested approval to record a unanimous vote, approved. Motion carried.

#### **Acceptance of CVNMC 2022 Audit/Inspection Reports and Approval of 2024 Budget:**

- Inspection report is the required audit by World Church.
- Comments on proposed budget for 2024:
  - Youth Camps, Youth, and Young Adult Ministries is a new budget item (Page 15, line 36). Covered by budgeted income from the mission center investment pool (Page 15, line 2).

- Mission center income includes congregational assessments at \$21/active member per World Church Shelby system (Page 18) for a total of \$18,942.00.
- Several unused categories had amounts changed to \$0.00, as they have not been utilized in several years. Covered these ministries in Line 38 Miscellaneous Mission just in case funds do become necessary again.
- **Motion** by Roger Reid to approve the inspection report documents as presented. Second by Mark Parrott. No discussion. Robert requested approval to record a unanimous vote, approved. Motion carried.
- **Motion** by Kent LeVan to approve the proposed 2024 budget. Second by Evelyn Dustin. Pat Reaves stated that the mission center is being fiscally responsible but does need to spend the money to continue the ministries it needs to continue to grow. Brad Bengé stated the southern part of the mission center needs attention in growing youth ministries and that it is too big a job for just Lisa Hill and Scott Gelande. Kent LeVan shared comments in support of growing the mission center youth ministries. Robert requested approval to record a unanimous vote, approved. Motion carried.

Kent LeVan assumed the chair and shared that Scott Gelande is in the process of planning a young adult event in February and needs help. Reach out to Scott directly to volunteer at [sgelande@gmail.com](mailto:sgelande@gmail.com).

**Adjournment:**

- **Motion** by Nathan Bengé to adjourn the special financial conference at 3:45 PM. Second by Roger Reid. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion Carried.

**Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center Special Conference Minutes  
April 2024 – Camp Nauvoo**

**Opening Hymn:** 385

**Benediction:** Brad Bengé

Kent LeVan, Co-Mission Center President, assumed the chair and called the conference to order. Lois DiPrima was designated to record the minutes.

LeVan read the two proposed resolutions presented by Robert Cook, MC Financial Officer. Fred Elliot moved to approve the resolutions as presented. Second by Deb Luce.

Robert Cook assumed the chair and offered a history surrounding the proposed resolutions and clarified that the intent of the resolutions is to revert the financial control over church properties/assets back to the local congregations. Cook clarified that the resolutions could be approved as presented, rewritten entirely, or just tweaked a bit based on what today’s body approves.

**Discussion on Resolution #1:**

***WHEREAS**, World Church has declared that they have the unilateral authority to take and/or to sell any property held in the name of Community of Christ at any level of administration of the church, and **WHEREAS**, this has not been the historical practice of the church, and **BE IT RESOLVED**, that World Church, in their role as trustee of the entire church, will give priority in property decisions to the interests of the primary stewards, those responsible for the preservation and protection of church property. This includes not selling property without the consent of the primary stewards or in the case where the primary stewards are unable to act, then the consent goes to the next higher administrative level of stewards, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the net proceeds of any sale of property should stay with the current primary steward or if that current steward no longer exists or is unable to act, then the net proceeds will go to the next higher steward in the administration.*

- If proposed resolutions are revised, is another meeting required for final approval. Answer: yes.
- Can the resolutions be combined with other mission centers/congregations that have the same request for presentation to World Conference? Answer: No, mutual/combined resolutions are not considered.
- Does final approval go to the World Conference body or a review committee? Answer: World Conference resolutions are voted on by the body.
- Are these resolutions our only resource? Answer: This process is the only formal recourse the mission center has at this time.
- When did the Church's financial shift happen? Answer: In 2017 and again during the need to cover Bridge of Hope funding.
- Some comments were shared opposing the resolutions due to their divisiveness that could hurt the relationship with World Church, other congregations, national congregations, etc. We are a world-wide church; not just a local mission center.
- Can resolutions be presented from the floor during World Conference? No.
- Several comments were shared on the lack of transparency on this process.

Deb Batey called the motion. Second by Dawn Durgin. Vote taken. Motion carried.  
(21 in favor and 3 opposed)

### **Discussion on Resolution #2:**

**WHEREAS**, World Church has frozen field assets in the AIP system and indicated that they would borrow, at 0% for an indefinite time, any funds they need to satisfy their retirement obligations, and **WHEREAS**, this has made field stewards reluctant to put more funds in the AIP accounts and those stewards have been thereby damaged by not having available an option to invest wisely, and **WHEREAS**, in the past World Church promised that funds deposited in the AIP pool would always be available to the depositors, and **BE IT RESOLVED**, that World Church will operate the financial pool known as the AIP system, to invest funds wisely from various field organizations and to provide that those funds will always be available to the field organizations that deposited them, or if the depositor organization cannot act or no longer exists, then the funds will be at the disposal of the next higher administrative organization.

- Are accounts given to the congregations? Answer: AIP accounts will return to prior practice. A review of the history of the AIP accounts was shared.
- If contributing to World Church, don't know if they go to escrow. We now have AIP available. AIP fund withdrawals have to be approved.
- Was AIP to be in the investment pool and can the congregations approve to invest? Answer: The Presiding Bishopric makes the financial decisions.
- What is the basis for assumption of AIP forms? What is the proof or information? Answer: Investment A was cleared. Can be used. Robert Cook read the policy regarding Investment Pool Terms of Service of Local Investments.
- CofC is a world church, congregations are branches of this world church, there is no "they". World Church invests our monies. We need to show how to meet obligations.

Deb Batey called the motion. Second by Julie Bengé. Vote taken. Motion carried.  
(17 in favor and 8 opposed)

The two resolutions will be submitted to World Conference for consideration.

Kent LeVan assumed the chair and thanked all those who attended.

**Closing Hymn:** 640, Here Am I, Lord

**Benediction:** Dawn Durgin

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# Community of Christ

CHRIST'S MISSION, OUR MISSION

November 24, 2024

To the Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center

As you gather in the spirit of loving community as an expression of Community of Christ, I hope your time together is meaningful and spiritually uplifting. May your time of sharing in fellowship, worship and the business of the mission center offer you opportunities to share and hear the stories of how mission is alive in the church wherever the people are present. Let this be a time of celebration and gratitude for what God is up to in your midst.

As part of the business of the mission center, the Presidency and Presiding Bishopric are pleased to recommend for your consideration Kent LeVan to serve as your Mission Center President and Mission Center Financial Officer. We are grateful for Kent's willingness to serve in this essential position to support your congregations in their missional call and to uphold generosity and whole-life stewardship, which are important principles in living the mission of Christ.

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

In the spirit of peace,  
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

K. Scott Murphy

PRESIDING BISHOPRIC

Ronald D. Harmon Jr.

cc: Robin Linkhart, Apostle  
Willem F. van Klinken, Presiding Bishopric  
Carla Long, Presiding Bishopric

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As part of the business of the mission center, the First Presidency is pleased to recommend for your consideration Evelyn Dustin to serve as your Co-Mission Center President. The role of mission center president is essential to assist congregations in living the mission Community of Christ has been called to. We are grateful for Evelyn's willingness to serve in this essential leadership and ministry position.

We ask for your prayerful consideration to sustain Evelyn to serve as the appointed Mission Center President. May you continue to hold Evelyn in your prayers.

In the spirit of peace,  
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

K. Scott Murphy

cc: Robin Linkhart, Apostle

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# Community of Christ

CHRIST'S MISSION, OUR MISSION

Council of Twelve Apostles

October 22, 2024

To the Cedar Valley Nauvoo Mission Center

Dear friends,

I am pleased to present to you for your support Pat Reaves as the Cedar Valley Nauvoo Mission Center Invitation Support Minister. In this position, Pat will support, encourage, and equip congregations, disciples, friends, and priesthood for ministries which embody and live the peace of Jesus Christ in diverse contexts.

We recognize the many ways Pat leads mission through supporting disciples and fostering relational, spiritual, invitational, and globally connected Christ-centered communities actively pursuing justice and peace for humanity and creation. Pat models the practice of creating space for others and inviting the transforming presence of the Holy Spirit. She proactively partners with mission center seventy and other leaders as they endeavor to effectively support congregational life in weekly gathered ministry while also living out mission in neighborhoods and communities.

We are grateful for Pat's dedication to invitation, witness, ministry, and mission as a Forerunner of Christ's peace in local, mission center, and world church contexts.

I encourage your prayerful support for her appointment.

Blessings,

Robin K. Linkhart  
Apostle, North Central USA Mission Field

cc: Karin F. Peter, Senior President of Seventy

# Informational Ministry Reports

## **Mission Center Co-Presidents' Report**

*Evelyn Dustin & Kent LeVan, Co-Mission Center Presidents*

"It was the best of times and the worst of times." We know that is a quote from Charles Dickens, but very fitting. The worst of times has included the loss of many members of the mission center, the uncertain future of several congregations, the uneasy political campaigns going on in our nation, and wars in other places.

Best includes a year of many uplifting and joyful experiences. Several congregations have begun new adventures in worship and building relationships. A new coffee chat, one Sunday a month of unique ways to worship, several retreats to gather us together were some of the outstanding activities that were available to the mission center. The camps and reunion were well planned and well attended, with the staff of each bringing worship and fun. We are so appreciative of the leadership everyone provided.

Most important of all is that God is still sovereign. God's plan will not fail. We have heard some grumblings that people are not entirely happy with comments like, "I don't like ... I think we should...." To be 100% honest and transparent...**we need your help.**

We have a congregation that needs a pastor and another that needs a CFO. We need a youth ministries coordinator for the mission center. We need volunteers at both campgrounds. We need community leaders.

We have many individuals who have lots of good ideas and many experiences that could help. If you are one of those who have said, "I don't like the way we did/do this...", you are encouraged to offer your help and assistance. We are open to new ideas, and you might be surprised what we will say OK to or adopt as a new method.

We want to become a "can do" mission center. We want to lift our heads and let go of the negative thoughts of "we are too old and tired." Even though we are older and even often weary, WE CAN DO THIS by rekindling the joy of a growing, vibrant people, sharing God with those who are longing for a relationship with the Savior. Let's lift up our hearts and heads and shout out, "We can do this"!

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## **Mission Center Invitation Support Ministries Report**

*Pat Reaves, MC Invitation Support Minister*

For the past three years, the Mission Center Leadership Team has met quarterly with priesthood in their various offices. The purpose of the meetings was to help each group within the mission center get to know each other better, listen to each other, hear trials as well as successes, show appreciation for each one's giftedness, and be more intentional as a servant minister in their home congregations, their communities, and within the mission center.

*Shout The News* was restarted with Gaelane Rosinski's good help as Editor, to keep us aware of newsworthy events happening in the mission center. It has a human component that is both meaningful and noteworthy. *Shout The News*, as its name implies, is all about sharing the good news, and keeping us connected. However, it requires that each congregation send input for its insertion to Gaelane at [grosinski1125@gmail.com](mailto:grosinski1125@gmail.com). We would like it to be a monthly newsletter. By publishing it quarterly, important upcoming events are not always shared in a timely fashion. So share, share, share the good news that is happening in your congregations and invite, invite, invite others to participate in any upcoming events.

Thanks go out to Pam and Lynn Argotsinger who spearheaded the Living the Mission prayer group which met every other Tuesday evening and will continue to meet into next year. The prayer is helping us focus on our purpose to risk ourselves for Christ and help bring the kingdom of God closer to reality in our daily lives. We study, pray, and share in this small group ministry. We are trying to live out the words, "God, where will your spirit lead today? Help me be fully awake and ready to respond. Grant me courage to risk something new and become a blessing of your love and peace. Amen." There are about 33 people who have attended since the group began in August. If you would like to join, please contact Pam Argotsinger at [plargotsinger@gmail.com](mailto:plargotsinger@gmail.com).

Another outreach idea was born in March 2024, called Friday morning C.O.F.F.E.E. The acronym stands for **C**hrist **O**ffers **F**aithful **F**ellowship **E**verywhere, **E**veryday. We simply invite neighbors, family members, and friends to come into our homes and share a weekly light breakfast of breads, fruits, eggs, and coffee. We have three hosts who are willing to absorb the costs when it's their turn. We have had success with an average of 7-8 people attending on a regular basis. It was out of this conversation that the idea to go to on The Ark and The Creation Museum bus tour was born. Other day trips have been planned for this fall that include a trip to Galena, Illinois, and to Kalona, Iowa. We are also considering another bus trip to Branson, Missouri to see the biblical play entitled, *David*. Consider joining in the fun. More details to follow.

My biggest undertaking/challenge for this year was to plan, organize, and implement a three-day bus trip to see The Ark and The Creation Museum. We ended up with 29 people in attendance. They came from several locations: Burlington (2), Cedar Rapids (3), Davenport (3), Galesburg (8), Moline (10) Nauvoo (2), and Wayland (1). We had 7 friends of the church participate in this group gathering. We shared food, fun, and fellowship together and at the same time walked through God's wonderful story of salvation for the world. The mission center even paid for us to have t-shirts so that we could find each other at the Ark Encounter. Memories were made, friendships were renewed and strengthened, and we were richly blessed.

In October we had a fall retreat at Camp Nauvoo. The theme for this year's retreat was "We're on Fire for Christ." There were about 43 in attendance, with 50 attending on Sunday. Twelve of our 17 mission center congregations were represented from ages 5 to 90. Friday night's highlight was a chili cookoff followed by an ice cream social. Saturday's art class was learning to make mandalas (dot art), followed by a picnic/cookout, a tour of the Phoenician Ship Museum in Montrose, Iowa, and a fantastic dinner was served at themed-set tables. The table themes consisted of Halloween, fruits of the spirit, friendly firefighters, the fourth of July, floral pageant, picnicking, and a day at the beach. The evening ended with a movie and campfire and a few fireworks to celebrate. Sunday morning we held a worship experience that helped us relight the fire in our bones for Jesus.

The fall retreat at Camp Nauvoo was sponsored by the Followers of the Way congregation. The hope is that other congregations might also like to pay it forward and sponsor an event, as simple as a game night or as involved as a weekend retreat. The congregation would budget, plan, and invite friends, both within the church and outside, to participate. This way, people near and far could enjoy a special affair at a minimal cost. It's all about inviting and creating a fun and friendly environment where everyone can experience the living Christ. Please consider having your congregation do something similar in the future.

Thank you for your faithful participation, enthusiasm, and wonderful support throughout 2024. May we renew our covenant as disciples to be more intentional about being in relationship with others and inviting them to experience the living Christ daily. Amen!



## **Cedar Valley Grove Operations Group Report**

*Roger Reid, CVG Operations Chair*

The 2024 camping season kicked off in June with Junior Camp followed by Jr High Camp and Sr High Camp. CVG was also host to a family retreat in July. All of the youth camps were well attended and well-staffed. Reports from the camp directors indicated that the camps were enjoyed by most of the campers, and they felt that the ministry provided was well received and a benefit for all.

The grounds still have several needed updates and projects to be completed such as the renovations to the additional shelters. Some of the projects that were completed were the removal of several trees due to safety reasons, the installation of the lighting donated for the lodge, and the removal of some of the items that were being stored in the lodge. There are still several maintenance items that need to be accomplished.

A plan for the future development of Cedar Valley Grove has been drafted and presented to the Campground Board of Directors with hopes that funds can be released for the needed renovations and upgrades. There are two cabins that need new roofs and planning is underway to accomplish this.

Efforts continue to encourage an increase in usage of CVG. The utilization of Camp Spot as a booking resource has helped to provide additional income for the grounds. It is expected that when the needed renovations and upgrades are funded and completed that usage will increase. CVG continues to be a great resource for youth events, retreat opportunities, and meeting additional needs of the mission center for ministry and fellowship.

Kent LeVan continues to serve as the caretaker of the grounds and contributes many extra hours to address maintenance and upkeep needs. Kent's skills and talents in finding replacement parts and repairing appliances and machinery is a great asset to the operations of CVG. We extend him our appreciation and support.

We look forward to the many opportunities to serve the mission center and others who utilize Cedar Valley Grove throughout the year and for years to come.

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## **Camp Nauvoo Operations Group Report**

*Deb Batey, Camp Nauvoo Operations Chair*

This year was a very busy year for Camp Nauvoo. We served a large number of people as the grounds have become a gathering place for visitors to Nauvoo who are arriving to visit the historical properties and places associated with the Restoration movement. We served all of these guests, as well as our own Community of Christ members, both physically and spiritually. Our gifted resident caretaker, Dawn Durgin, directs a wonderful group of volunteers, some of whom are on the grounds daily.

Camp Nauvoo also hosted three retreats this past year with one sponsored by the Followers of the Way congregation, a Halloween Spooktacular retreat, and a gathering of the Presidents of Seventies. Camp Nauvoo was also host to the mission center reunion in June, as well as one of the Junior Camps.

This year's largest undertaking was a solar project which offers the potential to save thousands of dollars annually and help Camp Nauvoo become a mainstay of the mission center. Future planning for the grounds includes those which are spiritual in nature, as well as general improvements and maintenance. The Camp Nauvoo Operations Group continues to look to God for guidance as we plan for the future both in the mission center, and as a place of respite for those of all faiths who are traveling.

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## **Reunion 2024 Report**

*Deb Batey and Brad & Julie Benge, Co-Directors*

Camp Nauvoo served as host for the mission center reunion in June under the direction of Brad and Julie Benge and Deb Batey. Approximately 75 people of all ages attended. Classes were held Monday through Thursday, and a traditional speaking service was held on Sunday with Guest Minister Vince Lewis from the West Des Moines congregation.

Other events included Vince teaching a class based on World Church text and Elaine Overton teaching a technology class. We also enjoyed swimming, painting, jewelry making, and crafts.

Brad Benge and his family and Joe Baker provided everyone with delicious meals throughout the week. We were also grateful, once again, to have EMTs from Nauvoo provided us with round the clock medical care. Many others helped teach classes for the different age groups with Julie Benge and Carolyn Baker organizing the children's classes.

Camp Nauvoo provided the reunion event with a wonderful spiritual opportunity. Plans will begin soon for reunion 2025.