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Online Ministry & Priesthood Classes

Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission (CIMM)

The Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission, through the Graceland University Community of Christ Seminary, has opened fall classes for enrollment. To enroll or for more information on these classes and the certificate programs, visit graceland.edu/CIMM. Cost is \$25 unless noted.

Fall A Session (August 26 – October 20)

- **Introduction to Priesthood Ministry** – Art Smith
- **Ministry of the High Priest**
- **Ministry of the Elder**
- **Christian Ministries Certificate: Missional Leadership** (\$100)

WC Zoom Support Volunteers Needed!

Individuals with Zoom hosting experience are invited to provide support for remote legislative sites. Volunteers should NOT be a delegate and should be available onsite in Independence for all or part of conference May 30–June 6.

Multiple roles are available based on schedule, interest, and skills. If interested contact Brad Bryant at 309.706.6179 or BBryant@CofChrist.org.

Update Your Congregation’s Online Information

Providing up-to-date information will ensure visitors to *CofChrist.org* can find the most current details about and connect easily with your community.

1. Review your information here: bit.ly/CofCMinistries
2. Send updates here: bit.ly/CofCDirectoryUpdate

SAVE THE DATE

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| August 26 | YA Swim & BBQ @ Greg and Dawn’s House (2–4p)
greg@gbassett.net or dawnpagat0510@gmail.com |
| October 11 – 13 | TWIST @ Wichita |
| October 20 | MMC Conference |

NONVIOLENCE STATEMENT FEEDBACK

In response to 2019 WCR 1319, the church is exploring nonviolence. With overwhelming support from delegates, the First Presidency has crafted a draft Statement on Nonviolence. You are invited to read the statement and provide feedback on the “Introduction,” “Statement on Nonviolence,” and “Further Context” sections **by February 28, 2025**. The FP will review the feedback and update as necessary. The latest versions will be distributed to the church by May 2025.

Statement: bit.ly/NonviolenceStatement (click “Draft Statement”)
Survey: bit.ly/NonviolenceSurvey

JOB OPENINGS

Midlands Part-time Peace & Justic Minister bit.ly/MMCPeace
Central MC Fulltime Associate MCFO bit.ly/CMCMCFO
Graceland Independence Admissions Rep bit.ly/GUAdminRep

Call of the Beloved Community

Are you concerned about the rise of “Christian nationalism” and its call to end the separation of church and state? Monthly rallies have begun in greater Kansas City to lift up the alternate view of the Beloved Community, a term popularized by Martin Luther King, Jr. to describe the inclusive, egalitarian, and compassionate message of Jesus. For more information contact sjones5214@gmail.com.

- 7pm Thursday, **August 15** Parkville (English Landing Park)
- 12pm Thursday, **September 26** South Metro Rally
- 12pm Thursday, **October 17** Independence Square

JPAT Movie Screenings @ The Temple

3pm Sunday, **August 18**: Rob Reiner's documentary "God and Country"
(awareness of White Nationalism)

3pm Sunday, **August 25**: "Common Ground" documentary (climate crisis awareness and regenerative agriculture as a possible solution)

Israel/Palestine Peace Colloquy Study Tour

November 8 – 15, 2024

Walk where Jesus walked and meet those working today for Peace, Shalom, and Salaam in the Holy Land. The registration deadline is August 8, and the cost is approximately \$3,050 depending on the registrations. “Still We Rise” Women’s Conference in Jericho is also available as an optional tour extension Nov 15–17. bit.ly/CofCHolyLand

MMC Peace Grant

The Peace Grant was created at the spring 2019 conference to provide applicants with financial assistance for new specialized ministries within MMC developed to Pursue Peace on Earth. Congregations can apply at midlandsmc.info/PeaceGrant.html.

Topeka Community of Christ is a recent recipient of this grant for their spring carnival held April 2024. Several area organizations such as Scouts, a neighboring preschool, firefighters, and Topeka Center for Peace & Justice hosted booths at the carnival to provide engaging activities and helpful information. The congregation reached out to local schools and passed out flyers in the neighborhood to advertise the event. Almost everyone from the congregation was involved in some fashion, from planning, creating games, designing flyers, providing donations, staffing booths, making phone calls, and much more. Participants created a peace sign medallion necklace and stamped their hand on our peace banner. An estimated 250 people attended the carnival!





YOUTH CAMP 2024



Clockwise from top left: MITIOG @ Doniphan, SPEC @ Graceland, Senior High Float Trip, Youth Quest @ Olathe, Junior & Middle School @ Chihowa