

October 20, 2024
MC Fall Conference Business Meeting

The CMC Fall Conference was held in person as well as via Zoom. Housekeeping items were discussed. Documents were emailed out prior to conferences. MCP Blake Smith offered the invocation and blessing and called the meeting to order at 1:45pm.

Blake Smith called for the receiving of minutes for the 2023 Fall Conference held on October 22, 2023. QR code was posted and after a time for review, the minutes were received without corrections or additions.

Blake Smith turned the chair over to Robin Linkhart for greetings and the sustaining of Mission Center officers.

Robin shared reminders of the 14 resolutions for the World Conference and that soon there would be an option to prioritize the resolutions G1-G12

Robin shared greetings from the World Church and read a letter from the First Presidency and the Presiding Bishopric, appointing Blake Smith to serve as Mission Center President and Mission Center Financial Officer (MCP/MCFO) for 2025. Robin added a note of appreciation for Blake's quality of ministry.

There was no discussion.

Matt Frizzell moved to sustain Blake Smith as MCP/MCFO. A second was received. The conference voted to sustain.

Robin kept the chair to read the letter appointing Craig Perryman as the Mission Center Invitation Support Minister (MCISM) for 2025. There was no discussion.

Matt Frizell moved to sustain Craig as MCISM. A second was received. The conference voted to sustain.

The Chair was then turned over to Craig Perryman for elections. It was noted that Ellen Smith was currently serving in the role of secretary. The floor was open for nominations for secretary for 2025. Ellen was nominated. No other nominations were offered. A vote was taken, and Ellen was elected.

Craig Perryman then read the letter from the Mission Center President, Blake Smith asking for the conference to sustain counselors to MCP/MCFO.

Marketer Ash and Sheryl Sawyers to serve as counselors to the MCP and Jude Vickery to serve as counselors to the MCFO. A motion was made by Mike Crase and seconded to sustain the mission center counselors as presented. A vote was taken, and the positions were sustained.

Craig handed the floor over to Sheryl Sawyers, who then read a letter showing appreciation and support for the Mission Center Council.

Council includes:

Marketer Ash

Teppy Dimmitt

Roger Hintzsche

Lisa Jauch

Olivia Liddell

Craig Perryman

Tami Perryman

Sheryl Sawyers

Julie Snethen

Sheryl Sawyers and Marketer Ash are ex officio members.

A motion to sustain the council was made by Matt Frizell and seconded.

Vote to sustain as presented was had and passed.

The chair was turned over to Jude Vickery (Finance Board chair) for the election of board members.

Election of Finance Board members

Three openings

Term ending in 12/31/24:

--Katie McClellan

--Steve Anderson

--Darell White

--New term—1/1/25-12/31/27

Jude Vickery received nominations. Katie McClellan, Steve Anderson and Darell White were nominated.

A vote was taken for all three, and passed

Jude turned the chair over to Blake for election of 2025 World Conference delegates.

Chicago Mission Center has 22 seats for delegates

Currently we have 12 names on the ballot.

Additional names were received.

No objection was given for a vote on all interested at one time.

Vote passed for the 22 delegates for world conference.

Approval for alternates passed as well.

Blake Smith

Steve Anderson

Bob White

Michelle Henderson

Kevin Henderson

Janet Ergo Zimmerman

Sheryl Sawyers

Joyce Russell

Tami Perryman

Arlene Jackson

Jack Wise

Joyce Russell

Matt Frizzell

Angie Pokarney

Bill Howard

Marketer Ash

Veronica Cosey
Lisa Jauch
Sherrod Middleton
Shanta Middleton
Darrell White
Cloyd Dowell
Victoria White--alternate
Carrie Vickery--alternate

The chair was again passed to Jude Vickery who presented the general reports. Camp Quarry ledge final report was given. Questions and comments were received, and the report was received into record

The SGF report was shared on the screen for viewing by the conference. The board approved the following requests:

Projects Being Funded in 2024:

African American Ministries (Brainerd Community of Christ) \$5K

- Inviting People to Christ, Developing Disciples to Serve, and Pursuing Peace as a church and in collaboration with other organizations in and around the Brainerd community.

Norway After the Bell-\$1500

- Serving the needs of children, youth, and young adults in Marseilles IL and surrounding communities by collaborating with other community churches and organizations to tutor local children.

Packs for Pals: Mission-\$1500

- A collaborative effort with the Marseilles Ministerial Alliance serving healthy snacks to children each week throughout the school year.

Packs for Pals: Highland 5K

- Providing food to families of elementary school children who are experiencing food insecurity in the Highland, IN area.

The chair was returned to Denise White for the **Bridge of Hope report**
Bridge of Hope Retirement Responsibility Update

The Presiding Bishopric shared in February of this year that the Bridge of Hope retirement responsibility goal had been met and exceeded. As of Jan. 1, 2024 the total raised toward the 120 million BOH goal was 123.4 million. The Presiding Bishop knows that it will take more than 120 million to annuitize the retirement responsibility and they are currently in the process of finalizing funding requirements to annuitize the USA pension plan. When retirement funding requirements are finalized, any excess Bridge of Hope funds will be directed to the Worldwide Mission Endowment. An update on the finalization of the Bridge of Hope retirement responsibility will be provided in December 2024 Financial Update.

To find the financial updates, go to CofChrist.org and search for Financial Update. Questions and comments were received, and the report was received into record

The chair was returned to Blake Smith for the purpose of sharing “a year in the life of the CMC”

The **CMC budgets** were posted for the conference to review, including:

- The 2023 year-end balance sheet.
- The 2024 YTD financial balance sheet, updated through September 2024.

Questions about the proceeds from Dekalb being used for CMC were received. The reports were received into the record.

Blake turned the chair over to Jude Vickery for the purpose of presenting the proposed 2025 CMC budget.

CMC 2025 Proposed Budget

	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Sept 30 2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Income			
Congregational Commitments	27,500.00	0.00	18,000.00
Envelope Contributions	0.00	1,660.00	500.00
Pooled Investment Funds Transf	93,650.00	80,000.00	98,655.00
SGF Reserve Income	<u>15000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>24,000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	136,150.00	96,660.00	141,155.00
Expenses			
Audit Expense			
Equipment	200.00	82.63	100.00
Office Supplies, Software, Lic	500.00	0.00	250.00
Insurance	500.00	720.28	750.00
Payroll Expenses	1500.00	1,527.00	1,725.00
Communications	112,000.00	70,720.17	109,000.00
Postage			
Printing and Reproduction	100.00	6.50	30.00
Telephone/Internet/Cell Phone	150.00	0.00	50.00
Website	1100.00	763.64	1,350.00
Misc Admin Support	600.00	300.99	600.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	<u>0.00</u>	<u>46.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	116,650.00	74,167.71	113,855.00
PROGRAM SUPPORT			
Ed, Train, Wkshop, Conferences	500.00	305.10	300.00
Youth Ministry Total Budget	1500.00	400.00	1,000.00
Mission Center Gatherings	1000.00	321.77	500.00
Invitational Support Ministrie	500.00	0.00	500.00
Young Adult Ministry	500.00	0.00	500.00
SGF Grants	15000.00	15,000.00	24,000.00
Misc Program Expense	<u>500.00</u>	<u>209.86</u>	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL PROGRAM SUPPORT	<u>19,500.00</u>	<u>16,236.73</u>	<u>27,300.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	136,150.00	90,404.44	141,155.00
TOTAL INCOME	136,150.00	96,660.00	141,155.00
TOTAL OVER/SHORT	0.00	6,255.56	0.00

Jude Vickery received a motion from Matt Frizell to consider the CMC 2025 budget

This was seconded by Mike Crase.

The conference voted to approve the budget as presented, and the motion passed unanimously.

New business:

Robin presented a call to priesthood for Marketer Ash to High Priest.

Robin shared a testimony of the call.

Blake shared a testimony of support

Marketer spoke to the acceptance of her call.

Chelsea spoke from Brainard congregation in favor of call.

Vote to sustain—All in favor.

Recognition of Robin and Denise's support of CMC.

Blake Smith received a motion from Mike Crase to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Matt Frizell.

There was no discussion, and the vote to adjourn was taken and passed

Prayer by Blake Smith

Conference adjourned