



CHRISTIE OSTENDORP, RETIRING CHILD/YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



About Christie:

Christie is a native Oregonian, growing up on the central coast. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from Linfield College and a master's in social work from Portland State University School of Social Work. Christie worked as a psychotherapist for 32 years in mental health clinics, adolescent residential treatment centers, school and hospital settings, as well as group and private practice.

Christie has been employed by the church since October 2002 and most recently served the Mission Center as Child/Youth Discipleship Ministries Coordinator, as well as a Congregational Support Minister (CSM). She has worked in youth ministry for 40 years in various leadership positions on congregational, district, regional and mission center levels. Christie will continue to serve the Mission Center as a self-sustaining CSM. Christie is a Seventy.



GREATER PACIFIC NORTHWEST-USA MISSION CENTER NOTICES

Now Accepting Applications for GPNW Ministerial Positions—Apply by July 10

View complete Position Descriptions and application information at www.cofchrist-gpnw.org/employment.

GPNW Mission Center President

The availability of this position is dependent upon Special Mission Center Conference approval of funding.

Facilitate participatory planning and the establishment of Mission Center priorities in alignment with the global identity, mission, message, and beliefs of Community of Christ. Supervise Mission Center staff and coordinate staff team building. Oversee the administration of Community of Christ policies and procedures. Align Mission Center support ministries with congregational needs and opportunities. Support new expressions of mission in community that relate to changing contexts.

Candidates should have 3-5 years of experience and a Master's Degree—Seminary preferred. Must be an ordained Melchisedec priesthood minister with demonstrated public and interpersonal ministry skills, excellent organization and communication skills, and basic computer skills.

Adult Formation/Congregational Support Minister

This consolidated ministry position is made up of key parts of currently funded ministry positions within GPNW's operating budget.

1) CSM to three Central Washington congregations; 2) Specialized services to all 37 pastors; 3) Coordinate priesthood and discipleship development classes by recruiting and/or training teachers for and coordinating priesthood education classes and overseeing GPNW cohorts of *Discipleship NOW*.

Candidates should have 3-5 years of experience and a Bachelor's Degree—Master's with Seminary training preferred. Significant experience as a pastor or equivalent, dynamic spiritual and organizational leadership and communication skills, proven skills at teaching, effective facilitator.

Mission Center Calendar

For information on youth camps (not listed) and all Mission Center events, visit www.cofchrist-gpnw.org.

- ◇ June 30—Deadline to apply for Membership Services Administrator (MSA) position
- ◇ July 4—John Berger Superannuation Celebration
- ◇ July 5-11—Samish Family Reunion (SICA GPNW Caucus Meeting, July 7, 2:30 pm)
- ◇ July 10—Deadline to apply for Mission Center President & Adult Formation/CSM positions
- ◇ July 15-25—SPEC
- ◇ August 2-8—Remote Family Reunion
- ◇ August 16-21—Northwest Singles Reunion
- ◇ September 4-7—Bend Institute
- ◇ September 19—High Priest & Seventy Quorum Regional Retreat
- ◇ September 26-27—*Discipleship NOW*
- ◇ October 2-4—GPNW Young Adult Retreat
- ◇ October 9-11—Alaska Retreat
- ◇ October 23-25—Caravan Staff Retreat
- ◇ October 23-25—Northwest Singles Retreat
- ◇ **November 7-9—Mission Center Conference**
- ◇ November 13-15—GPNW Sr. High Youth Retreat
- ◇ November 20-22—Leading Congregations in Mission (LCM) Retreat



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SPECIAL MISSION CENTER CONFERENCE OF THE GREATER PACIFIC NORTHWEST-USA MISSION CENTER

Sunday, June 28, 2015

4:00 pm

Lewis River Campground



RESOLUTION: GPNW FUNDING FOR FULL-TIME MISSION CENTER PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, Community of Christ International Headquarters has fully funded a Mission Center President and Mission Center Financial Officer for Greater Pacific Northwest-USA Mission Center (“GPNW”) since Mission Centers were formed; and

WHEREAS, Worldwide Ministries Tithing revenue is no longer sufficient to fund a Mission Center President position for GPNW; and

WHEREAS, the professional services offered by GPNW include member communications; spiritual leadership; consensus-building, community-nurturing and conflict management; mission funding and support; Mission Center conferences; visiting teaching and preaching ministry; disciple, priesthood and leadership development; and support for congregational ministry, camping and youth ministry, and campgrounds management through recruiting, informing, and training many self-sustaining volunteers and ministers; and

WHEREAS, the level of professional services offered by GPNW, its geographical size (three states), and the number of congregations and small groups (37) served are healthy, strong and deserving of maintaining and growing; and

WHEREAS, GPNW services, programs, and paid and volunteer staff are consistently highly rated by member and pastor evaluations and surveys; and

WHEREAS, creating and supervising these services, programs and staff, and responding to unplanned challenges, requires attention and coordination by one full-time person in collaboration with the Mission Center Financial Officer and a team of Mission Center and Community of Christ International Headquarters leaders; and

WHEREAS, GPNW has consolidated some ministry and administrative positions to run even more efficiently than before; and

WHEREAS, GPNW Officers, Council, and Finance Committee concur unanimously that GPNW can sustainably fund a full-time Mission Center President using GPNW assets, with little or no anticipated increases in congregational allocations or unsustainable draws from the GPNW Operating Investment Fund; and

WHEREAS, Apostle Ron Harmon, supervising the Western Field in the United States, recommends that GPNW fund a full-time Mission Center President so that the high caliber of GPNW’s Mission Center continue; and

WHEREAS, Apostle Harmon will engage local leaders in the hiring process and selection; and

WHEREAS, GPNW delegates at the annual Fall Mission Center Conference will continue to have the authority to choose whether to sustain appointed World Church Officers and approve and/or amend proposed annual Mission Center budgets; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that GPNW fund a full-time Mission Center President, using GPNW assets; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding for the full-time Mission Center President position will be available for at least three consecutive years, beginning January 1, 2016.



SPECIAL CONFERENCE OF THE GREATER PACIFIC NORTHWEST-USA MISSION CENTER

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Prelude.....	Elder Shari Amos
Gathering Hymns	Congregation
* Oh, Sing to the Lord, CCS 88	
* O God of Vision, CCS 78	
Welcome.....	Mission Center President Kathy Sharp
Spiritual Practice	Priest Ashley Whitham
* Hymn, Come and Find the Quiet Center, CCS 151	Congregation
* Invocation.....	High Priest Terry Richardson
HONORING SEVENTY CHRISTIE OSTENDORP, WORLD CHURCH MINISTER.....	
	Seventy Sean Langdon
	Seventy Karen Sundstrom
	High Priest Kathy Sharp
* Hymn, Take My Gifts and Let Me Love You, CCS 609.....	Congregation
CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL FUNDING FOR GPNW MISSION CENTER PRESIDENT: INFORMATION AND DIALOGUE	
World Church Financial Context/Counsel from Western Field Apostle	
Ron Harmon.....	Counselor to the President Scott Murphy
GPNW Financial Context and Assumptions	Mission Center Financial Officer Bill McFarlin
Impact of Proposed Resolution/Introduction of Interim Leadership Team.....	Mission Center President Kathy Sharp
Conference Dialogue	
CALL TO ORDER.....	Mission Center President Kathy Sharp
Hymn, Summoned by the God Who Made Us, CCS 330	Congregation
Resolution: GPNW Funding for Full-Time Mission Center President (page 2).....	High Priest Brenda Sargent, Mission Center Council Elder Dan Jackson, Mission Center Finance Committee
Statement from Bremerton Congregation	High Priest Stacie Simmons Bates, Mission Center Council
Discussion and Action by the Conference	
* Benediction and Blessing	Evangelist Erik Nilsen
* Adjournment of Business Meeting and Sending Forth	Mission Center President Kathy Sharp
* Hymn Recessional, The Trees of the Field, CCS 645 (Repeat).....	Congregation



**All who are able, please stand.*

If you would like to contribute to World Mission Tithes today, please use the offering baskets as you exit.



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