

Contemporary Christian Ministry (CCM) Retreat
Central U.S.A. Mission Field
Friday, April 25 - Sunday April 27, 2008
Community of Christ International Headquarters, at the Temple
Independence, Missouri

This is the first of such a retreat in this area. We are encouraging all individuals interested in Contemporary Christian Ministries to come and participate in this event.

The Theme will be, “Where do we want to end up?”

We will be focusing on four specific areas.

The Operation of the Holy Spirit

The Meaning of the Sacraments

What does it mean to be a prophetic people?

Are we able to confess, repent and commit our lives?

A Presenter will introduce each of these subjects, followed by discussions in small group settings. We would like to have no more than 10 persons in each group. In addition there will be times for questions, answers and feedback pertaining each topic. In addition there will be time for Music, Worship, Prayer, Socializing and participating in some of the Sacraments.

The emphasis of the retreat will be geared in such a way for participants to take, what they have experienced, home and practice it in their groups.

A copy of the tentative schedule and registration form is attached.

Friday evening is designed to uplift the retreat before the Lord

On **Saturday** we will focus our thoughts on the desires of God in our lives. The first three subjects will consume our time. We will also participate in the Prayer for Peace, on both Saturday and Sunday. As time allows feel free to have the guides take you on a tour of the temple.

Sunday morning we will ask ourselves, “How are willing to respond?” The final activity, in the afternoon, after the Prayer for Peace, will be the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

The Lord has nothing greater to offer us.

The cost for this retreat for each participant will be \$20.00. After March 31 the cost will be \$30.00 This will include a Saturday Lunch and the various snacks. A Sunday offering will be taken.

Should you have any question feel free to contact Gerd W. Buttgen at 816-836-5654, or Tom Nunn at 816-833-8218.

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Schedule of Activities

Friday, April 25, 2008

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Preparatory Worship Service for weekend activities

Saturday, April 26, 2008

8:00 AM - Registration and Social Gathering

9:00 AM - Greeting, expectation and identification of purpose

9:30 AM - Opening Worship, Music and Initial Evangelistic prayer

10:00 AM - Presentation of the subject: The Operation of Holy Spirit by **Gerd W. Buttgen**

11:00 AM - Break

11:15 AM - Discussion groups on Operation of Holy Spirit

12:15 Noon - Lunch will be brought in

1:00 PM - Prayer for Peace

1:30 PM - Presentation of the subject: The Meaning of Sacraments by **Thomas R. Nunn**

2:30 PM - Discussion groups on the Meaning of Sacraments

3:30 PM - Break

3:45 PM - Question and Answers. Discussion of Sacraments and Operation of Holy Spirit

5:00 PM - Supper on your own. You are encouraged to fellowship in small groups.

6:30 PM - Presentation of the subject: Being a Prophetic People by **Gary Mc Donald**

7:30 PM - Discussion on Being a Prophetic People

8:30 PM - Summary of today and in anticipation of tomorrow

Sunday, April 27, 2008

9:00 AM - Gathering and Morning worship

9:30 AM - Presentation of subject: Are we able to confess, repent and commit our lives? by **Paul Lucero**

10:30 AM - Break

10:45 AM - Discussion groups: Are we able to confess, repent and commit our lives?

12:00 Noon - Lunch on your own

1:00 PM - Prayer for Peace

1:30 PM - Worship and Sacrament of Lord's Supper, speaker **Steve Ferguson**

3:00 PM - End of retreat, Temple Tours, Organ Concert at either the Auditorium or Temple

The CCM Leadership for the Community of Christ will also be meeting here at the Temple. They will from time to time participate in our activities.

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Registration Form

We are encouraging advance registration so we can finalize our arrangements at the Temple.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Priesthood Office: _____

Are you willing to take an active role at the retreat (circle where you would like to help):
Set up area – Registration - Greeter – Prayers – Music – Lead Discussion group – Prayer for
Peace - Serve Sacrament of Lord’s Supper – help with Sound and Video - clean up.

Are there any Sacraments you would to see be included at this retreat, i.e. - Baby Blessing,
Ordination, etc? _____

Return the complete Registration Form and check for \$20.00, prior to March 31, 2008 made out to Gerd
W. Buttgen:

Gerd W. Buttgen
1513 W Walnut, Suite #1
Independence, MO 64050

You may for course register at the retreat.
Registration **after** March 31, 2008 will be \$30.00