

# Bible Diva's and Me

## Midlands Mission Center Women's Retreat

### April 10-12, 2015

Lake Doniphan Conference & Retreat Center

### Information and Registration Form

To make registration run smoother as you arrive at Lake Doniphan, the following guidelines have been established:

1. If you desire to room with specific friends, please confirm this with the individual(s) and indicate that on your registration form. This is the only way to guarantee your room assignment together. Each woman must submit their own registration form. Room assignments will be made as the registration forms are received through the mail.
2. We require a non-refundable \$25 registration fee to hold a spot for you.
3. If you have special limitations/needs for lodging conditions, such as lower level vs. upper level, please include this information with your registration.
4. If you use a CPAP machine please let us know so we can take that into consideration for room assignments.
5. If you have special dietary needs, please include this information with your registration. This includes vegetarian and diabetic needs.
6. There will be no registration refund unless serious illness or emergency occurs. Your contact for this situation is Wendy Gunn.

### Registration and Fees

1. Registration fee is \$95. This covers two nights lodging & bedding, four meals, guest speakers' and retreat expenses.
2. Each registration must be submitted with a \$25 deposit. Remainder of \$70 is due upon arrival.
3. The entire registration fee may be paid with your registration.
4. If you have a financial need in order to attend, please contact Pam Mathena at the MMC office (816) 221-4450.
5. Registration forms must be received no later than February 28, 2015.

### SNACKS

For Friday and Saturday night, please bring a snack food to be shared with everyone. Please bring enough for five (5) people. Then if you desire you may also bring a special snack for you and your roommates.

### PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Priesthood members, if you would like to be part of a pastoral team for the weekend, please make note of this on your registration. Please indicate what priesthood office you hold. This pastoral care team will be asked to be in special prayer for all sisters in attendance and be available for any special administrations that might be requested during the weekend.

### FREE TIME ACTIVITIES

There will be time Saturday afternoon to play games; visit with others; go into Excelsior Springs for shopping or watch some great Women of Faith videos.

## WHAT TO BRING

1. Bring your friends and your laughter.
2. Bring an open heart and mind so that the Lord and His Holy Spirit may fill your heart and soul with the desire to discipleship.
3. Bring your scriptures.
4. Auction items and a checkbook too so you can make a purchase. Proceeds from the auction defray the costs of the weekend and help with financial assistance.
5. Bring any games that you would like to play at night or during Saturday's afternoon free time.
6. NOTE: Bedding and towels are provided.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

All ladies 14 years and older are invited to attend. If you are a nursing mom, you may bring your baby. Otherwise, we are not able to have children attend the retreat.

## GUEST SPEAKERS: Kris Judd

**ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION TIME: FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015, 6:30 – 7:45 P.M.**

In preparation, please spend some time in prayer for all who will be attending the retreat, for our safe travel, and for our guest speaker as she prepares to share with us. Please come expecting to receive from God what your heart and soul desires and needs. Come sing, pray and worship; laugh and cry; share your story and renew your friendships—be prepared to be richly blessed as you share with your sisters in Christ.

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Name

Address

Telephone

Congregation

Name

### All registration forms must be received by February 28th.

Registration cost: \$95

Registration Deposit \$25                   \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid

Remaining Registration \$70               \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid

Entire Registration \$95                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid

Single Day Registration \$25               \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid

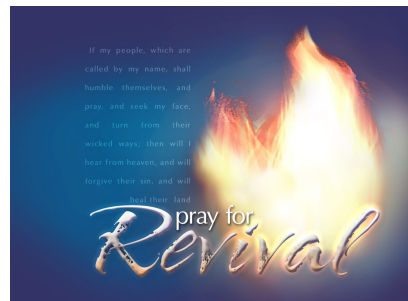
Special limitations for  
lodging \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs  
\_\_\_\_\_

Pastoral Care  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mail all registration forms (with check made payable to: Midlands Mission Center) to Wendy Gunn, 1579 Ashton Drive, Liberty, MO 64068.

If you have any questions regarding the retreat or registration, please contact Wendy Gunn at 816-415-8002 or 816-260-5051. Email: [wendyjgunn@att.net](mailto:wendyjgunn@att.net)



*Revival*  
Highlands Community of  
Christ  
March 14, 2015  
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!

**MIDLANDS MISSION CENTER**

**2015 SUMMER CAMPING**

A Revival will be held at the Highlands Community of Christ Church on Saturday, March 14, 2015, beginning at 4:00 p.m. - ending @ 8:00 p.m. Dinner to be provided. The theme is "Breathe in God's Grace, Breathe out God's Praise." All are welcome to come and experience re-birth, renewal and reconciliation in preparation for the Holy Season of Lent.

Ministry will continue the next day during regular Sunday activities as follows: Breakfast - 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Theme - Tell your Story.

Junior Camp: June 7-11  
Youth Quest KC: June 11 - 13  
Youth Quest Wichita: June 11-13  
Doniphan Reunion: June 21-26  
Zack & Katie McLaughlin, guest ministers  
Senior High Camp: June 28-July 3  
Chihowa Reunion: July 5 - 10  
Wim van Klinken and Carrie Welch, guest ministers  
MITIOG: July 18-24  
SPEC: July 18-25  
Jr. High Camp: July 26-31

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## **International Headquarters Staff**

### **Looking for Summer Interns!**

- Visitor and Heritage Services Intern - Independence
- Fellow - Nauvoo Historical Interpreter
- History Intern - Nauvoo
- History Intern - Kirtland

The position description and application form is available at <http://www.cofchrist.org/human-resources-job-opportunities>.

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If you are unable to attend a reunion but would like to contribute to their financial success, place your contributions in your local offering envelope and mark it for Reunion. (If you would like to make your contribution to a specific reunion, please note it; otherwise your contribution will be split between the two reunions.)

If you would like to volunteer to sponsor a child in need to go to camp, in full or in part, please contact Pam at the Midlands Mission Center office 816.221.4450 or toll free at 1.877.221.4450 or via e-mail at [pammathena@midlandsmc.org](mailto:pammathena@midlandsmc.org). Thanks!

Dear Saints,

We'd like to invite you to join us in a wonderful opportunity of worshiping and fellowshiping with other saints of our Mission Center. We are putting together a few days of worship, class, singing, sharing, and great food. Our theme for the 2015 Mini Reunion is "ReNew, ReVive, ReStore".

This activity is designed to build friendships, learn from our guest speakers and class presenters and offer spiritual renewal. What a wonderful time to take a break from the everyday monotony.

**You can register by filling out the attached form and give or send to**

**Donna Fletcher  
217 Sienna Ct  
Rose Hill KS 67133**

Don't miss this opportunity just because of travel. There are many options for housing with saints in the Wichita area!! Come enjoy Mini Reunion and the hospitality of fellow saints! Contact Donna for housing at 316-644-4079.

### Registration

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Payment enclosed **\$30 each**  
Yes No



**Mini Reunion  
March 18 – 20, 2015  
Webb Road Congregation,  
Wichita**



Come join for fun, fellowship, study and wonderful ministry of **Stassi Cramm, Barb Borkowski, Pam Cress, Don McLaughlin and Sue Phipps.**

All this for only **\$30**

Begins Wednesday,  
March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM  
and finishes  
Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at  
12:00 PM





"We must cultivate a spirit of stubborn hope."

-Stephen M. Veazey

### **STUBBORN HOPE: SPIRITUAL RETREAT**

**WHAT:** A spiritual retreat focused on cultivating a spirit of stubborn hope in the Easter season.

**WHEN:** April 10-12, 2015

**WHERE:** Community of Christ Temple (Independence, MO)

**RETREAT FACILITATOR:** Katie Harmon-McLaughlin

**COST:** \$60.00 (Student Cost- \$30.00)

**Registration Deadline:** March 23, 2015

In Steve Veazey's Peace Colloquy 2014 sermon, he shared that what will sustain us as we pursue peace in the midst of the complexities of poverty and injustice in our world is the formation of a stubborn hope within. It is a hope that refuses to concede to the way things are and instead holds fast to God's vision of what will be. Paying attention to the events of our world today, it can be easy to feel overwhelm and despair. Yet, especially in a season of resurrection awareness, we are called to live into the promises of new life in unexpected places. What can we learn from our own Christian story that will grow within us courage to live the mission of Christ? How does the state of our own spiritual lives impact our capacity to respond to the living Christ in the world around us? Join us in a spiritual retreat focused on cultivating this spirit of stubborn hope in the Easter season! Engage spiritual practices, experience worship in the Temple, and take time for spiritual growth and renewal as we explore resurrection themes.

For more information:

<http://spiritualformationcenter.org/news-and-events/stubborn-hope-spiritual-retreat>

## **News from Central Avenue Center of Hope . . .**

The Feinstein grant that we have participated in for many years is no long available.



**GOOD NEWS!!!** We have secured a new donor that will give the same percent of donation that we received with the Feinstein Grant -- the C.A.R.D. challenge. Along with monetary contributions, each pound of food equals a dollar. Your giving will determine our donor's contribution. This grant drive has supplied 25% or more of our budget and pantry needs in the past years.

### **Central Avenue Resource Drive . . . or C.A.R.D.**

For the congregations willing to participate we will be distributing bags that can be taken home and filled with food and returned for the center. We encourage people to refill the bags several times during March and April if they are able. However, if each family would bring a bag of food at least once during the drive, it would be of tremendous help.

We encourage each congregation, or a group within each congregation, to take on this very worthwhile project. An example would be for the youth of each congregation to bring food donations that could be used to create a structure (such as a pyramid or sky scraper) out of the canned goods brought in. The winning congregation would be recognized in a special way.

We know we can make a significant difference for the center this March and April in spite of the absence of the Feinstein grant. And of course, monetary donations are always needed.





## See Where Community of Christ Began

- Travel to Palmyra, New York, see the historic Smith family cabin and explore the sacred grove; imagine the events and people who participated in the beginning of our faith movement
- Experience Hill Cumorah, and the Grandin Print Shop, where the first edition of the *Book of Mormon* was printed
- Enjoy an evening candlelight dinner and theater view from the Kirtland Temple Visitor Center, share in a communion service in the Temple and class at the Spiritual Formation Center

## Worship in Plano, Enjoy a Sunset in Nauvoo

- Experience Emma Smith's Mansion House and Homestead with the Community of Christ Historic Sites director. Sing the historic hymns of Nauvoo in the upper room of the Red Brick Store
- Connect with the early founders as you worship in the historic Plano Stone Church and stand behind the pulpit that every Community of Christ president has preached from since Joseph Smith III
- Hear the stories of Joseph Smith III's Liberty Hall, the family home to four church presidents and early Community of Christ headquarters



## From Women's Rights to Civil War Battlefields

- Learn about the unique role women have played in the Community of Christ as you experience the place where the first

women's rights convention happened at the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, New York



- Hear about valiant soldiers and ardent pacifists in the church as you walk the historic grounds of Gettysburg and visit the memorials and museums along the National Mall in Washington, DC
- Gain a greater understanding of the struggles of African-Americans as we visit the

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

## Step Back in Time, See Where History Happened

- Walk the historic grounds of Colonial Williamsburg and witness Revolutionary history come alive through enthusiastic interpretation, drama, and historic artifacts
- Discover Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and hear about his courageous efforts and vision for the future of the United States
- Experience Pleasant Hill Shaker Village and learn about the many common themes and beliefs of the Shakers and early Community of Christ members

### **Saturday, April 18, Chihowa Work day!**

Please plan on helping us to prepare the campgrounds for the coming summer season. Lunch will be provided for all who help. We will begin @ 9:00 a.m. and end around 3:00 p.m.

Questions??? Please call Janel Hurd @ (785) 331-5559 and she will get back with you.



**Community of Christ**  
**Historic Sites Foundation**

**“For Everyone Born: A Place in the Story”**  
**Historic Sites Bus Tour - October 19-**  
**November 1, 2015**  
**Tour Reservation Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Postal  
Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Numbers**

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Room preference:

Single occupancy room       Double occupancy room

If double room occupancy, roommate request:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please include any special requests, dietary restrictions, health concerns, in the space provided:

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How did you learn about the Foundation’s Historic Sites Bus Tour?

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Would you like to join the Foundation’s mailing list?

Yes       No

Please mail your completed reservation form along with a \$100 tour deposit (per person) to the address below. All checks should be directed to “Community of Christ Historic Sites Foundation.” Please send completed form to:

**Community of Christ Historic Sites Foundation**  
**Attn: “For Everyone Born: A Place in the Story” Bus**  
**Tour**  
**P.O. Box 338, Nauvoo, IL 62354**

## MIDLANDS MC INTERIM LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT



Barbara Borkowski has been assigned as interim mission center president for Midlands Mission Center effective March 1, 2015. This assignment is in addition to her current assignment as mission center president of Central USA Mission Center. Barbara holds the priesthood office of high priest. Her past assignments include president and financial officer for the Seattle Stake, president of the Greater Pacific Northwest USA Mission Center, and Central and Michigan Field Financial Officer.

Barbara received a bachelor of science in education from Winona State University in Winona, Minnesota and a Masters of Arts in Christian Ministry from Community of Christ Seminary, Graceland University.

Carina Lord Wilson has been assigned as interim mission center financial officer for Midlands Mission Center effective March 1, 2015. This assignment is in addition to her current assignment as mission center financial officer of Central USA Mission Center. Carina holds the office of bishop. Previous positions include Herald House business manager, enrichment group lead, accounts payable manager, budget specialist, and executive assistant to the Presiding Bishopric.

Carina received a bachelor of arts in liberal studies from Graceland University and a master of business administration from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

Barbara Borkowski will be attending the Midlands Mini-Reunion and both Barbara and Carina will be present at the multiple mission center Town Hall Meeting on March 23, 7-9 pm, held in the Lower Auditorium. Barbara and Carina are

looking forward to the opportunity to serve in ministry with leaders and friends in Midlands.

These interim assignments for Midlands Mission Center in no way indicate that new jurisdictional lines or mission center mergers are under consideration. They are not. These assignments are interim as the Council of 12 and World Church Leadership Council work on new budget levels for the field and what the new deployment plan will be to use staff and volunteers to lead and support mission across the church within the reduced budget levels.

### **ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONVERSATION**

Thursday, March 19 OR Sunday, March 22 OR Monday, March 23, is an opportunity to gather with surrounding mission centers to hear World Church updates and to provide feedback using the polling devices. The polling devices will also be used to provide additional exploration of how to use The Temple. Again, this is an important opportunity to engage together in what it means to be part of Christ's Mission in our communities.

#### **TOWN HALL MEETING – Central, Far West, Midlands**

Apostle Stassi Cramm

Thursday, March 19, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Webb Road Congregation, 3500 S Webb Rd, Wichita, KS  
(Midlands Mini Reunion Experience – Methods other than polling devices will be used)

OR

#### **TOWN HALL MEETING – Central, Far West, Midlands**

Apostle Stassi Cramm

Sunday, March 22, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Abundant Life Center, 5130 Faraon St, St Joseph MO 64506

OR

#### **TOWN HALL MEETING – Central, Far West, Midlands**

Apostle Stassi Cramm

Monday, March 23, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Lower Auditorium, 1001 West Walnut, Independence MO 64052  
(Use the West Entrance)

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A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son, Timmy, walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. The neighbor said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week. As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week.

Finally she said to Timmy, 'Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?' Timmy nonchalantly replied, 'Yeah, I know who she is.' The little girl said, 'Well, who is she?' 'That's just Shirley Goodnest,' Timmy replied, 'and her daughter Marcy...' 'Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?' 'Well,' Timmy explained, 'every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest (surely goodness) and Marcy (mercy) shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!'

May "Shirley Goodnest and Marcy" be with you and your families today, tomorrow, and always...

Shalom,  
Mike Hale

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### March

8 Daylight Savings Time Begins



18-20 MMC Mini Reunion – Webb Road Cong.

**RENEW RESTORE REVIVE**

19 Town Hall Mtg, 4:30 - 6:00, Webb Road Cong., Wichita, KS

22 Town Hall Mtg., 2:30 - 4:30, Abundant Life Ctr., St. Joseph MO

23 Town Hall Mtg., 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Lower Auditorium, Independence, MO

### April

5 Easter Sunday



10-12 Women's Retreat, Lake Doniphan

12 President Veazey's Webcast, 6:00 p.m.

18 Workday at Chihowa Campgrounds