

Take Note

Online Ministry & Priesthood Classes *Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission (CIMM)*

To enroll or for more information on these classes and the certificate programs, visit graceland.edu/CIMM. Cost is \$25 unless noted.

June 29 – August 23

- **Ministry of High Priest** – Jennifer Killpack
- **Ministry of Evangelist** – Marava Arnaud & Kris Judd
- **CYW Core Training** (continued from May 4)

CIMM Sessions are on summer break and fall schedules are coming soon!



SAVE THE DATE

What: Midlands Mission Center Fall Conference
When: Sunday, November 1, 2026
Where: Topeka Community of Christ
More details will be coming!



Midlands Mission Center

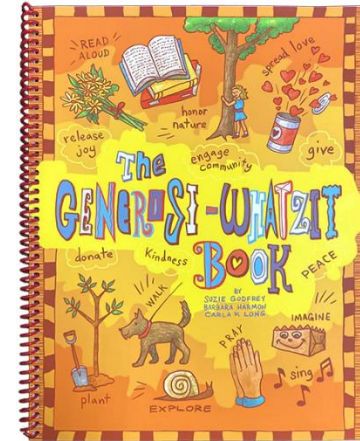
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Book Recommendation

The Presiding Bishopric is promoting a new book to support both congregational life and family ministry. *The Generosi-Whatzit Book* invites us to shift the conversation from “What do I want?” to “How can I help?”—a question that can shape both discipleship and community life. It is an interactive guide to help families and congregations explore generosity as a way of life through simple, meaningful activities.

While designed for families, the resource also works well in Sunday school, small groups, youth settings, and intergenerational gatherings. Each section includes scripture, a guided activity, and reflection questions to support connection and conversation. *The Generosi-Whatzit Book* is available through Herald House at bit.ly/HHGenerosity and will be coming soon to Amazon.



World Church Facebook Group

We're excited to announce a new Facebook group hosted by the World Church Communications Team! Join to find event announcements, updates, and news from around the church. Platforms like Facebook and Instagram are now designed to reach people who don't follow us yet. This means our public pages are better for introducing Community of Christ to new people than for staying connected with those who already know us. The new Facebook group is where we'll connect directly with members, seekers, and friends. We encourage you to keep following and sharing from our public social media because every share helps more people find our message of Christ's peace. Join at bit.ly/CofCFBGroup.

Twist Weekend @ Topeka

Teens Working In Service Together

7pm Fri, Aug 28 – 12pm Sun, Aug 30

At TWIST, amongst all the FREE fun and fellowship of camp, 6th–12th grade campers learn the value of service and giving back to the community while participating in various service-related activities on Saturday. Please bring an insurance card copy and a completed health form found on the MMC website. Questions? Contact Dawn 816.718.8307 or Greg 816.210.4943 [MMC Youth@midlandsmc.org](mailto:MMC_Youth@midlandsmc.org).

Historic Sites Tour to Australia

September 5 – 18

Trace the footsteps of the early missionaries and hear stories about Australia's founding church members. Visit the beautiful Tiona reunion ground as well as famous sites such as the Sydney Opera House, the Great Barrier Reef, and so much more! Extend your travels with optional pre- and/or post-tours filled with church history, scenic views, fellowship, and delicious foods. Information at bit.ly/CofCAustralia26.

International Peace Forum

Seeds of Peace: Environmental Justice and Action

October 16 – 18

The event builds on the tradition of the International Peace Colloquy, offering worship, learning, and community engagement. All are welcome! Registration is now open! cofchrist.org/peace-forum

Experience Summer Camp!!

Youth Camps 2026

June 5–16 — Caravan \$500 *POSTPONED TO 2028*
June 28–July 3 Junior/Middle School Camp \$335 (\$355 after 5/15)
July 12–19 Spectacular @ Graceland \$495 (\$595 after 6/30)
July 12–17 Camp MITIOG @ Doniphan
July 23–25 Youth Quest @ Olathe

Family Camps (Reunion)

Doniphan – Excelsior Springs, MO – June 18 to 22
Joint event with Central Missouri Mission Center
Guest Minister: Apostle Richard James



Chihowa – Perry, KS – July 5 to 10
Guest Minister: Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith
Directors: Dawn & Greg Bassett

Family Camp Prices (Early Bird/Regular)

Age	Doniphan*	Chihowa
Adults (age 16+)	\$360	\$260
Youth (age 13-15)	\$320	\$170
Children (age 5-12)	\$320	\$125
Children (age 0-4)	FREE	\$25

*Price for main lodge, cabins and RVs are cheaper



Register NOW

- YOUTH: www.midlandsmc.org/camps Find camp & click "Register Here"
- FAMILY CAMP www.midlandsmc.org/family : Find your camp and choose "Pay" now (credit card) or "PAY LATER" (check, cash, credit)

Camperships are available: bit.ly/MMCcampership26. **Application forms must be submitted TWO WEEKS prior to the event.** If you have questions, please contact mcfoteam@midlandsmc.org.

from the desk of Rob Heverling

Become a Blessing. Getting out of the shallows of the Mission Prayer.

That's what happened to us during the Midlands/Central MO Family Camp this past week.

Now, many of us will prepare for the Chihowa Family Camp starting on July 5th.

Same song, 1st verse once again... getting out of the shallows of the Mission Prayer.

The Mission Prayer may seem like a simple four lines, but as we relentlessly probed this Community of Christ petition, multiple dimensions were revealed.

We found ourselves *in the deep*.

Our priorities recalibrated.

Leaving one Family Camp, I hope many of you can join us in the coming Chihowa Family Camp, even if you can't make the whole thing. I hope you can join us for a few days.

Getting out of the shallows and into the deep of the Holy Spirit.

As I prepare for the Chihowa Family Camp, I am reminded of the account in Brennan Manning's book, [The Signature of Jesus](#).

Brother Dominique Voillaume, a Franciscan monk, died in Paris in 1970. His body was found in his little apartment. He died of a heart attack. Although those who knew him called it a heart

surrender...because he had been giving pieces of his heart away for many years.

There was one final entry into his journal.

The words have become a model for my life. What to aspire to...

The journal entry reads...

"All that is not the Love of God has no meaning to me. I can truthfully say I have no interest in anything but the love of God, which is in Jesus Christ.

If God wants it to, my life will be useful through my word and witness. If God wants it to, my life will bear fruit through my prayers and sacrifices.

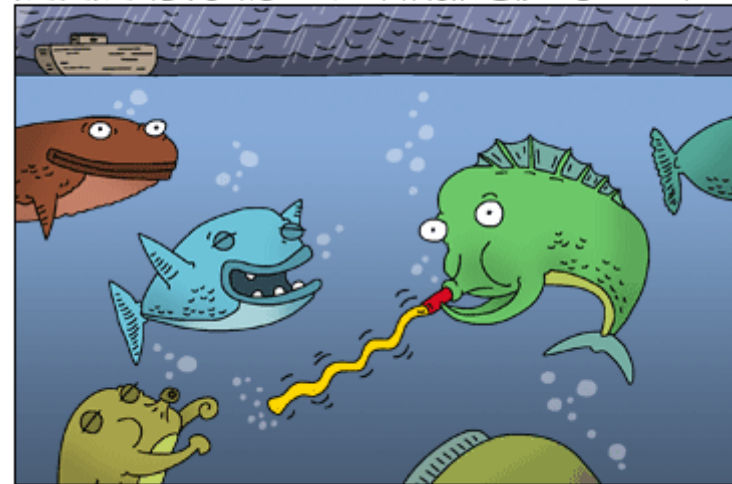
But the usefulness of my life is God's concern, not mine.

It would be indecent of me to worry about that."

Shalom, shalom

Rob

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(See Genesis 6-8)

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