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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.

October 19 – December 13

- **Introduction to Scripture** – David Lloyd
- **Ministry of Deacon** – David Lloyd
- **CYW Core**

CIMM Sessions

CIMM Sessions are short seminars on topics of theology, culture, and Community of Christ Identity, Mission, Message, Beliefs and practices.

Broadcast live and free on **Zoom at 7:00pm most Wednesdays**.

Register at graceland.edu/cimmsessions.

- Sept 2 – **Community of Christ Sacraments** — President Bunda Chibwe
- Sept 9 – **God and Sex** — Apostle Matt Frizzell
- Sept 16 & 23 – **The Book of Mormon as Scripture: Then and Now** (2-part series) — Historian Mark Scherer
- Sept 30 – **International Resource Summit** — Katie Harmon McLaughlin



THIS IS THE WAY

Please join us for our annual fall conference!

Topeka Congregation – 5252 SW 19th St

We welcome individuals from across the mission center to gather for worship, fellowship, sharing, and planning alongside Mission Center President Rob Heverling and “soon to be” Senior President of Seventy Larry McGuire.

Sunday, November 1

Schedule

10:45 am Song Service

11:00 am Worship

12:00 pm Lunch

1:30 – 3:30 pm Business Meeting



JPAT Book Study

7pm Tuesdays 9/22, 10/6, 10/20, 11/10*

Join us as we explore *Healing the Heart of Democracy* by Parker Palmer. As the tension of living in a divided nation grows, finding common ground becomes more difficult each day. Palmer uses our hearts as a guide to reconcile and restore our democracy of freedom and responsibility. Registration is at bit.ly/JPAT-BS26. *Please note date change in November to avoid election day.

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

Racial Justice Summit

Seeds of Peace: Environmental Justice and Action

12 – 5:30 pm Saturday, November 7

The event sponsored by KC Disciples Becoming Beloved Community features Rev. Dr. Hanna R. Broome. It will be held at Intersect KC in KCMO. Register at KCDisciples.org/racial-justice.

A poster for the Community of Christ 75th Anniversary Celebration. It features a yellow background with a blue border. At the top left is a circular logo with a figure and the word "PEACE". To the right is a yellow house icon. The text "Community of Christ" is in a blue script font. Below it, "SHAWNEE DRIVE CONGEGATION" is in a blue sans-serif font, followed by "75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION" in a larger blue sans-serif font. A yellow cloud-like shape contains the event schedule for Saturday and Sunday. Below this, the dates "OCT |10-11| 2026" are displayed in a large blue font. To the right of the dates is a blue box with yellow text: "Join us as we honor the past and embrace the future". Below the dates is the address "4440 Shawnee Drive KC, KS 66106". At the bottom, it says "More details can be found on our Fadebook page." and "Please RSVP which events you plan to attend to reunion@shawneedrive.org".

 Community of Christ

SHAWNEE DRIVE CONGEGATION

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday

- 10am: Turner Days Parade
- 6-8pm: Hymn Sing followed by Ice Cream Social

Sunday

- 9am: Cinnamon Roll Breakfast
- 10:30am: Worship followed by potluck lunch

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- 6pm Sundays YAM (**Young Adult Ministry**) online – contact Mikki Phillippe at mphilippe@cofchrist.org.
 - 6pm Sunday, September 27 – **Youth EMERGE** online gathering – contact Humberto Tinsman htinsman@cofchrist.org
 - Bi-monthly online **Young Adult Coffee Talk** – contact Humberto Tinsman htinsman@cofchrist.org for information and the link.

from the desk of Rob Heverling

The Diary of a CEO is a podcast with an immense worldwide audience. It's hosted by Steven Bartlett. He interviews leaders from all kinds of businesses, industries, non-profits, scientists, educators, doctors, and other kinds of experts.

Recently, Bartlett interviewed John Lennox, a mathematician, bioethicist, and Christian apologist.

During the interview, Bartlett said to Lennox, "You have a certain contentment that I rarely see in people that I interview... but I've almost always seen it in the Christians that I've interviewed. You have an anchoring that so many of us are looking for... You have a certain peace."

I sure hope you can relate to this anchoring, to this certain contentment and peace that 34-year-old Steven Bartlett witnessed in 82-year-old John Lennox. And I think Bartlett understood age wasn't necessarily the critical factor. It was the faith in God of this brilliant, humble mathematician.

It made me think of people in the Community of Christ who had a powerful influence on my Faith Journey as a boy, as a teenager, as a young adult. Women and Men who changed me. To name some of those old-school influencers: Ann and Jeff Heverling (my parents), Fay Elder, Glenda McClain, A.D. McClain, Mary Ann Parks, Don Sturgis, Chuck Cornman, Dorothy Magneson, Eldred Spain, Everett Graffeo.

There was, and still is, a holiness about these individuals. Not holy in a moralistic way, but holy in a way that they relentlessly tried to set themselves apart as disciples of Jesus.

I know they each had painful low points in their lives; yet all these people demonstrated an 'anchoring' and conveyed a deep sense of peace. They were my Jeti to emulate. They understood the ways of the Force (Holy Spirit).

Think about those people who dramatically influenced your Faith Journey.

I am often confronted with people... smart people, gifted people, who are adrift. Sometimes they are leaning too hard into their own understanding. They need an anchor. They need a source of peace. They need to learn the ways of the Holy Spirit.

Let this be our obligation and opportunity. To be in relationship with new acquaintances who become captivated by our anchoring, by our humility, by our Love, and by our capacity to be at peace.

Many will want what we have. We can teach them how a Faith Journey changes everything.

Shalom. Shalom, Rob

