



MICHIGAN REGION

News and Notes

Winter 2021

Upcoming Events

February 2 – Burton
Regional Oversight
Council Meeting

April 4
EASTER SUNDAY

April 27, 2021
Regional Conference,
Elkton

June 21-25
Brown City Kidz Camp

July 12-15
Virtual National
Conference

July 18-24
Mancelona Family Camp

July 29- August 8
Brown City Family Camp

October 11-13
Ministers' Retreat

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DISCIPLE-MAKING IN MICHIGAN

Despite the challenges of 2020, the Michigan Region, its Networks, and churches moved forward with church planting and disciple-making efforts in the following areas of Michigan:

- Detroit (Metro Detroit Network)
- Lansing (West Michigan Network)
- Midland (Thumb Network)
- Peck (Thumb Network)
- Pellston (Lake Life Church, Alanson)
- Pullman (West Michigan Network)
- Richmond (Crossroads Church, China Twp.)
- Unionville (Thumb Network)

Pray for God's guidance and provision as the Region seeks to reach Michigan for Jesus.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

While the COVID-19 pandemic prompted the Region to hold a virtual conference last year, plans are in the works to hold an onsite, in-person conference Tuesday, April 27 at the Elkton Missionary Church from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Region will carefully monitor health conditions and state guidelines. Updates and more details will be shared in the near future.



Missionary Church Investment Foundation

The Missionary Church Investment Foundation (MCIF) offers members of our churches an opportunity to invest in one, two or three-year certificates of deposits at competitive rates. MCIF in turn offers loans to churches to assist with building projects and expansion programs. For more details, contact MCIF at 260-747-2027 or visit their website (mcfusa.org).

Brown City thanks Rev. Rick (Nancy) Fledderjohann for their many faithful years of service at the church. Rick concluded his ministry in September. Dr. Mike (Sharon) Cadrette began service as the interim pastor in October.

Bliss, Levering, held an installation service for their new pastor, Paul (Colleen) Holcroft November 8. Regional Director Jim Jordan officiated the ceremony.

Cass City requests prayer as they seek a new associate pastor this winter. (Rev. Phil Burkett)

Crossroads, China Twp., praises God for its outreach posts and the opportunity to reach the lost for the Lord. Pastor Steven Sabens is guiding the Richmond disciple-making project. (Rev. Anthony Ferriell)

Davison has purchased the building and property next door. The building is now known as the HUB and will be used for outreach and youth ministries. (Rev. Jason Crum)

Kalamazoo has called Rev. Joel (Ruth) Schwendinger as their next senior pastor. Joel, who previously served at Cass City, began his ministry at the church in November. **New Beginnings, Mount Morris**, continues to seek God's guidance for their next senior pastor. Four new members joined the church in November.

PHOS, Sterling Heights, was launched October 4 in the former Parkside building. 200 people were in attendance. PHOS is the Greek word for light as the church seeks to share Jesus, the Light of the World (Pastor Tyler Whitcomb)



PHOS Launch October 4 Pastor Tyler Whitcomb

Trinity, Petoskey, thanks Rev. Ryan (Karen) Powell who concluded his service at the church after five years as the associate pastor. (Rev. Steve Beigle)

OUR VISION

"Every Church mobilizing believers to intentionally lead people to Christ and make disciple-makers."

The Missionary Church is committed to:

- The Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:6)
- The Holy Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- The Great Commission (Matthew 28:28-30)



SYMPATHY

The Region expresses its deepest sympathy to the family of Rev. Phil Whipple, Senior Pastor, at Trinity Missionary Church, Yale. Phil went home to be with the Lord in November after a courageous battle with COVID-19. Phil's son, Mike, who joined the staff at Trinity in September, is serving as interim pastor at the church. Please uphold Phil's widow, Sandy, the family, and Trinity Church in prayer.

