



MICHIGAN REGION

News and Notes

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The Michigan Region of the Missionary Church

Upcoming Events

Nov. 1-2 • Utica

Tri-County LEAD Team Mtg.

Nov. 1 • Resource Center
Regional Oversight Council

Nov. 12 • Mancelona Camp
Mancelona Camp Board

Nov. 30 • Resource Center
Ministry Multiplication Team

Dec. 6 • Frankenmuth
*ROC and MMT
Christmas Dinner*

Dec. 28-30 • Fort Wayne, IN
*EPIC Youth Conference
(a 3DYC event)*

Jan. 10 • New Life, Bay City
*Family and Children Ministry
Team Meeting*

Jan. 17 • Resource Center
Youth Ministry Team Mtg.

Jan. 29-Feb. 12 • East Africa
Regional Missions Trip

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Rev. Jake Schierling, who passed away October 12 at the age of 89. Jake and his wife, Ruth, served as missionaries to Sierra Leone and helped establish a pastoral training school in Kabala. Upon leaving the mission field, Jake pastored the Brown City Missionary Church. A memorial service was held October 23.



REGION'S MINISTRY MULTIPLICATION TEAM BEGINS OPERATIONS

The Michigan Region held its first-ever Ministry Multiplication Team meeting on October 18 at the Resource Center. This team will give oversight and direction to the fulfillment of the Region's five priorities:

- *Mobilize Continuous Intercessory Prayer*
- *Evangelize the Lost and Make Disciples*
- *Strengthen our Established Churches*
- *Plant New Churches and Districts*
- *Recruit and Develop Dynamic and Spiritually Passionate Leaders*

Current team members are:

Tom Blaylock, Church Multiplication Coordinator

Jim Keller, Regional Director

Josh Hossler, Pastor, Evident Church

Bob Ransom, US Ministries Director

Jim Thompson, Interim Pastor, New Faith Chapel

Al Yerke, Regional Ministries Coordinator

Additional members will be added as mission districts and full districts are formed in the Region.

At the team's first meeting, several key points related to the transition from a district to a region were discussed, including:

- The preparation of a time-table for fully implementing the job descriptions for the Regional Director and the Regional Ministries Coordinator;
- The establishment of a time-line and application process for the formation of mission districts in the Region; and
- The utilization of HEART (Healing, Encouragement and Reconciliation Team) to assist pastors and churches in times of crisis, need and/or conflict.

Please uphold this team in prayer as strategies are developed to help the Michigan Region fulfill our priorities and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

Michigan Region Vision Statement

*Every Church
mobilizing believers to
intentionally reach and
disciple those
without Christ.
Matthew 28:18-20*

Colonial Woods, Port Huron, congratulates Rev. Ann Harrington, who was ordained October 16. Ann is Director of Adult Education and Missions at the church. (Rev. Phil Whetstone)



**Jim Keller, Ann Harrington
and Phil Whetstone**

Crossroads, China, praises God for four salvation commitments of faith in September. (Dr. Michael Cadrette)

Davison hosted its 20th Annual Pizza, Pizza, Laugha, Laugha on October 19. Over 400 students and sponsors attended the youth outreach. The church is sponsoring its 2nd Annual Journey to Bethlehem Community Outreach December 2-4. (Rev. Allen Sudmann)

Dayton Heights, Flint, held a surprise appreciation day on October 9 to honor Rev. Jerry and Marilyn Lerche for 25 years of service at the church.



Marilyn and Jerry Lerche

Evident, Chesterfield, has moved to a new location. The church is now meeting at Green Elementary School. (Rev. Josh Hossler)

Faith Christian Fellowship, Hart, will hold a service of commissioning November 6 for Mark Aspy, who has begun serving as their pastor. Continue to pray for the sale of the Aspy's home in Indiana.

Michigan Missionary Loans & Investments

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offers 2.5% interest on
investments to members
of Michigan Region
churches.

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Lamotte, Marlette, has completed the parsonage remodeling project. Pastor Tom and Cyndee Brinks are now living in the home.

Lighthouse, East Jordan, hosted two Keryx-in-Community weekends in October. The events provide discipleship training for men and women.

New Faith Chapel, Romulus, has called Rev. Paul (Amy) Schultz to be their next pastor. Paul, who has been a World Partners missionary, will begin pastoring in January.



Amy and Paul Schultz

New Life, Bay City, expresses sympathy to the Rev. Jonathan Boyer family. Delores' mother, Mary Evelyn Hendra, passed away October 24.

Trinity, Yale, gives thanks to the Lord for a recent commitment of faith. Prayer is requested as the church begins their search for their next senior pastor.

VOX, Macomb, relocated to Lanse Creuse High School North Sept. 18. The church plant is currently averaging over 200 in attendance. (Rev. Matt Woodburn)