



# MICHIGAN DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

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## The Michigan District of the Missionary Church

### Upcoming Events

Sept. 2 • District Office  
*Directors' Meeting*

Sept. 7 • District Office  
*District Executive Board Meeting*

Sept. 11 • Brown City  
*Softball Tournament*

Sept. 17-18 • Vassar  
*Hunters' Retreat at Wesleyan Woods Camp*

Oct. 4-6 • Mancelona  
*Ministers' Retreat at AuSable Institute*

Oct. 15-16 • Port Austin  
*Pastors' Wives Retreat*

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Nov. 2 • District Office  
*District Executive Board Meeting*

Nov. 5-6 • Mancelona  
*Pastors' Wives Retreat*

Dec. 7 • Frankenmuth  
*Executive Board and Spouses' Christmas Dinner*

Dec. 9 • Flint Area  
*District Directors and Spouses' Christmas Luncheon*

Jan. 14-16 • Huntington, IN  
*ConVERGE Youth Leadership Conference*

### Family Camps 2010

The District praises God for another great year of family camps. Mancelona Camp ran July 18-24 and drew over 300 people to nightly services. 55 teens and 70 children were registered for the daily camp ministries.

Nearly 2,100 campers stayed on the grounds during Brown City Family Camp July 29-August 8. Registration for the youth program was 421, while 550 children attended the daily programs.

Scores of people came to the altars at both camps to seek the Lord and make decisions.

### ConVERGE

The Michigan District is pleased to announce that it is partnering with other Missionary Church Districts to offer a student leadership training conference on January 14-16, 2011, at Huntington University (IN). **ConVERGE** offers practical training for student leaders and youth workers. Early bird registration of \$79 is due December 7 and includes program fees, concert tickets and 3 meals. For details and registration info, please visit our website at:

[www.converge2011.com](http://www.converge2011.com)

### Pastors' Wives Getaways

2010 Girlfriends' Getaways are scheduled for October 15-16 and October 22-23 at Elijah's Rest Retreat Center near Port Austin in the Thumb. Cedar Bend Farms of Mancelona will host a November 5-6 Getaway for our northern pastors' wives. These low cost retreats are designed to provide pastors' wives a time of refreshment and renewal. For more details, contact Pat Black at:

[pablack1@gmail.com](mailto:pablack1@gmail.com)



### Upcoming Retreats

The Annual Hunters' Retreat happens September 17-18 at Wesleyan Woods Camp near Vassar. To register, contact J.T. Mabe (989-823-8840).

October 4-6 are the dates for this year's Ministers' Retreat at AuSable Institute near Mancelona. Rev. Bill Lepley is the guest speaker. All churches are urged to cover the cost of the event for their pastors. Full details are available on the District website:

[www.mcmichigan.org](http://www.mcmichigan.org)

## Michigan District Vision Statement

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

**Bliss, Levering**, gives praise to God for two recent salvation commitments.  
*(Dr. Curtis Alexander)*

**Cass City** held a farewell for Rev. Bob and Laura Sweeney August 15. After five years of ministry at the church, the Sweeneys have accepted the pastorate at Grace Missionary Church in Celina, Ohio.

**Colonial Woods, Port Huron**, expresses appreciation to Pastors Jonathan Seller and Bill Barnwell who concluded their ministries at the church in August. Jonathan has joined the staff of the VOX Church plant, while Bill is the new pastor at Royal Oak.  
*(Rev. Phil Whetstone)*

**Dayton Heights, Flint**, saw over 100 people attend their community Summerfest.  
*(Rev. Gerald Lerche)*

**Fellowship Bible, Brown City**, is utilizing the services of Rev. Richard Kriesch as interim pastor.

**Lamotte, Marlette, and Orchards, Romeo**, sent a combined team to Mexico for a summer missions trip.

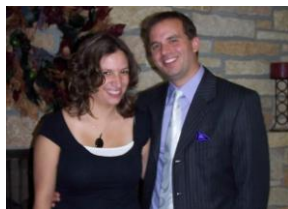
**Marquette** held a baptismal service for four believers in the month of July.  
*(Pastor Paul Holcroft)*

**Midland** thanks the Lord for four salvation decisions in July. The church is holding a special dinner Sept 11 to honor their pastor Fred Becknell who is retiring.

**Mizpah, Cass City**, has invited Rev. Art Wright to be their interim pastor.

**New Life, Bay City**, reports a successful Vacation Bible School. Two children asked Jesus into their lives.  
*(Rev. Jonathan Boyer)*

**Royal Oak** has extended a call to Rev. Bill Barnwell to become their next senior pastor. A commissioning service for the Barnwells will be held September 12. On August 15, the church honored interim pastor Larry and Cora VanSlambrook for their faithful ministry.



**Trinity, Petoskey**, held a baptismal service in July for four believers.  
*(Rev. Steve Beigle)*

## Michigan Missionary Loans & Investments

*"Helping Churches  
Grow"*

MMLI currently offers 3.0% interest on investments to members of Michigan District churches.

For information, call  
810-742-7462

**Trinity, Yale**, had a marvelous Vacation Bible School which ministered to 150 children.  
*(Rev. Anthony Ferriell)*

**VOX, Chesterfield Twp.**, requests prayer as it prepares for its launch September 26.  
*(Rev. Matt Woodburn)*



**VOX**  
church

**Walled Lake** praises God for two recent commitments of faith in Christ.  
*(Rev. Matt Maloney)*

**Warren** welcomed eight new members into the fellowship in July.  
*(Rev. Frank Taubitz)*