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Monday, 8 April

**Planting Seeds for the Future** - Mission Funding Team * Temple, Lecture Hall

Come hear about creative options that make it easy to support mission and plant seeds that will make a difference for future generations! The Mission Funding team is hosting this lunch and learn where you’ll discover the tools that allow you to give a gift to Community of Christ while also reducing your taxable income and taking care of your loved ones:

- IRAs
- Wills and Trusts
- Other charitable giving options

Call 1-800-884-7526 to reserve your spot. Bring your own lunch.

*Please note that methods shared relate to USA statutes and regulations.
Church History and Congregational Life - Community of Christ Church History and Sacred Story Team * Temple, Continents Room
This session will explore the relevance of church history at the congregational level. Presenters will share stories of how heritage can be incorporated in the daily life of the congregation through worship, Sunday school classes for all ages, Storyteller nights, music, and youth activities. The session will include examples of how today’s congregations are learning lessons from the past and connecting church heritage to contemporary issues. The presenters will also discuss how you can help preserve and share your congregation’s unique story for current and future generations.

Using the Enduring Principles to Evaluate Issues in the Israel/Palestine Conflict - Dave Anderson, Kuzma Brudsky, Steve Kellogg, and Andrew Bolton * Temple, Peacemakers Room
• Church members are divided over Israel/Palestine. Some believe that the state of Israel is God ordained and a fulfilment of biblical promises and should not be criticized. Others, recognizing the right of the state of Israel to exist in secure borders, are very critical of the 50-year-old Israeli military occupation of the West Bank, the treatment of Palestinians in Gaza, and the suffering of Christian and Muslim Palestinians. How can we in Community of Christ find common ground on this difficult and complex conflict?
• The Israel/Palestine Sub-team of the Peace and Justice Team began its work in the 2016-2018 inter-conference period by using Community of Christ’s Enduring Principles to evaluate issues in the Israel/Palestine conflict. This session is an opportunity for class members to do this same exercise for themselves in small groups, followed by a general discussion.
• The Israel/Palestine Sub-team members believe the church’s Enduring Principles are a way of evaluating fairly all conflicts with the objective criteria of these agreed values held by members all over the world. Class members will be invited to discuss this position.

Creating Connection with the Unchurched - Kerry Richards, Troy Roach, and John Hamer * Temple, Theater 1
Learn about creating first-contact entry points that are safe spaces for meaningful conversation and relationships. Come learn about the use of targeted social media and relevant “people-speak” marketing resources. Explore practical models to effectively reach people in your community who are already “poised” to respond and relate to our safe social media invitations. We will also present Community of Christ “identity” resources that resonate with the unchurched, the “spiritual but not religious,” and with other faith communities. We will share templates for your use. This session is for mission-minded people interested in piloting new expressions of Community of Christ and learning how to use minimal, cost-effective marketing for invitational exposure to their community.

Project Zion Podcast - PZP Team, Robin Linkhart, facilitator - Temple, Theater 2
Meet the Project Zion Podcast team! Our podcast hosts and recurring guests will share behind-the-scenes scoop. They will also answer your questions about podcasting and explain how podcasts can serve as a powerful ministry tool. Session will be recorded for later use on Project Zion Podcast (PZP) as well as a live promo for PZP and World Conference.

Tour the Franciscan Mission Warehouse - Travel by bus to the warehouse to explore the work being done by our Peace Award Recipient. Meet the bus at Auditorium West entrance. The bus will leave promptly at 12:30 p.m. and return at 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 9 April

**Resisting Unconscious Bias and Building Inclusiveness** - Diversity and Inclusion Team * Temple, Theater 1
The session is for anyone interested in relationship-building skills for interaction with diverse cultures within Community of Christ and the community at-large and enhancing a sense of inclusiveness in congregational life. Topics include:
- Benefits of a diverse community
- How to identify unconscious bias
- How to overcome unconscious and hidden bias
- Ways to build inclusiveness

**Virtual Ministry** - Karin Peter or Robin Linkhart, facilitators * Temple, Continents Room (*French and Spanish translation available)
Each year, a growing number of virtual communities hosted by congregations, mission centers, and ministries are launched. Learn from leaders of these groups about their gatherings, the unique challenges they face, and the creative steps they take to build community.

**Online Priesthood Evaluation Process** - Richard Chapman and Andrew Fox * Temple, Peacemakers Room
The British Isles Mission Centre has set up an online process for priesthood evaluation. The many benefits of this process include:
- a place to direct priesthood members for information on their priesthood role, ministry, and commitment, with downloads for:
  - a. Priesthood Status Categories
  - b. Ministry and Priesthood courses
  - c. Covenant Principles
  - d. Spiritual Practices
  - e. Ministry Plans
- an opportunity for self-reflection and self-evaluation regarding one’s priesthood role and ministry
- a non-invasive, first step for pastors to start a conversation with a priesthood member about their role and ministry
- an access point for pastors to work with priesthood members regarding their ministry plan

**The Power of the Church Seal in the Life of Community of Christ** - Andrew Bolton * Temple, Theater 1
Topics include:
- How the church seal was decided, and then approved by Conference all in one day: April 8, 1874.
- The importance of Isaiah 11:1–10 behind the church seal to describe the peaceable kingdom/Zion.
- See different versions of the church seal used over time and in different cultures and languages.
- How the church seal has grown in importance as visual theology or visual parable for the church and has taken us repentantly from the violence of our early days, to a Temple dedicated to the pursuit of peace today.
- Connect with the peace flags from around the world and celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Temple dedication.
• How to use this important image, with current approved images and icons, to communicate simply, clearly, and powerfully the mission of Christ and the church today.

Discover and Live Your Future - Ron Harmon and Larry McGuire * Temple, Theater 2
Explore an exciting journey of discernment, discovery, and experimentation with new forms of loving and transforming community. The call to live into our identity and calling as communities of Christ (Doctrine and Covenants 163:1) is a call to rediscover the transformative power of loving community to change us, our families, neighborhoods, and world. It matters not whether you are a community of two, twenty, or two hundred. Come explore the resources and process help available to move from “doing church” to creating authentic, loving, and invitational community!

Wednesday, 10 April
Build an Online Presence - Communications Team, Brittany Mangelson * Temple, Lecture Hall
Is your congregation interested in using the internet to reach seekers and build relationships with members? The Communications Team and Latter-day Seeker Ministries will share four easy-to-implement steps congregations should take to build an online presence that connects them with seekers and members.

Growing a Justice and Peace Team - Justice and Peace Action Team—Greater Kansas City * Temple, Continents Room
We will share our experience of developing a Justice and Peace Action Team. This will include information on the affect the team can have in the community and how to network with organizations and causes that support justice and peace. We will also discuss the importance of being aligned with Mission Initiatives and World Conference Resolutions.

Birth Communities of Disciples and Seekers (New Expressions) - John Wight * Temple, Peacemakers Room
Repeatedly through the years, disciples of Jesus Christ have been called to use all means to reach people, to look beyond the horizon, to give birth to new expressions of the mission of Jesus Christ. In this session, we will explore that call and examine some specific examples of new expressions that are currently being implemented and some ideas that are just waiting to be birthed. Finally, we will discuss some tools that are available to help us in the “delivery room.”

Host a Peace Colloquy in your Mission Centre/City/Field - Joey Williams, Elray Henriksen, Andrew Bolton, Andrew Fox, Sandee Gamet * Temple, Theater 1
Come learn about the peace colloquy held in the British Isles Mission Centre March 2018. Learn about things to consider if you want to host a peace colloquy in your area. This session is open to anyone interested in hosting a peace colloquy.
Latter-day Seeker Ministry - Robin Linkhart, Karin Peter, Keith McMillan, Carla Long, Blair White * Temple, Theater 2
Do you want to learn more about Latter-day Seeker Ministry? World Church leaders will share updates, resources, and next steps for those wanting to learn more. Lots of time for Q and A will be included.

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Peace in Israel-Palestine: Israeli and Palestinian Perspectives - Steve Kellogg, facilitator * Temple, Lecture Hall
This will be a panel with people of different perspectives, including an Israeli and a Palestinian. It will be chaired by Steve Kellogg a member of the Israel/Palestine sub-team of the World Church Peace and Justice Team.

Blending of Christ and Culture through Poetry, Song, Dance, and More - Ralph Aona * Temple, Continents Room
We will explore and discuss cultural songs, poetry, dance, and more that blend with Christ and align with the Enduring Principles.

The Future of the Church in Africa - Catherine Mambwe, Tanoh Assoi, Urbain Mbenga, Bunda Chibwe * Peacemaker’s Room
Come share with leaders of the church in Africa and learn about how the mission of Jesus Christ is being lived today and in the future.

Q&A about the Presiding Bishopric Financial Report - Presiding Bishopric * Temple, Lecture Hall
Members of the Presiding Bishopric will be available to respond to any questions or receive any comments about the Presiding Bishopric Financial Report that were not covered during the presentation of the report to the 2019 World Conference.

Sacred Space - Robin Linkhart, Karin Peter * Temple, Theater 2
*Sacred Space: A Small-group Resource is for informal Community of Christ gatherings. The new resource is designed to share a conversation about faith and build relationships. Join Apostle Robin Linkhart and President of Seventy Karin Peter as they introduce the resource and provide valuable tips on how to use Sacred Space and answer your questions about the resource.

Creating Proposals for Common Consent Process - Sandee Gamet, Kelly Phipps * Auditorium, North Conference Room (5th Floor north)
This session will describe what a “proposal” is and how to create them for use in bringing issues to World Conference for consideration using the Common Consent Process.