

NEWS & NOTES

MICHIGAN REGION MISSIONARY CHURCH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 5 • Resource Center
Ministry Multiplication Team

Jan. 13-15 • Michindoh
Discover Youth Conference
www.discover.org

Jan. 28 • Parkside, Sterling Hgts.
RARE Leadership Seminar with
Dr. Marcus Warner

Feb. 7 • Resource Center
Regional Oversight Council

March 10-11 • Midland
Pastors & Spouses Retreat

May 2 • Port Huron
Regional Conference

THUMB NETWORK RECOGNIZED AS A MISSION DISTRICT

Nine Missionary Churches located in Michigan's Thumb have been recognized as an organized mission district in the Missionary Church. Known as the Thumb Network, the churches are committed to church multiplication, disciple-making and partnering together to reach lost men and women with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Rev. Reg Courliss, Senior Pastor at the Elkton Missionary Church, will serve as network director. The Regional Oversight Council and the Ministry Multiplication Team of the Michigan Region approved the network formation this past fall with a start date set for April 1, 2017. The Network joins the Metro Detroit Network and the West Michigan District (provisional status) as recognized mission districts in the Michigan Region.

*We are committed to church planting, the birth of
disciple-making ministries and the unity of the
Body of Christ. – Thumb Network Covenant*

The nine churches partnering in the Thumb Network are:

- *Cass City Missionary Church*
- *Elkton Missionary Church*
- *Fellowship Bible Church, Brown City*
- *Lamotte Missionary Church, Marlette*
- *Mizpah Missionary Church, Cass City*
- *New Creation Community Church, Caro*
- *Open Door Missionary Church, Sandusky*
- *Son's Life Missionary Church, Sebawaing*
- *Watertown Missionary Church, Sandusky*



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**Colonial Woods, Port
Huron**, recently welcomed two
new members into the
fellowship.

(Rev. Phil Whetstone)

Davison held a “Pack the
Pantry” Christmas outreach in
December, delivering over 100
bags of groceries to inner city
families in Flint.

(Rev. Doug Connelly)

Faith, Flint, honored Rev. Rick
(Tina) Turner who concluded
his ministry at Faith in
December. Rick served at the
church since 2009.

(Rev. Brent Kriesch)

IEM YO SOY, Kalamazoo,
hosted the first annual West
Michigan District Conference in
November. The church recently
saw five conversions and
welcomed five new members
into the fellowship. *(Elizabeth
Salazar, Interim)*

New Life, Bay City, packed
112 shoeboxes for Operation
Christmas Child.

(Rev. Jonathan Boyer)

Open Door, Sandusky,
welcomes Rev. Rick (Tina)
Turner as their new pastor.
Rick began ministry at the
church January 1.



Rev. Rick and Tina Tuner

Parkside, Sterling Heights,
hosted a night of Christmas
worship for the Metro Detroit
Network December 18.

(Pastor Greg Neumayer)

Royal Oak adopted a new
name and bylaws at its
congregational meeting in
December. Now known as
Royal Oak Church, the
congregation continues to be a
ministry of the Missionary
Church.

(Rev. Bill Barnwell)

Son’s Life, Sebewaing, will
host Richard Crisco for his
series on honoring God and
others on March 8 & 9.

(Rev. Brian Reinhardt)

Walled Lake thanks Pastor
Josh (Jennifer) Duncan for
their service at the church. The
Duncans concluded their
ministry at the church in
November. Dr. Michael
(Sharon) Cadrette is now
serving as interim pastor.

**CHURCH PLANTING
NEWS**

*Several church planting
projects are moving forward in
2017. The Metro Detroit
network is giving oversight and
support for three church
planters. A church planter was
recently assessed for a new
work in Northern Michigan.*



**MISSIONARY
CHURCH**

OUR DRIVING PASSION

The Missionary Church is a
family of churches committed
to Jesus Christ, the Bible and
the Great Commission.

- *We pursue relationship with
God as our top priority.*
- *We depend on the Holy
Spirit through prayer.*
- *We introduce people to the
gospel and multiply
disciples everywhere.*
- *We value, strengthen and
multiply churches.*
- *We develop Spirit-led
leaders to advance God’s
mission in the world.*

Officially adopted by the
Michigan Regional Conference
May 5, 2015