



MICHIGAN REGION

News and Notes

January – February 2018

Upcoming Events

Jan. 20 ~ China Twp.
Field USA Discipleship Training at Crossroads Community Church

February 6 ~ Burton
Regional Oversight Council Meeting

February 8 ~ Burton
Strengthening the Local Church Team Meeting

Feb. 9-11 ~ Michindoh
Discover Youth Conference

Feb. 27- Mar. 1~ Orlando
Exponential Church Multiplication Conference

March 2-3 ~ Bay City
Pastors and Spouses Retreat

April 3 ~ Burton
Regional Oversight Council Meeting

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FIELD USA

Field USA Discipleship Training takes place **Saturday, January 20 at Crossroads Community Church, China Township.** Field USA uses the 4 Key Fields of *Cultivating, Planting, Growing & Harvesting* disciples. Anyone interested in making disciples is welcome to attend. The training runs from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM with registration at 8:30 AM. The cost is \$15.00 which covers training materials, snacks and lunch. Rev. Anthony Ferriell, Director of the Missionary Church Field USA, is the main presenter. Contact Anthony fusa@mcusa.org if you plan to attend or if you have questions.

**FEBRUARY
9-11
2018**

**Discover
CONFERENCE**
GATHER.DISCOVER.ENGAGE.

Discover Youth Conference happens **February 9-11 at Camp Michindoh in Hillsdale, Michigan.** Designed for youth groups as an opportunity to gather, discover and engage with their peers, the event's low cost includes 2 nights lodging and 4 meals.

Go to discover-conference.org for details.

Michigan Missionary Loans & Investments

"Helping Churches Grow"

MMLI offers 2.0% interest on investments to members of Michigan Region churches.

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Cass City and the Thumb Network praise God for the safe and profitable trip of the hurricane relief work team November 11-19 as they helped rebuild the flooded home of a Missionary Church pastor in the Houston, Texas, area. (Rev. Phil Burkett)

Davison thanks the Lord for the 600 plus people who visited the Journey to Bethlehem interactive nativity re-creation at the church December 2 and 3. (Rev. Doug Connelly)

Faith, Flint, had over 225 attend the holiday musical, "It's Christmas Time" Dec. 17. (Rev. Brent Kriesch)

New Hope, Lapeer, had the privilege of supplying food, sleeping quarters and ministry to the homeless in Lapeer for a week in November. The church praises God for three baptisms in December. (Jerry Wexelberg, Interim)

Parkside, Sterling Heights, thanks Bonnie Schreck, their long-term church secretary for her faithful service. Bonnie retired December 31. (Pastor Greg Neumayer)

Trinity, Yale, gives thanks to the Lord for a 10% increase in worship attendance and a 20% increase in Sunday school attendance in 2017. The church recently purchased the building next door and is looking for ways to utilize the facility for ministry purposes. (Rev. Phil Whipple)

Watertown, Sandusky, expresses their gratitude for the outpouring of love, prayers and financial support on behalf of the Paul Melcher family during Lynn's illness and homegoing. Please continue to uphold their pastor and his family during this time of loss.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Pastor Paul Melcher, Watertown Missionary Church, Sandusky, on the passing of his wife Joclynn (Lynn) Nov. 2 at the age of 62 after a courageous battle with cancer. A funeral celebration of her life took place Nov. 11 at Open Door, Sandusky.

The Region also offers its sympathy to the family of the Wilbur Ricketts, late pastor at Watertown. Wilbur's wife Marion passed away December 18.

CHURCH PLANTING

Pray for several church planting opportunities happening in Michigan in 2018:

- Crockery Creek Community Church, Nunica (Tyler Liu, Planter)
- Hispanic Church Plant in Grand Rapids (Yo Soy, Kalamazoo is the mother congregation)
- Hispanic Church Plant in Taylor (Margarito Mondragon, Planter)
- Lake Life Church, Alanson (Dan Vandock, Planter)
- Church Plant in Akron (Son's Life, Sebewaing, is the mother congregation)



MISSIONARY CHURCH

OUR VISION

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

Vision Impact – On Point

- Every believer a Spirit-empowered follower of Christ
- Every follower of Christ a disciple-maker
- Every church a disciple-making, church planting church