



MICHIGAN REGION

News and Notes

January – February 2019

Upcoming Events

Jan. 17 ~ Sandusky
Thumb Network Meeting
at Watertown MC

Feb. 5 ~ Burton
Regional Oversight
Council Meeting

Feb. 8-10 ~ Hillsdale
Missionary Church
Discover Youth
Conference at Michindoh

February 15
Metro Detroit Network
Pastors and Spouses
Dinner and Fellowship

Feb. 23 ~ Davison
Special Regional
Conference

March 1-2 ~ Bay City
Pastors and Spouses'
Retreat at DoubleTree

March 4-7 ~ Orlando
Exponential Conf.

April 30 ~ Davison
Annual Regional
Conference



REGIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINEE ANNOUNCED

A Special Regional Conference will be held Saturday, February 23 at 1:00 PM at the Davison Missionary Church to vote on the nomination of Rev. James Jordan as the next Regional Director in Michigan. Jim, who grew up in our Midland Missionary Church, is a graduate of Bethel College. Since 1998, Jim has served as senior pastor at the Lighthouse Missionary Church, East Jordan. Jim is also Vice-Regional Director. Jim and his wife, Ruby, have three children.

Current Regional Director, Rev. Jim Keller, whose term expires June 30, 2019, has chosen not to seek another term. A Special Nominating Committee, appointed by the Regional Oversight Council, has considered more than 15 individuals whose names were offered for the position, then vetted and interviewed potential candidates. The committee's choice was interviewed and approved by the Regional Oversight Council.

All Regional ministers, along with lay delegates from the 2018 Regional Conference, are eligible to vote February 23. In case of bad weather, the conference will be rescheduled for March 16.

Michigan Missionary Loans & Investments

*The Special Feb. 23
Regional Conference
will include a
meeting of MMLI and
potential changes for
the organization.
Details have been
sent to all churches
and investors
regarding these
changes.*

UPDATE ON CHURCHES IN TRANSITION

Continue to pray for the following churches who are seeking pastors:

- Davison (associates)
- Faith, Flint (associate)
- Marquette (senior pastor)
- Midland (senior pastor)
- Yo Soy, Kalamazoo (senior pastor)

Walled Lake Missionary Church has called Jason Bland to serve as their next pastor. Jason, who grew up at our Clarkston church, previously served on staff at two Missionary Churches in Indiana. His wife, Laura, is from New Faith Chapel, Romulus. The couple has two children. Jason and his family plan to move to Walled Lake in February.

Special thanks go out to Rev. Larry (Cora) VanSlambrook who has been serving as the guest pastor at Walled Lake during the time of transition.

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

(Rev. Phil Whetstone)

Davison ran a Christmas outreach for needy families in the community, providing them with paper products and personal hygiene items.

(Rev. Doug Connelly)

Dayton Heights, Flint, thanks the Lord for a good turnout December 9 at a special Christmas concert. The church also received five members into the fellowship in December.

(Rev. Don Frey, Interim)

Faith, Flint, praises God for the excellent turnouts for their Christmas musical the week-end of December 15-16.

(Rev. Brent Kriesch)

Fellowship Bible, Brown City, recently welcomed two new members into the fellowship.

(Rev. Dave Engle)

Iglesia Evangelica Misionera "Yo Soy,"

Kalamazoo, held a farewell/appreciation service Dec. 30 for Elizabeth Salazar, their interim pastor.

Royal Oak held a special commissioning service for their newly licensed associate pastor Steven (Theresa) Sabens November 11.

(Rev. Bill Barnwell)

Son's Life, Sebewaing, participated in an area Living Nativity in December at Bayshore Camp. Members from our Elkton church also assisted.

(Rev. Brian Reinhardt)

PASTORS & SPOUSES' RETREAT

March 1-2
DoubleTree by Hilton
Bay City, MI



A 24-hour getaway for couples in ministry along the waterfront of historic downtown Bay City

Cost \$185 per couple
(due Jan. 8)
\$210 after Jan. 8

Churches are urged to cover the cost for their pastors and spouses.



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

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