

**MICHIGAN REGION
THE MISSIONARY CHURCH**



**SPECIAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE
February 23, 2019**

Faith Missionary Church

**1327 N. Elms Road
Flint, MI**



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Address: 1327 N. Elms Road, Flint, MI 48532 (phone: 810-732-8570)

Schedule: 11:30 Registration
1:00 PM Conference Session #1- MMLI Meeting
2:15 PM Break
2:30 PM Conference Session #2 - Election of Regional Director

Questions: office@mcmichigan.org or 810-742-7462

**SPECIAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE
APPOINTMENTS
2019**

Parliamentarian

Rev. Jonathan Boyer (Bay City, New Life MC)

Conference Program Manager

Dr. Alan Yerke (Ministries Coordinator)

Credentials Committee

Rev. Bart Adams (East Jordan, Lighthouse MC)
Regional Resource Center Staff

Tellers

Rev. Matt Mendenhall, Chairman (First MC, Clarkston)

RULES OF ORDER FOR REGIONAL CONFERENCE

(Approved by the Regional Oversight Council, December 2011)

1. The Regional Director or his appointee will serve as Chairman at Regional Conference.
2. The Chair will appoint any Conference committee not covered by the Bylaws and the Conference body will ratify such appointments.
3. Each member will be permitted to speak for five minutes on each motion, amendment, or subject on the floor that allows debate. Each member desiring to speak will respectfully address the chair, and be recognized by the chair before speaking in debate. A member may not speak the second time on the same question until all others who wish to speak the first time have had an opportunity to speak. Exceptions may be granted by the Conference body by 2/3 vote, who also may by 2/3-vote limit debate to less than five minutes.
4. In order to stop debate and bring a question to a vote, a member will rise, be recognized by the chair and state, "Mr. Chairman, I call for the Question." A second, and a 2/3 vote is required to immediately end debate and vote on the question. Calls of "question" from the body, without proper recognition by the chair will be ignored.
5. The times of meetings during the Regional Conference Session will be established when the "Agenda" is adopted. Any deviation from the stated times will require a 2/3 vote to "Suspend the Rules".
6. The Vice-Chair of the Regional Oversight Council will conduct the Conference elections.
7. All nominations from the floor will require a second to be approved.
8. The Chair will announce vote results according to *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* unless the body decides to keep the numbers secret by majority vote. When there is no election of nominees for an office on a first ballot, the tally of votes will be announced, and a second ballot will be taken, containing all the names that appeared on the first ballot. If there is still no election after the second ballot, the name having the least number of votes will be dropped. After each successive ballot, one additional name of the nominees having the least number of votes will be dropped from the ballot until an election is valid.
9. The Regional Conference will establish the bar.

**A LETTER FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR
REGARDING
MICHIGAN MISSIONARY LOANS AND INVESTMENTS, INC.**

All the loan holders and investors with Michigan Missionary Loans and Investments, Inc., have received a letter from Mr. Don Faupel, President of the Region's Michigan Missionary Loans & Investments (MML&I), announcing the decision to dissolve MML&I. In addition, all outstanding loans made by MML&I to our Regional churches will be acquired by the Missionary Church's investment organization known as Missionary Church Investment Foundation (MCIF).

The Michigan Region Oversight Council (ROC) has been fully informed by the leadership of MML&I of the decision-making process throughout this year. We have carefully studied the pros and cons for such a decision. After a thorough review and prayerful consideration, the ROC unanimously approved this transition for **MML&I**. Letters addressed to all the current loan holders and investors provide further details about this decision, upcoming steps of action, and options available to investors. Also, see the accompanying document stating the five motivating factors for this change.

Whether you are a loan holder or an investor with MML&I, rest assured that the same quality service you received from MML&I will be offered to you through Missionary Church Investment Foundation. MCIF exists for the same reason as MML&I - to provide financial resources to churches and investors to further the work of God's Kingdom. Since MCIF represents the entire denomination, it is a larger organization than MML&I and has a proven track record of quality service and professional management through the Missionary Church's home office in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The ROC recognizes that **MML&I** has served the Michigan Region of the Missionary Church faithfully with excellence and outstanding leadership to this day for sixty years.

At a special Michigan Regional Conference, scheduled for February 23, 2019 at Faith Missionary Church, Flint, a vote will be taken to dissolve MML&I. All credentialed ministers and lay delegates from our churches are urged to attend and vote. Upon approval, investors will receive in full their entire deposit with interest from MML&I by no later than March 30, 2019. Should you choose, you will have an opportunity to reinvest with MCIF. Currently, MCIF offers a competitive rate of interest with several options for certificates of deposit.

Please join me in prayer for a smooth transition as MML&I and MCIF walk through this process. Our Regional Office and MML&I leaders are available to answer any questions you may have.

James W. Keller

Rev. James W. Keller, Regional Director



Five Motivating Factors for this Change!!

The upside of MML&I becoming MCIF for the investors, loan holders and the Missionary Church as a whole.

- The Core values, vision and mission of MML&I continues through Missionary Church Investment Foundation (MCIF), but on a greater scale.
- Investor interests are more secure through the formal management services of the MCIF Investment Management, providing more expertise and resilience for the times ahead.
- Our Churches (loan holders), both present and future have the opportunity to access a greater lending capacity.
- The Missionary Church's ability to leverage God's resources increases, as we leverage available funds to help build church facilities in Michigan and across the US.
- MCIF will keep a Michigan Region loan committee in place to represent the loan applications and interests of Michigan Churches.

MICHIGAN MISSIONARY LOANS AND INVESTMENT, INC.

a Michigan nonprofit corporation

Plan of Dissolution and Liquidation

MICHIGAN MISSIONARY LOANS AND INVESTMENT, INC., a Michigan nonprofit corporation (the “**Corporation**”) shall be dissolved and liquidated pursuant to the following plan:

1. **Dissolution and Winding Up.** The Corporation shall complete all outstanding contracts and commitments and then shall terminate all business activities. The Board of Directors shall commence and complete the winding up of the Corporation’s affairs throughout the period of dissolution as provided in this plan and under the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act.

2. **Payment of Debts.** The Corporation shall pay, or make arrangements for the payment of, all debts and obligations of the Corporation, including all obligations arising from the dissolution and liquidation of the Corporation.

3. **Filing of Final Tax Returns.** The Corporation shall prepare, or have prepared, final tax returns that may be required to be filed and shall file the same and seek any necessary tax clearances.

4. **Attorney General Approval.** The Corporation shall seek all necessary approvals from the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Michigan for the dissolution of the Corporation.

5. **Certificate of Dissolution.** The Corporation shall file a certificate of dissolution with the State of Michigan.

6. **Publication of Notice.** The Corporation shall publish and mail notices of dissolution as provided in sections 841a and 842a of the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act.

7. **Distributions.** After paying, or making provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of the Corporation, the remaining assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to MICHIGAN REGION OF THE MISSIONARY CHURCH, a nonprofit corporation that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The distribution required in this paragraph may be made in one or more distributions as determined by the President or Treasurer of the Corporation in his or her discretion; provided that all remaining assets of the Corporation shall be distributed as soon as practical.

End of Plan

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ADOPTION & RECOMMENDATION BY DIRECTORS: PLAN OF DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

January 2019

The undersigned, being all of the directors of Michigan Missionary Loans and Investments, Inc., a Michigan nonprofit corporation (the “**Corporation**”), hereby adopt and consent to the following, effective as of the date stated above.

WHEREAS, the directors, after discussion and review of the Plan of Dissolution and Liquidation, as attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “Plan of Dissolution and Liquidation”), have determined that the Plan of Dissolution and Liquidation is in the best interest of the Corporation.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the directors hereby approve and adopt the Plan of Dissolution and Liquidation in its entirety; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the directors of the Corporation hereby recommend to the sole member that the Corporation be dissolved and liquidated through the adoption the Plan of Dissolution and Liquidation as attached hereto;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the officers of the Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary or convenient to carry out the terms and intentions expressed in the Plan of Dissolution and Liquidation.

By signing below, each of the directors attests that the adoption and consent to the resolutions set forth above effective as of the date set forth above.

Donald Faupel, Director

Ryan L. King, Director

Al Hobson, Director

Gordon H. Gingrich, Director

Dale Rinke, Director

Jonathan K. Boyer, Director

Jack D’Arcy, Director

Matt Ross, Director

Bill Hossler, Director

Note: A signed copy by all the directors is on file with Michigan Missionary Loans and Investments, Inc., at the Michigan Region Resource Center, Burton, Michigan.

MICHIGAN MISSIONARY LOANS AND INVESTMENTS, INC.

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ADOPTION BY SOLE MEMBER: PLAN OF DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

February 23, 2019

The undersigned, being the sole member of Michigan Missionary Loans and Investments, Inc., a Michigan nonprofit corporation (the “**Corporation**”), hereby adopts and consents to the following, effective as of the date stated above.

WHEREAS, the sole member, after review of the Plan of Dissolution and Liquidation, as attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “Plan of Dissolution and Liquidation”), has determined that the Plan of Dissolution and Liquidation is in the best interest of the Corporation.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the sole member hereby approves and adopts the Plan of Dissolution and Liquidation in its entirety; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Corporation will be dissolved and liquidated pursuant to the Plan of Dissolution and Liquidation as attached hereto.

By signing below, each of the directors attests that the adoption and consent to the resolutions set forth above effective as of the date set forth above.

**Resolution for consideration at the February 23, 2019 Special Regional
Conference of the Michigan Region of the Missionary Church.**

REPORT OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE
to the Regional Conference
February 23, 2019

The Regional Oversight Council appointed a Regional Director Search Committee in 2018 to conduct a search for a new Regional Director to be elected in 2019. Rev. Jim Keller had decided to step away from the position after serving faithfully for twenty years.

The Search Committee sent out a request that the Michigan Region make this a matter of prayer and they asked for nominations for the position. The Committee also contacted denominational leaders and trusted advisors outside our denomination. In all, fifteen individuals were considered; several were contacted about their interest in the position; two were interviewed in person by the Committee.

The Search Committee decided early in the process that they would seek to bring one qualified candidate to the Conference, rather than set up an “election” situation. Furthermore, no nominations from the floor of the Conference would be permitted under the denominational constitution because candidates for the regional director position must have prior approval from the denominational leadership including the president.

After extensive efforts to make the need known as widely as possible, and after reviewing and interviewing candidates, the Search Committee unanimously recommended to the Regional Oversight Council that they interview Pastor Jim Jordan for the position. The ROC did interview Pastor Jordan and they are recommending unanimously that the Conference affirm Pastor Jordan by ballot (“yes” or “no”) as our next Regional Director for a four-year term.

It is our conviction that Pastor Jordan has the spiritual qualifications to be in this position of leadership and that he will continue the Region’s pursuit of fulfilling the Great Commission in the state of Michigan, while bringing his own style of relational leadership and pastoral passion to the job. Pastor Jordan was approved by the denomination’s leadership as well.

It is, therefore, our recommendation (motion) to the Regional Conference gathered on February 23, 2019, that we affirm Pastor Jim Jordan as our next Regional Director.

Respectfully,
The Regional Director Search Committee

Pastor Ann Harrington, Pastor Jim Thompson, Pastor Douglas Connelly (Chair), Steve Severance, Ryan King, Nathan Fritz, Pastor Matt Mendenhall (alternate), Lynn Adams (alternate)

Biographical Sketch of Regional Director Nominee

Rev. Jim L. Jordan



My name is James (Jim) L. Jordan. I am the son of Rev. Jim and Lois Jordan, who have served the Michigan District/Region for many years and have pastored several churches. I grew up in the Midland area and graduated from high school there in 1989.

I attended Bethel College and graduated in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in Christian Ministries. During my time at Bethel I served on the intercessory prayer team, I sang in the choir, I played tuba in the orchestra, and for three years I was the student Spiritual Life Director. While I was a student, I also served as a youth pastor at Oak Grove Missionary Church outside Nappanee, Indiana for two years.

I am very happily married to Ruby L. (Deany) Jordan. She is a wonderful support and help and encouragement to me. She has a helpful and encouraging spirit that blesses the people she interacts with. She thrives in smaller settings of one-on-one conversation or smaller groups of people. Ruby grew up in central Illinois, and we were introduced by a mutual friend while she was a student at Indiana Wesleyan University. We have been married for 26 years.

After graduation from Bethel College, Ruby and I served Faith Missionary Church in York, PA for five years. We were very blessed to have such a fine church family to "break us in" to ministry work. They were very gracious and kind and supportive of us in so many ways. While we were in Pennsylvania I served as the Eastern District Christian Education Director and also the Youth Director for the summer camping ministry.

In 1998 we moved to East Jordan, MI where we have served Lighthouse Missionary Church for 20+ years. For almost the entire time we have lived in East Jordan I have served as a volunteer for our local ambulance service as an EMT and the chaplain. This has been a great means of interaction with the community and of being available to minister to people both inside our church family and in the broader community as they go through times of crisis and need.

In addition to ministering in the local church family in East Jordan, I have had the privilege of serving the Michigan Region in other ways. I was the chairman of the Mancelona Camp board for several years. I have also served on the Regional Oversight Council for many years, and currently serve as its vice-chairman. I have been the Network Leader for the Northern Lower Michigan and Upper Peninsula (NoLUP) Network since the Michigan District transitioned to become the Michigan Region and the networks were formed.

Our Lord has blessed us with three wonderful children and one great son-in-law. Our daughter Sarah and her husband Everett Forrester (son of David and Ruth Forrester who formerly pastored the Bliss Missionary Church) are both graduates of Bethel College. They serve as music educators in the South Bend Public Schools system. Our daughter Leah is also a graduate of Bethel College. She lives in South Bend and is part of the worship team at Granger Missionary Church. She gives piano and voice lessons, and works for a local theater company that is run by a couple of former college classmates. Our son Isaac is eleven, and in the fifth grade. He enjoys reading and music.

I have been given a shepherd's heart and passion to know Jesus and help other people know Him. I love being with people and talking and sharing and encouraging them on in their faith. I am energized by seeing people become wholehearted disciples of Jesus who are then prepared to go and make more disciples. I also really enjoy spending time alone with my Lord in prayer and communion with Him, and that is where I find my refreshment and new strength. I love the church, and I am convinced that God wants to use His church to accomplish His Great Commission in the State of Michigan and around this world.

Michigan Region Vision Statement

Rev. Jim L. Jordan, Nominee for Michigan Regional Director

I love what God has been doing in the Michigan Region. I believe that we have been seriously seeking God's direction and working to follow His plan. At the same time, I believe that we have not yet completed the mission God has entrusted to us, and I believe that the best days of the Michigan Region lie just in front of us as we listen to our Father and follow Him in surrender and obedience.

As I have been praying and asking God what He wants to do in and with and through the Michigan Region of the Missionary Church, three major themes have come strongly to my mind. These three things are not new, and they are not terribly complicated. My understanding of what God is saying to me is that these basic principles should be our anchor points and the foundational underpinnings of everything that He wants to lead us into in the coming days.

The first theme is corporate prayer. If we are going to do anything that has eternal weight or significance, we must have the power and direction and intervention of the Holy Spirit. His power is available to us, and we each can be used by God to be world-changers, if we will seek His face and walk in step with Him. We need to focus on coming together in dependence and faith, asking and trusting in our Father to do great and mighty things in us and through us to bring glory to His Name.

The second theme is a focus on relationship with Jesus. Every aspect of this life should be touched and impacted and directed by our communion with Him. All that we DO will flow out of all that we ARE, and we are called to be in union with Him in every way. Every relationship that we have with others around us should be wonderfully enhanced by the inclusion of and focus on our Lord Jesus in that relationship. The closer and deeper and more encompassing our fellowship with Jesus through His Holy Spirit, the more prepared we will be to be used by Him in His great plan to save the world.

That brings us to **the third theme I have been challenged to focus on, which is God's vision for us.** He has placed us as His ambassadors in our

specific mission field areas, and He has given the Michigan Region a large and broad mission work that includes many people that are lost without Him and that He wants to come to know Him and be His disciples. He wants EVERYONE to come and be His, and any focus that sets its sight on less is too small a vision. If we will accomplish the portion of the Great Commission that God has entrusted to us, we need to each be doing what God has given us to do. Our church families must each take very seriously the call not just to maintain the status quo, but to look outward and complete the work that lies before them. Each network and mission district and district and the Region as a whole must always keep in front of us the reality of eternity that looms before us and our call to walk with Jesus in making an eternal difference in the lives of those God entrusts into our sphere of influence.

SAMPLE BALLOT

Should Rev. James L Jordan serve as Regional Director for the Michigan Region of the Missionary Church for a four-year term?

_____ Yes

_____ No

MICHIGAN REGION OF THE MISSIONARY CHURCH

2019 Calendar of Events

2019

February 23, 2019	Special Regional Conference, Faith, Flint
March 1-2, 2019	Pastors & Spouses' Retreat, Bay City
March 4-7, 2019	Exponential Conference, Orlando, FL
April 30, 2019	ReGen' 19, Davison (Annual Reg. Conference)
June 10-14, 2019	Brown City Camp Adult Work Fellowship
June 17-21, 2019	Happy Time Camp. Brown City
July 8-11, 2019	SHIFT National Conference, Fort Wayne, IN
July 21-27, 2019	Mancelona Family Camp
August 1 - 11, 2019	Brown City Family Camp
October 14 - 16, 2019	Minister's Retreat – Au Sable Institute
December 3, 2019	Annual ROC & MMT Christmas Dinner

Jim Keller, Regional Director
Al Yerke, Ministries Coordinator

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