



MICHIGAN REGION News and Notes

March - April 2019

Upcoming Events

March 4-7 ~ Orlando
Exponential Conf.

March 14 ~ Burton
*Ministry Multiplication
Team Meeting*

April 2 ~ Burton
*Regional Oversight
Council Meeting*

April 21 ~ Easter Sunday
"He is Risen!"

April 30 ~ Davison
Regional Conference

June 10-14 ~ Brown City
Camp Work Fellowship

June 17-21 ~ Brown City
Happy Time Camp

July 8-11 ~ Fort Wayne
Shift National Conference

July 21-27 ~ Mancelona
Family Camp

Aug. 1-11 ~ Brown City
Family Camp

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINEE ANNOUNCED

A Special Regional Conference was held Saturday, February 23 at the Faith Missionary Church, Flint. The Conference involved two items of business. First, pastors and delegates voted on a plan of dissolution for Michigan Missionary Loans and Investments (MMLI). A ballot vote was conducted and the motion passed by an overwhelming majority. MMLI held loans have been sold to the Missionary Church Investment Foundation. Information on the return of deposits has been sent to all investors.

The second item of business was the election of a new Regional Director to replace Rev. Jim Keller, whose term of office expires June 30, 2019. A nearly unanimous ballot vote approved the selection of Rev. James L. 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. Jim begins duties for the Region June 1, 2019.



Michigan Missionary Loans & Investments

At a Special Regional Conference Feb. 23, the Regional approved a plan of dissolution for MMLI. All investors will receive their deposits with interest by the end of March. For more details, contact the Regional Office.

UPDATE ON CHURCHES IN TRANSITION

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

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

This winter, the Midland church voted to make David (Debbie) Kissinger their senior pastor. David, who grew up in the church and has served as an associate pastor, begins his new responsibilities in April.



David & Debbie Kissinger

Colonial Woods, Port Huron, hosted a Prayer Awakening Conference March 3-5 with Corey Jones. The Annual Women's Grow Conference takes place April 27 with Ellie Lofaro. (Rev. Phil Whetstone)

Davison welcomes Brent (Kara) Sloan from Ohio as their new youth pastor. (Rev. Doug Connelly)



Brent & Kara Sloan

Emmett Street, Battle Creek, offers a weekly food ministry to the needy. (Rev. Michael McGlynn)

Faith, Flint, has launched Center Shot, a ministry that uses archery competition as an outreach to young people and their families. (Rev. Brent Kriesch)

Fellowship Bible, Brown City, praises God for 25 people who signed up for a prayer/fast challenge. (Rev. Dave Engle)

Son's Life, Sebawaing, thanks the Lord for many new volunteers helping out in a variety of ministries in and through the church. (Rev. Brian Reinhardt)

Watertown, Sandusky, is forming discipleship huddles through Virtual Disciple Maker Ministries. (Pastor Paul Melcher)

PASTORS & SPOUSES' RETREAT

The Annual Retreat for couples in ministry drew 68 people to the Double Tree Hotel on Bay City's waterfront.



Bruce and Brian Ake from Colonial Woods, Port Huron, led worship. Guest speakers were Don (Cindy) Prince, Jim (Ruby) Jordan and Dale (Geri) Rinke.



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