

GATEWAY USA MISSION CENTER CONFERENCE
CAMP WOODLAND HILLS CAMPGROUND
April 16, 2016
3:00 PM

The conference convened at 3:02 p.m. Ann Warner, Mission Center President, welcomed those in attendance. There were 38 attendees.

The following announcements were mentioned:

1. Women's Luncheon will be held in the Fairview Community of Christ congregation in Columbia, MO on April 30, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. All gals (including high school age through adult) are welcome to attend. Gail Mengel will be the guest speaker. Her daughter-in-law will be singing during the luncheon event. Roger Howell will be cooking.
2. Suzette Ryder announced that SPECTACULAR will be held July 22-30, 2016 at Graceland University. Rob and Suzette Ryder are the delegation leaders for the five state region for Midwest Crossroads. Suzette encouraged the attendees to recruit youth (completed 9th grade through 12th grade) to attend this amazing camp. She had mailings available for anyone who would like to share the information to others.
3. Carol Anderson announced that the yarn and cloth that was collected at the last conference was taken to the Missouri Correctional Center. The materials were collected for their restorative justice program.
4. Ann introduced Bishop David Nii from Colorado who will be speaking during our conference today.
5. Our guest ministry for reunion this summer will be Janné Grover.

We sang CCS hymn #71.

Call to worship

We stood to sing CCS hymn #78

Ann Warner said the invocation.

Business was called to order by Ann Warner.

There were greetings from David Nii and the World Church. The USA Leadership Team has gone through changes (six Apostles and four Presidents of Seventy) trying to bring cohesion, deal with challenging times and proclaiming Jesus Christ. The world church has three major focus areas (measuring allocate resources): 1) sharing the invitation to Christ's mission - witness and invite others. 2) embracing our identity - refocus our commitment; 3) exploring new pathways in connecting and responding (influential force or movement to connect with generations under 50 years old).

Recently, many people were taken off the world church payroll. There are six individual mission fields and 36 mission centers in the U.S. Janné Grover, the newly assigned Central Field apostle, will be ordained at World Conference. The new field support minister is Barb Borkowski, who lives in Independence, Missouri.

The world church budget was cut \$6.3 million out of \$22 million. There was a grassroots funding for budget shortfall. The budget created reduction of partnering funding support \$10,000 per year that will be withdrawn from our revenue effective July 1, 2017.

Stassi Cramm and Steve Veazey have created a new video.

The world church made decisions 20 years ago that they didn't foresee needing to reduce our total budget (slower decline); although we could have done earlier. Some of those budgeted areas were: 1) created more congregations in other countries; 2) three languages (English, Spanish and French); 3) tangible love grants; 4) educated several ministers in seminary; 5) active presence in social media; 6) poised to offer ministry to Latter Day Heritage seekers now; and 6) still continuing opportunities for the future. The world church sends their thanks for your support.

The campus ministry report was presented by Ann Warner. We are no longer paying for a campus minister. Marcia asked to be released from her position. The World Church has provided approximately \$90,000 in grant money over the past 3 years for Gateway's Campus Ministry Program. Our finance committee chose to send approximately \$30,000 of unspent funds back to the World Church. We need congregational support now for campus ministry. This ministry will need to evolve in other ways. We are identifying congregations that would like to have campus ministry. A note of thanks will be sent to Marcia.

Laura Durham did the audit. We recognize her great service.

Amy Hoerchler reported on the property for sale. There are two properties for sale at this time. 1) The Belle church has been for sale since September 2014. Al Brady has had several hits on this property. There are furnace problems. 2) The Gateway USA Mission Center Office on Natural Bridge Road was offered a contract and is currently being negotiated. The contract is offering \$133,000 and it was listed for \$140,000.

The proposed resolution for distributing the Imani congregational funds had a motion made by John Williams and Rick McCain seconded it. Phil Koch said that Camp Woodland Hills didn't receive money. He was not speaking to the motion. Then there was discussion on the proposed resolution. There was an amendment made by John Williams to be stated "\$10,000 to be evenly distributed for five years (2016-2020). Tony Fantini seconded. The amendment was withdrawn by John Williams.

Cynthia Gardner made a motion to state "at 20% for the first year, 25% the second year, 33% the third year, 50% the 4th year and the remaining balance for the fifth year." Carol Anderson seconded the motion. The vote on the motion as amended was unanimous as well.

The conference discussed the invitation from Brush Creek to combined Gateway's Jr. High and Sr. High Camp, respectively with theirs. This invitation has also been extended to other mission centers in the Midwest Cross Roads Spec Delegation due to low registration at these camps throughout the area.

The MCP Team sent a survey out in February asking for input from the members of the Gateway Mission Center. The survey link will stay available until the first of May when a discussion when then be made by the MCP Team.

Ministry - A message of hope was delivered by Bishop David Nii. He shared about New Testament Chapter 6 in Mark (parable of the feeding of the multitudes). "He believes in miracles! Be faithful!" The multitude is fed. Feeding people challenges are here. His spirit has been abundant in our lives. Be open to Him (Living Christ).

Sang, "*Alleluia!*"

Prayer of Blessing by Roger Howell

Disciples Generous Response - Doctrine & Covenants 162 read by Amy Hoerchler. Debbie Yount told about the Tangible Love Grant. For Christmas, there were toys donated for the Santa Shop. National Honor Society, Student Council and 4-H club wrapped 105 gifts this year.

Offering over and beyond the cost of the conference today will go into the Mission Center Operating Fund.

Rick McCain made a motion to close the conference. Allen Williston seconded.

Ann stated that Suzette Ryder filled in for the secretary today.

Sang hymn, "I Wish God's Love..."

Benediction was given by Jeanne Murphy.

Reported by Suzette Ryder

APPROVED BY MISSION CENTER COUNCIL ON JULY 12, 2016.