

Thursday

Bulletin

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Wednesday Summary

Wednesday at 2025 World Conference opened with President Bunda Chibwe's gratitude for "grace and patience and respect for each other" during debate.

New members of the Council of Twelve Apostles were welcomed: Adam Wade, Carrie Welch, Joey Williams, Matt Frizzell, Kat Hnatyshyn, and Shannon McAdam. Richard C.N. James is the new Council of Twelve president and Carrie Welch is the secretary.

Two new presidents of Seventy were recognized: Leslie Pascua and Sylvester Ochieng.

A resolution about resolutions

Delegates continued their discussion on A-3, a resolution requesting the elimination of preambles ("whereas" statements) from resolutions. The resolution passed but was amended to allow authors to include background and other supportive statements. Those background statements won't be editable during debate as Whereas statements were.

Randal Pratt, Central USA Mission Center was opposed, and reminded the delegates that Whereas statements provide the "why" in a resolution. Others, like Macrine Mochama, Côte d'Ivoire Remote Caucus agreed with the motion, saying it would make resolutions easier to understand.

G-5 Climate Emergency—Fossil Fuel Reduction

After lunch, delegates dove into G-5. Debate spanned the opinions of our day, from the need to urgently end use of and investment in fossil fuels, to the opposite side that wants a longer timeline or to use both fossil fuel and renewable energy.

Paul Bethel, of the Pacific Southwest International Mission Center, moved the resolution for approval. After a second, he provided information about fossil fuel use. It's making large parts of Earth unlivable, he said, and as a result, billions of people have been or will be displaced. Adoption would mean Community of Christ values people over profits.

Anna Ruggles of Mexico-Texas USA Mission Center is against the resolution. Where she lives, the city and its residents aren't ready to be off fossil fuel. She cited electric cars stalled in a recent flash flood. Another delegate wanted a cost analysis regarding the effect of the resolution on church operations.

Debate will continue Thursday.

Youth Service Award

After lunch, the International Youth Service Award was presented to Andrew and Cheryl Fox.

"Time spent with children and youth are some of the best times of our lives," Andrew Fox said. Kids he works with always enjoy the story of Jesus blessing children. "That's reflective of a church that values children and youth."

Human Rights Award

Matt Frizzell recognized the Human Rights Award recipients but said the award itself would be presented at the Peace Forum in October 2026. Randie Marsh, director of Hand in Hand Kenya, which operates a safehouse for about 60 girls and women, was presented the first award.

The Rev. Jimmy Munson and members of his family received the second Human Rights award. His ministry in Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA has provided food, safety, and peace while lowering crime. Courts and police also have recognized Munson's work. "Jesus Christ still rocks! Yo buddy!" he said.

Finance board election

Before the end of the morning's business, Chibwe explained the process for selecting new members of the World Church Finance Board. Results are available in today's bulletin.

Wednesday Survey Results

7. On average, how often do you visit *OurMinistryTools.org*?

	Number of Responses	Percent of Responses
a. I don't know what this is.	254	18.51%
b. I never got a login.	133	9.69%
c. I got a login but never use it.	94	6.85%
d. A few times a year.	317	23.10%
e. Once a month	256	18.66%
f. Once a week	196	14.29%
g. Daily	42	3.06%
h. Multiple times a day	23	1.68%
i. Other	57	4.15%
Total	1,372	100.00%

8. On average, how often do you attend Sunday morning worship with your Community of Christ congregation?

	Number of Responses	Percent of Responses
a. Never	10	0.74%
b. A few times a year	47	3.48%
c. Once a month	39	2.89%
d. A few times a month	81	6.00%
e. Most weeks	163	12.08%
f. Almost every week	961	71.24%
g. Other	48	3.56%
Total	1,349	100.00%

World Church Business

Council of Twelve Apostles Elect Officers

The First Presidency is pleased to announce that the Council of Twelve Apostles selected Apostle Richard James to serve as the president of the council and Apostle Carrie Welch to serve as the secretary. Apostle Richard James was set apart on Wednesday as part of the Prayer for Peace by President Stassi Cramm and Presiding Evangelist Mareva Arnaud Tchong.

Setting Apart Prayer of Richard C.N. James to President of the Council of Twelve by Stassi D. Cramm and Mareva Arnaud Tchong

O God of all nations, cultures, and peoples,
With deep reverence and joyful hope, we gather in your presence to set apart your servant, Richard James, to serve as president of the Council of Twelve Apostles in Community of Christ.

We give thanks for Richard's faithful witness, for the unique richness of culture, experience, and perspective he brings to this global church, and for the deep love he holds for your people. As he embraces this sacred responsibility, may his leadership reflect your boundless love, justice, and grace for all people.

Bless Richard with strength and wisdom as he helps guide the Council of Twelve. May he lead not from above, but alongside—as a member of the team—lifting others up, honoring their diverse gifts, and drawing the circle of collaboration ever wider. Let his voice encourage bold witness, and his leadership inspire unity in diversity.

Sustain his family, O God, with peace. Surround them with your presence, especially when Richard is away. May their unwavering love and support bless Richard as he answers Your call in this new way. May balance and joy be found in every step.

Through collaborative leadership guided by Your Spirit, may the Council of Twelve, together with the Presidents of Seventy, lead with renewed passion. Guide them to faithfully lead the church's mission in ways that will magnify and multiply Your blessings in the world. Give them courage to risk new expressions of community that embody Christ-inspired invitation, hospitality, disciple formation, respectful dialogue,

consent building, compassionate ministry, and action where Christ's peace is experienced in tangible, restorative ways. And God open the hearts and minds of the people of the church that we may respond with renewed energy in bringing this to life.

We offer this setting-apart prayer in the name of Jesus—the One who called the first apostles and who now calls and sends the Council of Twelve under Richard's leadership.

Amen.

Ruling on G-3 Resolution Concerning the Sacred Stewardship of the Temple and the Auditorium in Independence, Missouri, and the Principle of Common Consent

Stassi Cramm: The Chair calls the attention of the assembly to Item G-3 Resolution Concerning the Sacred Stewardship of the Temple and the Auditorium in Independence, Missouri, and the Principle of Common Consent, submitted by the Canada East Mission Center.

This item is found in the Legislation Booklet or PDF beginning in English on page 46, in French on page 48, and in Spanish on page 47.

The chair understands that there was discussion at the Canada East Mission Centre about whether this resolution was in order as written when compared to Community of Christ bylaws and other governing documents including the Doctrine and Covenants. The decision was made to submit the resolution as it was to the mission centre conference.

Thus, the First Presidency was obligated to evaluate the resolution as approved by the mission centre conference and submitted to the World Conference for approval.

The church's parliamentary authority, the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, states that "No main motion is in order that conflicts with the corporate charter, constitution, or bylaws...; and to the extent that procedural rules applicable to the organization or assembly are prescribed by federal, state, or local law, no main motion is in order that conflicts with such rules." (RONR, 12th edition; p. 185) In the case of the church, this principle would apply to scripture as well.

Therefore, the chair rules that Item G-3 is out of order because it conflicts with existing polity regarding the authority of the Presiding Bishopric as established in Bylaws Article III, Sections 4c, 5a, 5c and especially Sections 4f and 6b, in World Conference Resolutions 866, 903 and 1225, and in the Doctrine and Covenants.

For example, the bylaws identify the Presiding Bishopric as “the chief financial officers and trustees of the church, and are responsible for the administration of the temporal affairs of the whole church.” They go on to say, “for the good of all, properly selected leaders must be allowed to do their work without undue interference, subject always to the provisions made to cover special situations.”

Although the resolution is ruled out of order, the First Presidency is sympathetic to the concerns that led to its submission and acknowledge that it was prioritized as #3 among 15 items.

We understand that the sale of properties in Nauvoo and Kirtland came as a surprise to many, creating questions and disappointment which understandably heightened concerns about the future of the Temple and Auditorium.

We recognize the desire for a more transparent process when decisions like these arise. Community of Christ strives for transparency and collaboration in decision making, but in certain circumstances—particularly when timing and legal considerations are at play—full transparency is not possible. In these situations, World Church leaders must fulfill the roles entrusted to them by the World Conference: acting in the best interests of the church’s mission.

Regarding the sale of historic properties, the World Church Leadership Council, representing the global church, carried the burden of making this difficult decision with the church’s mission in mind.

The First Presidency affirms the deep symbolic, historical, and missional importance of the Temple and Auditorium. We interpret the high prioritization of this resolution as evidence of their enduring value.

At the same time, the First Presidency is bound by governing documents that authorize the Presiding Bishopric and First Presidency to act decisively for the church’s good—especially in times of distress.

Nevertheless, we are committed to maximum transparency wherever feasible, and to honoring the

World Conference’s authority within the bounds of our governance and mission needs.

In the spirit of openness, the First Presidency wants to clearly state that world church leaders are committed to maintaining first the Temple, and then, the Auditorium as mission essential properties provided that two things happen. The first is that financial support of the church remains sufficient for their operation and maintenance. The second is that the facilities continue to serve as productive tools of mission.

One shared understanding of the World Church Leadership Council is to SHARE CHRIST’S PEACE THROUGH THE TEMPLE enhancing the ministries of the Temple as incarnational expressions of Christ’s peace in the world as expressed in Doctrine and Covenants 163:8.

The First Presidency is deeply grateful for the history and significance of the Auditorium, even as we recognize that its use has declined over the past several decades. The Presiding Bishopric is seeking partnerships to increase its use, both to benefit Community of Christ and generate income to sustain its operation.

With that, the chair invites Ron to move to the east lectern to share a short financial update for the benefit of the assembly.

The chair recognizes, speaking in English, at the East lectern, Presiding Bishop Ron Harmon.

Ron Harmon: Thank you, President Cramm! The Presiding Bishopric also empathizes with the considerations that led to this resolution. The difficult decisions surrounding the sale of historic properties and artifacts do not signal a retreat from collaboration and transparency. We continue to seek input and collaboration in our stewardship of church assets including:

- World Church Finance Board review and approval of annual budgets and audits on behalf of the World Conference, making them publicly available on the church’s website.
- Collaborative conversations with local jurisdictions about the use of net proceeds when a property is sold.
- Investment Committee review and advice on the church’s investment strategy.

With respect to the Temple and Auditorium (what we call the Temple Complex) we, as world church leaders place high value on these buildings and understand their missional and symbolic significance in the life of the church. As shared previously, the Presiding Bishopric worked with J.E. Dunn Construction to complete a capital needs study of the Auditorium and Temple to aid in planning over the next decade. As a result, significant projects are underway to ensure these structures and internal systems serve their intended missional purpose well into the future. We will update the church on these projects in the *Herald* as they progress.

In our report to the World Conference D-1 found on page 38 in your *Program & Legislation Booklet*, we outline 5 strategic priorities. Priority #4 is to increase effective utilization of all our facilities including the Temple Complex. We are working with church leaders to expand utilization of the Temple and Auditorium as a center for community life, formation, and mission. This includes use by outside groups that share our values and provide income to offset the expenses of these facilities, releasing income for other missional purposes.

Currently the Auditorium and Temple cost just under \$2.5 million to operate on an annual basis. You may recall that in May 2024, the World Church Finance Board took the action of designating \$165 million of the historic asset sale proceeds to the Temple Endowment and \$10 million to the Worldwide Mission Endowment.

These endowments generate annual income to the Worldwide Mission Budget based on a Spending Rate Policy on Endowments approved by the World Church Finance Board. This policy stipulates:

The balance for the spend rate will be calculated using a three-year annual rolling average for the Fund balance as of a date 6 months prior to the fiscal year. The spending rate shall not exceed the 10-year average return on the investment portfolio, less the average inflation rate over the same period.

Our average return over the past 10 years is 7%, and the average inflation rate is 2.4%. Our current spending rate of 3% is well within these guidelines. This means in addition to providing annual income to the budget, the endowment has the opportunity to grow if actual returns exceed the spending rate plus inflation.

The Temple Endowment balance will increase over the next 2.5 years as the sale proceeds become fully available as part of the endowment balance. The spend rate of 3% currently applied to the Temple Endowment balance will generate sufficient annual income to support the operational expenses of the Temple and Auditorium and provide income for other ministries and support services related to supporting the global mission of the church.

However, as endowment balances and income increase, Worldwide Mission Tithes will continue to decrease at a rate of about 4% per year. Although efforts have been underway to rebuild our contributor base with new generations of generous disciples, the anticipated increase will not offset the rate of decrease expected in Worldwide Mission Tithes.

In the Presiding Bishopric report D-1 to the conference on page 38 of your *Program & Legislation Booklet*, you will find projections that illustrate a growing gap between income and expenses that will require a budget reduction in 2030 of approximately \$1.5 million without new income between now and then. This is why President Cramm indicated our commitment to the Temple, and to a lesser degree, the Auditorium is predicated on two key factors:

- the church's ability to financially support the operations and maintenance expenses of these facilities, and
- they are serving a missional purpose

If our current projections through 2030 are realized, we will be faced with difficult decisions to either reduce ministries or reduce operational and maintenance expenses related to the Temple and Auditorium. Since there is no way to substantially reduce the ongoing operational costs of these buildings, the primary options would be to attract other potential investors that could share the cost of the Auditorium as a community event space or consider a potential sale of the Auditorium with provision to rent the space as needed for events.

As I indicated, efforts are currently underway to expand the use of the Auditorium and Temple that will result in income to offset some of the expense of these facilities. We also continue to explore other creative possibilities including the identification of investors who could help share the cost of the Auditorium as an event space in Eastern Jackson County.

In addition to efforts to engage younger generations of generous disciples, the Presiding Bishopric will continue to pursue other strategies related to diversifying and generating alternative sources of income as outlined in our report to the Conference. A few examples include:

- An entrepreneurial roundtable scheduled for September to explore income generating possibilities for the future
- Continued growth of the Worldwide Mission Endowment through individual gifts, Affiliate Investment Pool gifts, and net proceeds gifts from the sale of properties

We will continue to update the church on our progress as part of our bi-annual financial updates. We urge you to read our financial report D-1 in your *Program & Legislation Booklet* beginning on page 38 for additional information on year-end 2024 financial results, contributor trends, projections for future years, and our five strategic priorities.

President Cramm, that concludes our brief statement to the conference.

Stassi Cramm: Many thanks to the Presiding Bishopric. The church is blessed by your diligent leadership in navigating complex financial realities.

The chair encourages the church to study carefully the financial report to the World Conference and stay informed through future financial updates.

Working together, we can ensure that the Temple and Auditorium remain functional, well-maintained, missional resources well into the future while faithfully living Christ's mission around the world.

Hope is here, because together we are better equipped for the journey ahead.

President of Seventy Setting Apart Prayers

Setting Apart Prayer for Leslie Pascua Jr. as President of Seventy by Adam R. Wade and Joelle Wight

Loving and gracious God, the One who calls us and sustains us, we gather today to lay our hands on Brother Leslie's head, setting him apart as a president of Seventy and a member of the Council of Presidents of Seventy.

We do this knowing that it is You who has called him to this role, that Your Spirit has led us to this

moment and this place. You have called him because he possesses gifts that need to be shared—not only within his local community as he sits across from farmers, but also beyond his shores, in places where his ministry, leadership, and development skills are so needed.

Lord, You have journeyed with him thus far and will continue to walk alongside him as he embarks on this new direction. As he does so, may he be constantly reminded of the support he has from this community—from his family, who has wrapped their arms around him as he steps into this new adventure, and from the Council of Presidents of Seventy and the Council of Twelve Apostles, who will journey with him and alongside him sharing in ideas and working towards a bright future where many will come and participate in the Community of Christ.

Lord, the world needs his ministry—it needs compassion, it needs organization and preparation, it needs communities of hope and light, gathered around tables in small groups, empowering leaders, uplifting the impoverished, and shining forth the gospel's light again and again.

Lord, at this time, may he also know and feel the wonderful blessing of Your Spirit rest upon him, so that he may be assured that in times of struggle, in times of uncertainty or doubt, he will be touched by Your presence and reminded in his heart that You are alongside him, that You are blessing him, and that You are laying the path before him.

May he be assured that he is called for this time—to hold nothing back, to not wait, but to be ready to go—by car, bus, train, or plane—knowing that this is the moment for which You have prepared and called him.

We honour this call today, and we offer it up in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Setting Apart Prayer for Sylvester Ochieng as President of Seventy by Catherine Mambwe and Larry McGuire

Today Brother Larry in Abidjan and I, Catherine Mambwe here in Independence in the Temple Sanctuary, join with all present around the world to set apart Sylvester Ochieng Anyanga.

Gracious and Sovereign Lord,

We come before you with gratitude and reverence, lifting your servant, Sylvester Anyanga Ochieng, as he responds to the sacred call to the office of President of Seventy.

From the humble paths of the village to the bustling streets of the city, You have shaped him with compassion, endurance, and wisdom. You have nurtured in him a shepherd's heart, tender with the broken, bold among the lost, and faithful to your Word in all seasons.

Now, O Lord, as you set him apart for this apostolic task, clothe him with the mantle of spiritual authority. Anoint his lips to preach with power, his hands to heal with grace, his feet to carry peace to every place you send him. Let him be a witness of the resurrection, a servant of the Kingdom, and a sign of your presence among the people.

Grant him clarity in vision, strength in adversity, and joy in the harvest. Let the villages where Sylvester lives remember his compassion. May his life bear fruit that will last, and his ministry echo the calling of Christ to the ends of the earth.

We thank all the people who devoted themselves to support his ministry, especially his wife Henrietta.

We pray this in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, who is our example and the one we follow.

Amen.

Homily of Catherine Mambwe from the Council of Twelve Ordination Service

Acts 2:37-39

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

Today is no ordinary day. It is a day of divine appointment, a day when heaven affirms the servants, and the Church ordains six apostles.

- Shannon K. McAdam
- Matthew J. Frizzell
- Joseph S. Williams
- Kathleen E. Hnatyshyn
- Carrie L. Welsh
- Adam R. Wade

On this day of ordinations, we turn to a foundational moment in the life of the early Church, when the gospel first pierced hearts and the apostolic mission began in power.

1. "They were cut to the heart..." The Call Begins in the Heart (v. 37)

Peter's sermon was not just eloquent, it was anointed. It wasn't Peter's voice alone that reached the people; it was the Spirit of God.

The crowd was cut to the heart. That's where all true ministry begins, not in eloquence, titles, or ambition, but in a heart that has encountered the truth of Jesus Christ.

- To the Ordinands: Your call began in the heart. Long before this public ordination, there were private tears, quiet prayers, and wrestling with the Word. Today confirms what heaven already declared.
- To the Church: Apostolic ministry is not for the proud or the polished, it is for those who have been broken and remade by grace.

Here I am, with great hope, to share the love of God and God's abundant grace. I am here now with three beautiful grandchildren. And my children are now with their families and me serving others in my call.

2. "What shall we do?" The Commission is a Response (vv. 37b-38)

When the heart is pierced by the Spirit, the natural response is obedience. Peter told them, "Repent and be baptized... in the name of Jesus Christ." The apostles not only preached; they called people to action, to transformation.

- To the Ordinands: Shannon, Carrie, Adam, Joey, Kathleen, and Matthew, your ministry is to bring people to this same place. You are not merely a preacher, you are a builder of lives, a midwife of new beginnings, a herald of repentance and grace.

- To the Church: Apostolic work is frontline work. It goes to the unreached, the forgotten, the hostile. It speaks not only to comfort, but to confront and convert.
3. "The promise is for you... and for all..." The Covenant is Generational and Global (v. 39)
- Peter proclaims that this promise, the gift of the Holy Spirit, is for all who are far off. That includes the unreached tribes, the urban cities, and the next generation.
- To the Ordinands, my friends and companion in ministry: You are stepping into a covenantal stream that stretches from Pentecost to now. Apostles carry the DNA of mission, of reaching beyond comfort zones, of planting, fathering, and activating the Church.
 - To the Church: Community of Christ, support these apostles. Stand with them, not only in celebration but in prayer, in provision, in partnership. For through their obedience, generations will receive the promise.

In Conclusion: "And they were added..." (v. 41)

This passage ends with multiplication. When hearts are cut, when people respond, when apostles are sent, the Church grows.

Today is a seed that will bear much fruit.

So, to you my brothers and sisters,

You were raised differently, nurtured by grace, tested in the place where you grew up, and now ordained by the Spirit. Go forth, not in your own name, but in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our example and the one we follow.

Carry the fire of Acts 2. Carry the promise.

Carry the call.

Amen.

World Church Finance Board Election Results

The following people were elected to fill the 15 positions on the World Church Finance Board:

- Raphael Asiko
- Melissa Gribbon
- Valerie Brennan
- Leslie Brooks
- Berry Ellis
- Suanny Genao
- Kathryn Haines
- Wendell Nahum Dubon Hernández
- Judith Jackson
- Ronald A. Viera López
- Kimberly Lubbers
- Claribel Ramírez Tejada
- Joel Ross
- Mike Wellington
- Carole Wight

Awards and Recognitions

International Youth Service Award Presented to Andrew Fox and Cheryl Fox

The International Youth Service Award recognizes people for exemplary service to children and youth. Supporting and nurturing youth in their emotional, spiritual, cognitive, and physical development is an offering of self-giving love that mutually benefits those giving and receiving. Knowing your life had a positive impact on the life of another is a profound blessing.

It is my privilege to introduce the 2025 recipients of the International Youth Service Award are Andrew and Cheryl Fox of the British Isles Mission Center. It is with great joy that we honor Andrew and Cheryl for their exemplary service to children and youth with this special award.

Throughout their many years of ministry and leadership, Andrew and Cheryl have demonstrated a deep passion for the well-being of children and youth. This has been evident in their dedication to vibrant children's ministry, leading youth programs, directing camps and youth rallies, bringing young people to the International Youth Forum and Spectacular, and spending meaningful time with them in ways that affirm their worth and value. In 1999, they made an intentional decision to expand this ministry when Andrew stepped into full-time service with Community of Christ as the Children and Youth Minister in the British Isles Mission Centre, while Cheryl continued her service to children as a professional educator.

Although their responsibilities have evolved over time, both Andrew and Cheryl have remained steadfast in supporting young people in their formation and discipleship. Their service has stood as a testament to the importance of children and youth in the life of the church. So, it is with great joy that we honor Andrew and Cheryl with this International Youth Service Award.

Human Rights Award

World Conference passed Resolution 1184 a declaration of universal human rights in 1984. In 1992, the Human Rights Award was established. Two awardees are recognized each Conference for their work in the struggle for human rights. The Human Rights Team receives nominations for the award.

Nominations are reviewed and recommended to the First Presidency.

This is a year of transition, however. The formal presentation of the awards will transition to the International Peace Forum in 2026. But, today, we will recognize the awardees.

Randie Cross Marsh

After years as the Executive Director for a nonprofit based in Ohio that served people of Kenya who were HIV positive, Randie retired and formed her own non-profit. Hand in Hand Kenya is based in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA. Hand in Hand Kenya is a 501(c)3 that works with Maisha Girls Safe House, a safe house that hosts and supports girl survivors of sexual exploitation and abuse under 19 years of age, and their babies. Maisha Safe House promotes community-based safe space for girls and young women vulnerable to human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

Approximately 60 girls live in Maisha House, which provides food, clothing, education, medical care, emotional support, and housing. Randie has traveled to Kenya since 2006 and last week returned from her 30th trip to Kenya where she worked with the founder and staff of Maisha Girls Safe House.

She has spent the last 20 years working with organizations in Kenya to bring about change regarding the stigma of the AIDS epidemic and provide basic health care to those affected. In retirement, her life's focus remains on helping girls who are victims of gender-based violence.

Randie demonstrates Christ-like commitment to justice and peace in the lives of the invisible, vulnerable, and marginalized in the world. Please share your appreciation for Randie and her human rights work.

The Munson Family: Jimmy, Kathy, Jared, and Nancy

The Munson family has been the driving force behind Chattanooga Community of Christ's urban ministry for 20 years. They have dedicated their lives to providing a safe, welcoming environment for people seeking escape from the crime and poverty of its central Chattanooga neighborhood. If you receive Chattanooga's Crumb Donors newsletter, you know some of the testimonies emerging from their ministry.

Jimmy, Kathy, Jared, and Nancy physically, emotionally, and relationally support hundreds of children, teenagers, and adults each week. They have been recognized by Chattanooga Police Chief for lowering crime in East Chattanooga, and by the Chattanooga City Council for their support of children and adults to provide food, safety, and peace. They have been recognized by the Chattanooga Court System for helping disadvantaged children and adults who need support navigating the legal system. Their ministry and recognition are because they see each person's inestimable worth as a child of God.

An Outreach International representative visited Chattanooga and observed the Munson's impact on human rights and described them as "Ed Guy in the USA." Ed Guy was one of the first Human Rights Award recipients in 1994.

The Munsons promote the rights of minority ethnic groups, LGBTQIA2s+ community, houseless persons, and disadvantaged people with advocacy and inclusion. They manifest Community of Christ faith and its commitment to essential human rights.



Announcements

Event Store and Museum

Thursday, 5 June

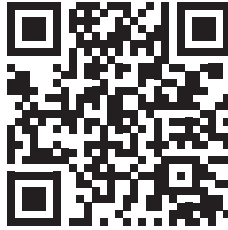
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; 4:30 to 6:45 p.m.

Lunch and Learn

Find details for today's sessions in the Saturday Conference *Bulletin*, pages 26–29.

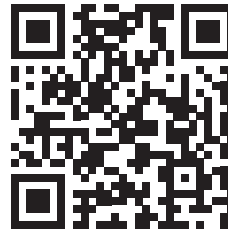
Plant Sale

Take home a living souvenir! The Auditorium rostrum plants are available for purchase. Visit <https://givebutter.com/c/lssadl> to see specific items and prices. Sales are online only. Bring your receipt to the South foyer of the Auditorium and pick up your purchases on Friday after the closing worship.



Offering QR Code

There are no envelopes for this conference. All offerings received during Conference worship services go to support the Conference Budget.



World Conference Offering and Registration Update

As of Tuesday, 3 June 2025

Offering Budget: \$275,000
(Special Offering and Conference offerings)
Offering Received: \$201,460
Offering Needed: \$73,539

Registration Budget: \$326,572
Registration Received: \$371,086
Registration Net Income \$45,514

Conference Income Still Needed: \$29,024
Total Registrations: 2,087

We invite the Conference to share generously from its true capacity to meet the remainder of the Conference income goal. All income received that exceeds the Conference Budget will overflow into Worldwide Mission Tithes, blessing the mission of the church.

Worship Outline—Thursday

Choose Hope

First Presidency Service
Thursday, 5 June—7:00 p.m.
Bunda Chibwe, presiding

Gathering Music

Welcome

Hope Is...

Video

*Hymn

"Now in This Moment"

WC 52 / CCS 96

*Invocation

First Presidency Sharing

Spiritual Practice

Video

Hymn

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

WC 43 / CCS 367

First Presidency Sharing and Disciples' Generous Response

First Presidency Sharing

Hymn

"God, Whose Grace Redeems Our Story"

WC 27 / CCS 570

First Presidency Sharing

*Hymn of Response

"For Everyone Born"

WC 24 / CCS 285

*Closing Blessing

*Musical Response and Sending Forth—Graceland and Friends Band is made up of Graceland students, alumni, church leaders and friends. The band is under the direction of Graceland Band Director Parker Worden.

Parker Worden, artist in residence, serves as director of bands at Graceland University, where his duties include conducting the Graceland Symphonic and Jazz bands as well as teaching music theory, conducting, and music education courses. Worden is an enthusiastic educator and multi-instrumentalist who enjoys teaching and playing with groups of all sizes, styles, and ages.

