

HEADWATERS MISSION CENTER NEWSLETTER

October 16, 2025

HealthEd Connect Role, by Chris Davidson

This past May I began working full-time for HealthEd Connect as the International Programs Manager. HealthEd Connect is a nonprofit organization founded by Jac and Sherri Kirkpatrick whose mission is to “empower women and children through evidence-based health, education, and advocacy programs.” We accomplish this mission in partnership with 174 volunteer community health workers (CHWs), across 60 communities in Zambia, Malawi, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Nepal. These dedicated volunteers are equipped to provide basic care using WHO guidelines through community home visits, providing under 5 clinics and community



Here I am with my Malawian friends. Many of these women also went to our home congregation in Mzimba and spent time in our home while we were there.

health educational opportunities. In Zambia we also support access to education for orphans and vulnerable children through sponsoring 3 community schools. As the International programs manager I get to work with our local site partners and support the programs that our volunteers provide.

While I just started working full-time with HealthEd Connect, Matt and I have been supporters of the organization for a very long time. When we lived in Malawi with World Service Corps, we worked with the health workers there as part of the work we were doing. So the mission of HealthEd Connect is not new to me. Working in this new position is an exciting opportunity to support this organization in a new way.

At the end of August and first part of September I made my first HealthEd Connect trip to Africa, traveling with Emily Penrose-McLaughlin, who is the Executive Director. We spent 1 week in Malawi and 2 weeks in Zambia, meeting with almost all of our volunteers in those locations. The first week in Malawi was such a wonderful homecoming since Matt and I had lived there almost 25 years ago! I knew many of the volunteers from our time there, and a surprising number of them remembered

me as well! It was so good to be able to visit all our centers where our volunteers weigh hundreds of babies each month in Under 5 clinics, ensuring a healthy start for babies in a country where malnutrition and stunted growth is a major concern.

Traveling to Zambia, it was wonderful to meet our volunteers in all the locations there! We traveled to the Luapula district, as well as the “Copperbelt” area with 3 locations in Chingola, Kitwe and Ndola. While in Luapula, we also met with our volunteers from the DRC. Emily and I were unable to get a visa to travel to the DRC, so they came across the river to visit us in Zambia. It was wonderful to not only meet our site partners but to participate in trainings alongside them as well.

In the Copperbelt, in addition to our volunteer health workers, we also have 3 community primary schools. In all the locations we received such a warm welcome, but at each of the schools we had programs with all the school children in addition to visiting each and every classroom! The energy on those days was palpable as they danced and sang and shared with us!

It was such a gift to be able to travel and see our programs in action and meet the people who are the heart of our organization and who give of their time and energy to bring hope and healing in their communities!



HEADWATERS MISSION CENTER+ EVENTS

All are warmly invited to the **Northwoods Evening Devotions** Zoom meetings weekly on Wednesday nights at 7 pm. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87983150140?pwd=YTNhblcvTThmQW10bXkvQTFZQldTUT09>

Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 US Meeting ID: 879 8315 0140 Passcode: 057329

- **NEXT Fall Conference**, November 1-2, 2025 in **Apple Valley, MN with new Apostles Carrie Welch and Joey Williams**. *The Sunday worship from Fall Conference will be available over Zoom, as will the morning discussion with Carrie and Matt, and the business meeting on Saturday.*

Saturday 10:30 am session (Zoom up at 10), and 1:00 pm Prayer for Peace and Business Meeting following: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82861197129?pwd=Kr8xnzPiQcr3Uu7ax95H5ykKS8Ub9N.1> Meeting ID: 828 6119 7129 Passcode: 928325

Sunday 10:30 am worship: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81325903089?pwd=L290OEM2VGtVdFVTa2E5RUphY3JGQT09> Meeting ID: 813 2590 3089 Password: AVWorship1

- **8th Annual Northwoods Christmas Party**—5 pm December 6—7 Sunday worship —**White Christmas Wingding & Holiday Hoopla Talent Show!** Come up to the Duluth, MN area for a fabulous time! **RSVP to Wendy Greer at 218-280-5197 by November 22nd.**
- **Milwaukee Wauwatosa Congregation's Annual Christmas Cantata** —December 21, 2025
- **Blue Christmas (The Longest Night) online worship experience**—December 21, 7 pm—see flyer on page 8
- **Congregational Leaders' Retreat**—March 6—8, 2026, Franciscan Spirituality Center, La Crosse, WI. Guest ministry from Apostle Carrie Welch.
- **REUNION 2026** —June 17—21, 2026 at The ARC near Osceola, WI. Theme just announced: **Become a Blessing – Living the Mission Prayer**

NEW! 2026 PEACE FORUM “Seeds of Peace” October 16—18, 2026 —The Temple, Independence, MO Join an international gathering rooted in Community of Christ's legacy of peace, as we explore the intersection of climate justice, faith, and global action. Building on the history of the International Peace Colloquy, this newly envisioned **Peace Forum** will include:



- * **Conversations** on justice, environment, and reconciliation
- * **Creative expressions** of peace and advocacy
- * **Spiritual practices** rooted in the Temple's call to proclaim peace
- * **Community building** across the globe

Events will also be encouraged globally in Community of Christ congregations.



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Headwaters Mission Center Fall Conference

HOPE: “Create
and Live God’s
Preferred
Future”

NOVEMBER 1-2, 2025
Apple Valley, MN

Stassi Cramm
Prophet-President,
Community of Christ
June 1, 2025

Guest Ministry



Carrie Welch
Apostle, Secretary



Joey S. Williams
Apostle

SATURDAY

- 10:30 am LIVING in Hope
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 pm Prayer for Peace
- 1:15 pm Business Meeting
- Afternoon service activity
- 6:00 pm Intergenerational Harvest Party (with dinner)

SUNDAY

- 9:30 am Breakfast
- 10:30 am Worship, with message by Apostle **Joey Williams**

The Saturday morning session and afternoon business meeting will be available over Zoom.

Childcare will be available during the business meeting.



Apple Valley

5990 134th St. Ct., Apple Valley, MN 55124 USA

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Need lodging for Fall Conference?

Becky Turner has graciously offered to have guests stay with her at her home in Red Wing—contact Becky at B42jturner@gmail.com / 651-206-3410.

The most hotel options are to the west, north and NW of the church (5990 134th Street Ct, Apple Valley, MN 55124)



Hotels

Fri, Oct 31 Sun, Nov 2 2

\$0 - \$178

Sponsored :

Quality Inn Lakeville North
3.6 ★★★★★ (244)
2-star hotel
Standard lodging with an indoor pool
Pool Free parking Free breakfast Free Wi-Fi
\$126/night on Oct 31 - No...
Free Wi-Fi Visit Site

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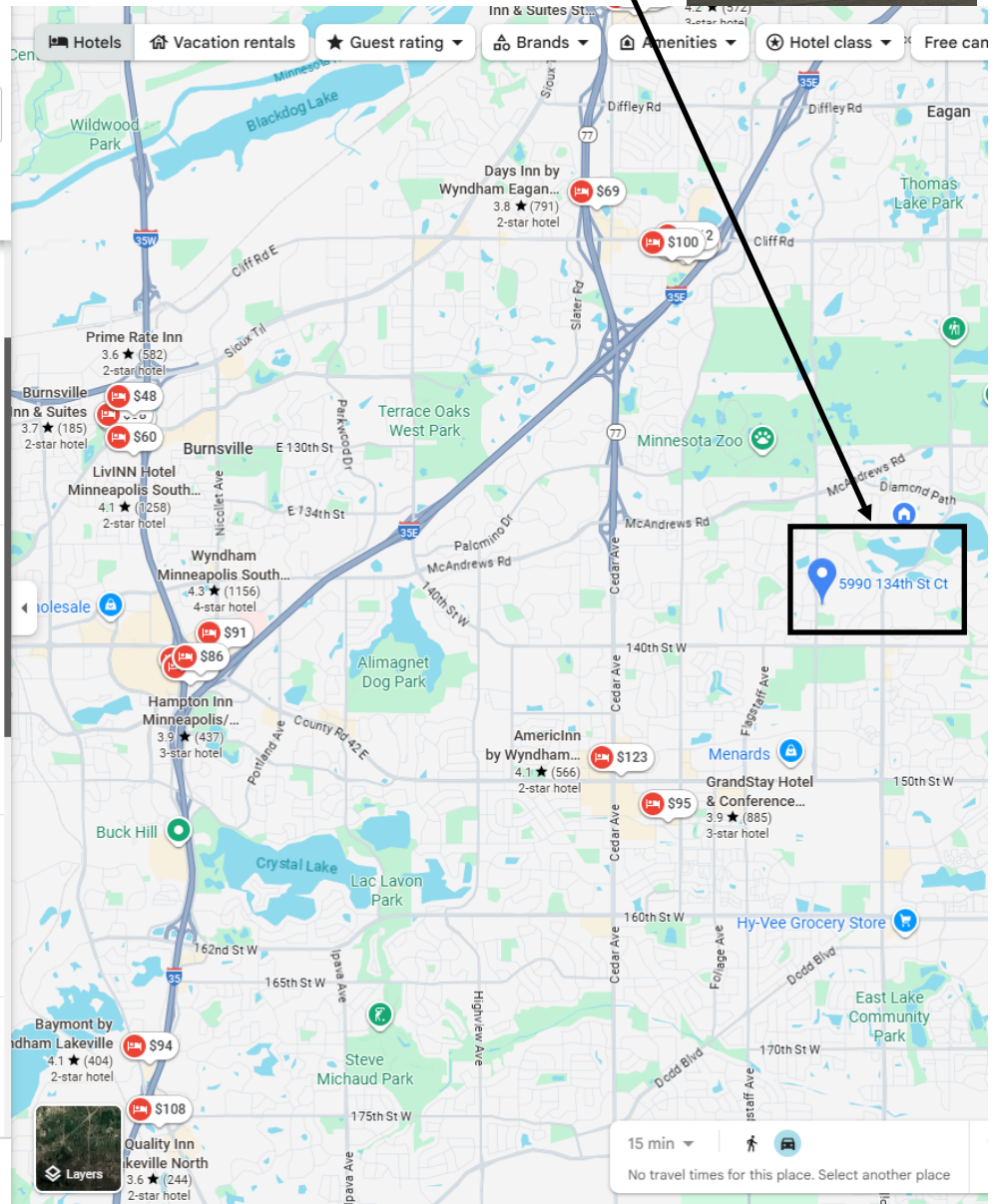
AmericInn by Wyndham Burnsville
3.8 ★★★★★ (441)
3-star hotel
Unfussy hotel with an indoor pool
Pool Free parking Free breakfast Free Wi-Fi
\$101/night on Oct 31 - No...
Free Wi-Fi Visit Site

GrandStay Hotel & Conference Apple Valley
3.9 ★★★★★ (885)
3-star hotel
Classic suites & a free airport shuttle
Pool Free parking Free breakfast Free Wi-Fi
\$95

AmericInn by Wyndham Apple Valley
4.1 ★★★★★ (566)
2-star hotel
Informal hotel with free hot breakfast
\$123

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[GrandStay Hotel & Conference Apple Valley](#)

[AmericInn by Wyndham Apple Valley](#)

[Quality Inn Lakeville North](#)

[AmericInn by Wyndham Burnsville](#)

There are many more hotel options farther to the northwest, near the Mall of America in Bloomington, MN. It is a 20—25 minute drive to the church from that area.



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Save the Date

EMERGE

A Gathering for Ages 14-18

SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER
7PM EDT | 6PM CDT | 4PM PDT



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All youth ages 14–18 are invited to join Emerge, an online gathering where you can connect, make

new friends, and share life together with others across the church. Everyone is welcome, and we'd love to see you there!

We have three gatherings through the end of 2025.

- 26 October 2025, 6:00 p.m. Central USA Time on Zoom

- 23 November 2025, 6:00 p.m. Central USA Time on Zoom

- 28 December 2025, 6:00 p.m. Central USA Time on Zoom

October Zoom Link

Time: 26 October 2025, 6:00 p.m. Central USA Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372617039?pwd=SFaqk9aJJaDTKHdvo65QfxTZ4b6JyX.1>

Meeting ID: 813 7261 7039

Passcode: 255494

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06th | Dec | 5PM
2025

10:30 am Worship, Sunday, Dec. 7th

**Contact Wendy Greer to
RSUP and for more
information (218) 280-5197**

Food - Fun - Talents - Movie - Worship

RSVP By November 22

**Northwoods 8th Annual
Christmas Extravaganza**

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*White Christmas
Wingding &
Holiday Hoopla
Talent Show*

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Christmas can be a painful time for some



The constant refrain on the radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost or have never had.

It may be the first Christmas without a loved one who has recently died; the anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation. Christmas can be a time of loneliness or a time that has always been difficult.



We can feel alone in the midst of celebrating. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern. We need to know that we are not alone.

We invite you to our "Blue Christmas" worship experience where we seek to offer a way for you to claim those feelings and still feel surrounded by the compassionate love of God.

Blue Christmas - Longest Night Worship Experience

Sunday, December 21 at 7pm on Zoom (Zoom available 6:45pm)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84456403957?pwd=XaDMTmfK7a5gi7u2HB0bG93umaWkbS.1>

Meeting ID: 844 5640 3957 Passcode: 660202

Dial by your location: 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)



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Our next series for CIMM Sessions is now open for registration! We have an exciting line-up of introductory theology presentations by content experts ready to go this fall. These sessions last no longer than an hour. You can watch them in the comfort of your home or with your congregation each Wednesday night.

Our line-up this season includes:

- August 27 – Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith – CofC Theology part 1
- Sept. 3 – Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith – CofC Theology part 2
- Sept. 10 – Stassi Cramm – Onward!
- Sept. 17 – Shandra Newcom – “Art and Soul” Project
- Sept. 24 – TBA – New Worship Resources
- October 1 – Nancy Ross – Feminist theology/Women in 40 years of ministry
- October 8 – Crossing Generational Cultures part 1
- October 15 – Crossing Generational Cultures part 2
- October 22 – Seminarian Session - Jenny Lowndes - The Spiritual Development of Children and Youth Within a fluid and “Experimental” Faith Community
- October 29 – Seminarian Session - Lola Brown - Community of Christ in Post-Catholic Spain
- November 5 – Joudy Clark Rufou – Post-Colonial Theology
- November 12 – Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith – CofC Theology part 3
- November 19 – Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith – CofC Theology part 4
- November 26 – Off (Thanksgiving)
- Dec. 3 – Seminarian Session - Gleen Johnson - Ministry to the Unhoused
- Dec. 10 – Issac Bennett Joshua - Jesus as an Untouchable
- Dec. 17 – Dave Anderson – “God with Us: Reclaiming the Truth of the Nativity: Unveiling the Theological Power Behind a Familiar Story.”

Register for these FREE sessions at [CIMM Sessions | Graceland](#)



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Late Fall Courses

20 OCTOBER - 14 DECEMBER 2025

CIMM0400 - Introduction to Scripture - Dan Nowiski - \$25

CIMM0302 - Ministry of the Deacon - \$25

CIMM0450 - Children and Youth Worker Core Training - \$25

CIMM1400 - (Christian Ministries Certificate) Peace and Justice - Dr. Nancy Ross = \$100

Participants can register at www.graceland.edu/cimmsessions

Headwaters Mission Center has a line item to help support these class fees—don't let the cost of the courses keep you from these wonderful opportunities to learn and grow spiritually. Contact our CFO, lbendorf@headwatersmc.org.



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ONLINE CONGREGATIONAL INFO:

You are warmly invited to join the following congregations for worship.

Apple Valley—Hybrid worship

Sundays—Fellowship begins at 10:00 a.m. with worship at 10:30.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81325903089?pwd=L290OEM2VGtVdFVTa2E5RUphY3JGQT09>

Meeting ID: 813 2590 3089 Password: AVWorship1

Madison—Hybrid Worship

Zoom worship and Gathering: Sundays 9:30 a.m. for summer; returning to 10:30 am starting Sept 8, 2024

You can join them online using this Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82865581378?pwd=MHZoN21EamVKRi9ETTZTUXFzajZEQT09>

Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 828 6558 1378 Passcode: 666111

Milwaukee/Wauwatosa—Hybrid Worship

Zoom worship and Gathering: Sundays 10 a.m. Social Time: 9:30 a.m.

You can join them online using this Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81200672184?pwd=TVFJQTM2TVowZ2ZtYVJhUWZZVm40QT09>

Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 812 0067 2184 Passcode: 737761

Northwoods—Wednesday evening devotions

You are invited to participate in the weekly Northwoods **Wednesday evening devotions**. We gather via Zoom each Wednesday at 7 p.m. CST for approximately an hour. Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87983150140?pwd=YTNhbIcvtTThmQW10bXkvQTFZQldtUT09>

Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 US Meeting ID: 879 8315 0140 Passcode: 057329

Red Wing—Hybrid Worship

All are welcome to join the Red Wing Coalition at 10:00 AM each Sunday morning for Fellowship Chats followed by our prayer list and worship service at 10:25. Please call or text 651-206-3410 if you have any questions about the link, or for more information. Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85704678238?pwd=Y24zOUFzeEVWeU1zaU1UUXJwU1Vidz09>

Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 857 0467 8238 ; Passcode: 594835

St. Paul—Hybrid Worship

You are warmly invited to join the St. Paul congregation for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Join Zoom

Meeting—<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83761982678>

Meeting ID: 837 6198 2678 Dial in: +1 312 626 6799

