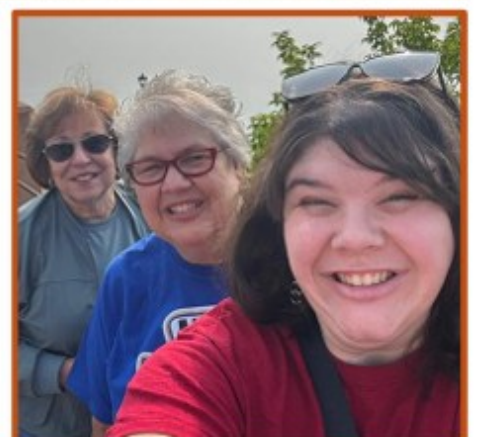


# HEADWATERS MISSION CENTER NEWSLETTER

August 14, 2025

## Shine, Jesus, Shine! Female-Identifying Retreat, by Wendy Greer

The Female Identifying Retreat was held in Duluth, Minnesota, July 25 – 27. The theme was Shine, Jesus, Shine! Guest Ministry was Barb Borkowski who led us in worship experiences where we explored the idea of Christ being the light of the world and our calling to reflect His light.



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## Shine-On!

The Retreat was held in a historic Duluth Mansion, The Charles Weiss Home and a day trip was taken to the famous Duluth Rose Gardens and Enger Tower, where we could take in God's beauty in nature.

One of the highlights of the weekend was having The Riverside Soy Candles, LLC come to our home and have the experience to create our own candles, from picking out the scents, pouring the wax, and decorating the jar. On Sunday, we shared with the Men's Gathering, a joint worship service at the Northwoods congregation with the Red Wing Coalition.



Love, joy, worship, sharing, friendship, and song made it a wonderful weekend!  
**Shine, Jesus, Shine!**



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# HEADWATERS MISSION CENTER+ EVENTS IN 2025

- All are warmly invited to the **Northwoods Evening Devotions** Zoom meetings weekly on Wednesday nights at 7 pm. See page 11 for Zoom connection info for this.
- **Sunday nights 5—6:30 pm:** 5-week Book Study continues each Sunday night through August 24 ***“Sustaining While Disrupting: The Challenge of Congregational Innovation”***
- **Mission Weekend in Milwaukee with Karin Peter and Joelle Wight** —August 23 & 24— **All Seventy, plus all mission-minded people are invited to an engaging discussion with Karin and Joelle on Saturday afternoon**, either in person or online over Zoom. Here is the agenda:
  - 1 pm—2:30 pm: Karin Peter and Joelle Wight leading the discussion
  - 2:30—3:30 pm: Church Planting and Revitalization Group shares
  - 3:30—4:00 pm: Break and fellowship
  - 4 pm—5 pm: Q&A
- **NEW! Peace Colloquy** in Independence, MO at the Temple, September 12—14, 2025
- **NEW! Brewers Tailgate and Baseball Game in Milwaukee**—Sunday, Sept 14 after worship! Please RSVP to [cofchristmilwaukee@gmail.com](mailto:cofchristmilwaukee@gmail.com) by August 31st so that group seats can be purchased. Tickets will not exceed \$50 per person.
- **Empowering Prophetic People for Climate Action**—webinar from the North American Climate Justice Team on Sunday, Sept 14, 4—5:30 pm central time (see flyer on page 10). [Register — Climate Change Colloquy](#)
- **International Day of Peace**—Stassi Cramm, Prophet-President of Community of Christ, will present ***The Role of Nonviolence in Living Christ’s Mission*** through the Peace Perspectives online series on Saturday, September 27.
- **October 1, 2025—Due date to have congregational business meetings** to elect delegates for Headwaters Fall Conference
- **NEXT Fall Conference**, November 1-2, 2025 in **Apple Valley, MN with new Apostles Carrie Welch and Matt Frizzell**. ***Please note the location change from Madison to Apple Valley.*** *The Sunday worship from Fall Conference will be available over Zoom, as will the business meeting on Saturday.*

**Congregational Leaders’ Retreat—March 6—8, 2026**

**Franciscan Spirituality Center, La Crosse, WI**

**Guest Ministry from Apostle Carrie Welch**



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# *You are invited to our discussion of the book*

## *Sustaining While Disrupting*



"Aptly titled, this book provides a realistic perspective on the challenges of, to use a metaphor, changing the tires on your car while you are driving on the freeway. Powe and Weems provide a handy, thoughtful, practical, and inspirational book focused on leading churches through today's disruptive environment, rather than playing it safe by continuing a steady decline into obsolescence.

"Sustaining While Disrupting achieves the rare feat of being timely and timeless. The practical tips will be welcomed by those who love the church but see it struggling to be fruitful today.

**"Focused on leading churches through today's disruptive environment"**

**Book Study – "Sustaining While Disrupting"**

**Starting: Sunday, July (5 Session)**

**Sunday's 05:00 – 06:30pm Central Time (US and Canada)**

Sustaining While Disrupting: The Challenge of Congregational Innovation	
Week 1 July 27, 2025	Introduction: The Changed Context for Churches Today Chapter 1: Sustaining and Innovating: A Biblical Model
Week 2 August 3, 2025	Chapter 2: The Pastoral Leadership Dilemma Chapter 3: The Opportunities and Limitations of Sustaining Leadership
Week 3 August 10, 2025	Chapter 4: The Leader as Sustainer Chapter 5: The Leader as Innovator
Week 4 August 17, 2025	Chapter 6: Skills for Sustaining and Disrupting Chapter 7: Tools for Discerning Your Next Faithful Steps
Week 5 August 24, 2025	Chapter 8: A New Model for Leading Change Chapter 9: Innovating in Practice

Let Murray Barentine know if you are interested in joining this exploration of the book "Sustaining While Disrupting". Email at [murrayb@barentine.com](mailto:murrayb@barentine.com) or call at 608-235-9298.



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# CALLING ALL MISSION-MINDED PEOPLE

YOU ARE INVITED TO BE PART OF AN **OPEN DISCUSSION** WITH PRESIDENTS OF SEVENTY ABOUT **LIVING MISSION** – CHALLENGES, NEEDS, HOPES, EXPERIENCES

THE **CHURCH PLANTING AND REVITALIZATION TEAM** WILL ALSO SHARE ABOUT THEIR RESEARCH, DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**WHERE:** MILWAUKEE-WAUWATOSA, WI COMMUNITY OF CHRIST  
**WHEN:** SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025, 1 PM – 5 PM

ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE OVER ZOOM

2:30—  
3:30 pm



**Karin F. Peter**  
Senior President of Seventy



**Joelle Wight**  
President of Seventy

Join the Milwaukee-Wauwatosa  
congregation for Sunday  
morning worship at 10 am



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## Milwaukee-Wauwatosa

12320 W. Bluemound Rd., Wauwatosa, WI 53226 USA

The Zoom info below will be used for Saturday's session and for Sunday's worship:

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

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

***“The mission of Jesus Christ is what matters most for the journey ahead.” - Steve Veazey***



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# Milwaukee Community of Christ

## Baseball Gathering

### September 14<sup>th</sup>

Join us on September 14<sup>th</sup> for a fun day or worship, tailgating and a Milwaukee Brewer Baseball Game.

- 9:30 Social Time, Coffee and Kringle
- 10:00 Worship Service
- 11:00 Tailgate Party
- 1:10 First Pitch of Milwaukee Brewers vs the St. Louis Cardinals

Come enjoy the fun. Please RSVP by August 31<sup>st</sup> to [cofchristmilwaukee@gmail.com](mailto:cofchristmilwaukee@gmail.com)

Tickets will not exceed \$50 per person

Contact Bill Sigfred or Merrie Reed with questions



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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



**Matthew J. Frizzell**  
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 Matt Frizzell

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



**Need 2 more  
volunteers**

Contact Liz  
Trinkle to vol-  
unteer if you  
are a Regis-  
tered Youth  
Worker or  
Assistant



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## Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission

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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### CIMM Sessions

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. CST

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## Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission

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### Early Fall and Late Fall Courses Announced

#### **25 AUGUST - 19 OCTOBER 19 2025**

CIMM0300 - Introduction to Priesthood Ministry - \$25

CIMM0304 - Ministry of the Priest - \$25

CIMM0305 - Ministry of the Elder - \$25

CIMM1100 - (Christian Ministries Certificate) Introduction to Christian Theology - Dr. Dave Anderson - \$100

#### **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](http://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](mailto:lbendorf@headwatersmc.org).***



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## **“World Conference 2025 and Beyond: Act Now, Save Tomorrow”**

New Webinar Series for 2025/26 starts this Fall:

### **Empowering Prophetic People for Climate Action**

**North American  
Climate Justice Team**



**GPNW USA Mission Center**

**Rod Downing, Chair**

**Paul Bethel**

**Andrew Fellows**

**Laurie Gordon**

**Susan Oxley**

**Joan Thompson**

**Dean and Susi Wight**

#### **Climate Webinar**

**Sunday, September 14, 2 - 3:30 pm PT**

Begins 2pm PT, 3pm MT, 4pm CT, 5pm ET, 11am HT,  
10pm London, 7am Sydney +1 day

**The 2025 Community of Christ World Conference  
approved three climate resolutions.**

**Now we must move beyond words to actions.**

**What are the next steps?**

**How do we implement these commitments?**

**Join us as we celebrate the success of the  
2025 World Conference resolutions and  
explore the challenges inherent in their passage.**

If not registered for this Zoom series, please register at

<https://cofchristclimatejustice.org/register>

**Coming October 5, 2025: Bunda Chibwe of the First Presidency!**

**Save the date and plan to attend. Bunda will share how climate change is impacting church members and villages in Africa, and what is happening with the energy transition there!**

Hosted by the N. American Climate Justice Team. Sponsored by GPNW Mission Center, Community of Christ.

**Open to all people of all faiths and traditions.**



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# Offering Sanctuary

Community of Christ has been asked by many congregations in the United States how they can respond to immigration issues—offering church buildings or facilities as sanctuaries, and/or how to generally participate in the sanctuary movement.

Congregations and members seeking guidance about how they can respond to immigration issues should start by reviewing the information and recommended actions in the 2013 Statement on Immigration, available in the Official Statements on Our Ministry Tools. ([Immigration-Statement-English.pdf](#))

Earlier this week, Karen Hill emailed 3 guides provided by the Office of General Counsel of Community of Christ:

- 1. Offering Sanctuary—Informational Guidance for U.S. Community of Christ Leaders**
- 2. Sanctuary in the U.S. —General Legal Overview**
- 3. Immigration Enforcement Actions—Action Plan for Congregations**, which includes very specific guidance in these 2 sections:
  - ⇒ BE PREPARED
  - ⇒ WHAT TO DO IF ICE OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SHOW UP AT CHURCH

If you would like to have these documents emailed to you, please email [ltrinkle@headwatersmc.org](mailto:ltrinkle@headwatersmc.org).

If a congregation has additional questions, Denise White, our Field Support Minister, has additional resources that can be provided. [dwhite@cofchrist.org](mailto:dwhite@cofchrist.org) 740-312-0047, voice and text





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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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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=YTNhbIcvTThmQW10bXkvQTFZQldtUT09>

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

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## 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

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## 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

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