**2025 Gateway USA Mission Center Detailed Calendar – DRAFT**

**January**

1 New Year’s Day (MC Office Closed)

8 Prayer for Peace Livestream on Facebook & YouTube begins (***every Wednesday at 1:00 pm all year***)

6 Epiphany of the Lord *“*A *Star!”*

11 MCP-MCFO-MCISM Leadership Meeting (Zoom 10:00 am – 3:00 pm)

18 “Journaling as a Spiritual Practice” 3rd Saturday of the Month Zoom 10:00 AM

Host: Julie Mahoney

19 Racial Justice Day *“Many Gifts, One Spirit”*

20 M.L. King, Jr.’s Birthday (MC Office Closed)

23 Pastor Teams/CFO Combined Meeting (Zoom 7:30 pm)

25 MC Monthly Saturday Social Hour “Coffee & Conversation-Let’s share stories!” Zoom 9:30 AM

Hosts: Mike Thayer, Cheryl Saur

27 Central Mission Field Online Priesthood Worship 7:00 pm on Zoom – Registration Required

30 Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom 7:30 pm) – Begin work on 2026 Mission Center Draft Budget

# Congregations should schedule a “Setting Apart” for new pastor/pastor teams if changes

**February**

9 Jan Kraybill-Super Bowl Organ Concert XXIV with Jan Kraybill (Independence, MO or on Zoom)

9 Youth Ministries Day *“Into the Deep Water”* (Congregations honor the gifts and participation of our youth)

10 MCP-MCFO-MCISM Leadership Monthly Meeting (Zoom 7:30 pm)

13 Central Mission Field Quarterly Leaders Meeting (Zoom Noon or 7 pm) for MC Leadership Members

15 “Journaling as a Spiritual Practice” – 3rd Saturday of the Month Zoom 10:00 AM, Host: Julie Mahoney

17 President’s Day (MC Office Closed)

20 MC Council Meeting: Approve 2024 MC Conference Minutes (Zoom 7:30 pm)

20 World Day of Social Justice

22 MC Monthly Saturday Social Hour “Coffee & Conversation-Let’s share stories!” Zoom 9:30 AM

Hosts: Mike Thayer, Cheryl Saur

24 Camping Committee Meeting: review upcoming Camping Program needs (Zoom 7:30) ***TENTATIVE***

# CWH Board of Directors Responsibilities, per CWH Bylaws, will be distributed by the Communications

Director and/or MCP Team according to the GMC Selection and Nomination established procedures

**March**

1 Zero Discrimination Day

2 World Hunger Emphasis Day *“Seek Spiritual Freedom”*

5 Ash Wednesday *“Having Nothing, Possessing Everything”*

8 Congregational Financial Audit Day for 2024 records at Arnold 10:00 am

9 Daylight Saving Time Begins

10 MCP-MCFO-MCISM Leadership Monthly Meeting (Zoom 7:30 pm)

15 “Journaling as a Spiritual Practice” – 3rd Saturday of the Month Zoom 10:00 AM, Host: Julie Mahoney

24 Central Mission Field Online World Conference Delegate Preparation 7:00 pm – Registration Required

29 Congregational Financial Audit Day for 2024 records at Cross Street 10:00 am

29 MC Monthly Saturday Social Hour “Coffee & Conversation” Zoom 9:30 AM

Hosts: Mike Thayer/Cheryl Saur

**April**

5 Congregational Financial Audit Day for 2024 records at Kirkwood 10:00 am

6 Anniversary of the church’s 1830 Organization & 1860 Reorganization

7 World Health Day

13 Palm/Passion Sunday “*Courageously Walk with Jesus”*

14 MCP-MCFO-MCISM Leadership Meeting (Zoom 7:30 pm)

17 Maundy Thursday *“Do This in Remembrance”*

**April Cont.**

18 Good Friday *“Do We Deny Jesus?”* (MC Office Closed)

19 Holy Saturday *“Wait for the Lord”*

19 “Journaling as a Spiritual Practice” – 3rd Saturday of the Month Zoom 10:00 AM, Host: Julie Mahoney

20 Easter Day, *Resurrection of the Lord* *“Alive in Christ”*

22 Earth Day

24 Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom 7:30 pm)

26 MC Monthly Saturday Social Hour “Coffee & Conversation-Let’s share stories!” Zoom 9:30 AM

Hosts: Mike Thayer/Cheryl Saur

**May**

3 World Labyrinth Day

11 Mother’s Day *”Hunger and Thirst No More“*

12 MCP-MCFO-MCISM Leadership Monthly Meeting (Zoom 7:30 pm)

16 International Day of Living Together in Peace

17 “Journaling as a Spiritual Practice” – 3rd Saturday of the Month Zoom 10:00 AM, Host: Julie Mahoney

24 MC Monthly Saturday Social Hour “Coffee & Conversation-Let’s share stories!” Zoom 9:30 AM

Hosts: Mike Thayer/Cheryl Saur

26 Memorial Day (MC Office Closed)

**30-June 6 World Conference “Hope Is Here!”**

**June**

**30-June 6 World Conference “Hope Is Here!”**

5 World Environment Day

7-12 ESLCC 12–14-year-olds Camp 1 at Camp Woodland Hills

8 Day of Pentecost *“The Spirit Bears Witness”*

**14 Registration closes for all GMC Youth Camps**

15 Father’s Day *“Peace with God”*

16 MCP-MCFO-MCISM Leadership Monthly Meeting (Zoom 7:30 pm)

19 Juneteenth – Federal Holiday (MC Offices Closed)

19 Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom 7:30 pm)

* Finalize 2026 Mission Center Draft Budget

20 World Refugee Day

21 “Journaling as a Spiritual Practice” – 3rd Saturday of the Month Zoom 10:00 AM, Host: Julie Mahoney

21 Names of potential CWH Board Members due to MCP Team Lead

21-22 GMC Primary Camp (Directors: Lindsay Gleeson, Deann Leonard)

21-24 GMC Junior Camp (Directors: Lindsay Gleeson, Deann Leonard)

24-28 GMC Jr. High/Sr. High Camp (Directors: Lindsay Gleeson, Deann Leonard)

**28 Registration closes for GMC Reunion/Family Camp**

28 MC Monthly Saturday Social Hour “Coffee & Conversation-Let’s share stories!” Zoom 9:30 AM

Hosts: Mike Thayer/Cheryl Saur

**July**

3-9 GMC Family Camp/Reunion (Corrin Sherman & Erica Ballentyne)

* (Guest Minister: Joelle Wight, Pres of Seventy)

4 Independence Day (MC Office Closed)

14 MCP-MCFO-MCISM Leadership Monthly Meeting (Zoom 7:30 pm)

* Finalize 2026 Draft Mission Center Budget
* Review of draft Mission Center Conference Information
* Review list of potential CWH Board Members

11-19 SPECTACULAR-2025 at Graceland University (Melissa Thomas [spec@cofchrist-gateway.org](mailto:spec@cofchrist-gateway.org))

12 CWH 2026 Draft Proposed Budget & Script Due to MCFO Team Lead

13-18 ESLCC 9-11-year-olds Camp 2 at Camp Woodland Hills

17 Joint Finance Committee and Mission Center Council (Zoom 7:30 pm)

* Review of final Mission Center Draft 2026 Budget & Conference Information

19 “Journaling as a Spiritual Practice” – 3rd Saturday of the Month Zoom 10:00 AM, Host: Julie Mahoney

24 Pastor/CFO Meeting to review final Draft of 2026 Mission Center & CWH Budgets (Zoom 7:30 pm)

**July Cont.**

26 MC Monthly Saturday Social Hour “Coffee & Conversation-Let’s share stories!” Zoom 9:30 AM

Hosts: Mike Thayer/Cheryl Saur

30 World Day Against Human Trafficking in Persons

**August**

10 Proposed 2026 Budget Presentations for Congregations

11 MCP-MCFO-MCISM Leadership Monthly Meeting (Zoom 7:30 pm)

* Finalize CWH Board Nominations for Conference

16 “Journaling as a Spiritual Practice” – 3rd Saturday of the Month Zoom 10:00 AM, Host: Julie Mahoney

17 Proposed 2026 Budget Presentations for Congregations

19 World Humanitarian Day

24 Proposed 2026 Budget Presentations for Congregations

30 MC Monthly Saturday Social Hour “Coffee & Conversation-Let’s share stories!” Zoom 9:30 AM

Hosts: Mike Thayer/Cheryl Saur

31 Proposed 2026 Budget Presentations for Congregations

# Pastor/pastor teams should be scheduling Fall Congregational Conferences

* Election of Congregational Officers for 2026
* Congregational Budgets for 2026

**September**

1 Labor Day (MC Office Closed)

7 World Hunger Emphasis *“Appeal in Love”*

8 MCP-MCFO-MCISM Leadership Monthly Meeting (Zoom at 7:30 pm)

14 Proposed 2026 Budget Presentations for Congregations

20 Mission Center Specific Conference Information Due to Communications Coordinator

20 “Journaling as a Spiritual Practice” – 3rd Saturday of the Month Zoom 10:00 AM, Host: Julie Mahoney

20 Final Proposed CWH 2026 Budget and 2025 Annual Report due

20 Final Proposed ESLCC 2026 Budget, Board Nominations, and 2025 Annual Report Due

21 Heritage Day *“Pray for Peace”*

21 International Day of Peace

27 MC Monthly Saturday Social Hour “Coffee & Conversation-Let’s share stories!” Zoom 9:30 AM

Hosts: Mike Thayer/Cheryl Saur

28 Proposed 2026 Budget Presentations for Congregations

30 2026 Congregational Pledge Amounts Due to MCFO Team Lead

**October**

2 International Day of Non-Violence

**4 Registration closes for Women’s Retreat**

3-5 Graceland University 2025 Homecoming **TENTATIVE**

10-12 Women’s Retreat (Director: Christine Grass)

13 MCP-MCFO-MCISM Leadership Monthly Meeting (Zoom 7:30)

13 Indigenous Peoples Day

15 GMC Fall Pre-Conference Packet sent to Mission Center

18 “Journaling as a Spiritual Practice” – 3rd Saturday of the Month Zoom 10:00 AM, Host: Julie Mahoney

19 Children’s Sabbath *“Proclaim Jesus Christ, Be Persistent!”* **Generosity Cycle Begins-Six Weeks**

23 Joint Finance Committee and Mission Center Council (Zoom 7:30 pm)

25 GMC Fall Conference Reports sent to Mission Center in News Update

25 MC Monthly Saturday Social Hour “Coffee & Conversation-Let’s share stories!” Zoom 9:30 AM

Hosts: Mike Thayer/Cheryl Saur

**November**

**1 Registration closes for all Youth Retreat**

1 All Saints’ Day *“Remember Our Inheritance in Christ”*

2 Daylight Saving Time Ends

**November** **Cont.**

7-9 Jr. High/Sr. High Retreat at Camp Woodland Hills (Director: Youth Council)

8 “Journaling as a Spiritual Practice” – Rescheduled to 2nd Saturday Zoom 10:00 AM, Host: Julie Mahoney

10 MCP-MCFO-MCISM Leadership Monthly Meeting (Zoom 7:30)

**15 \*\*MC Conference at Kirkwood\*\***

16 International Day for Tolerance *“Make Responsible Choices”*

27 Thanksgiving Day (MC Office Closed)

28 MC Office Closed

29 MC Monthly Saturday Social Hour “Coffee & Conversation-Let’s share stories!” Zoom 9:30 AM

Hosts: Mike Thayer/Cheryl Saur

30 First Sunday of Advent

**December**

1 Completed Congregational Leadership Template due to Communications Coordinator

1 First Sunday of Advent

**2 Giving Tuesday**

5-7 Redwoods Peace Colloquy, Portland, OR – *“Economic Justice & Housing”*

7 Temple Advent Service (**TENTATIVE**)

8 MCP-MCFO-MCISM Leadership Monthly Meeting (Zoom 7:30)

10 Human Rights Day

20 “Journaling as a Spiritual Practice” – 3rd Saturday of the Month Zoom 10:00 AM, Host: Julie Mahoney

20 International Human Solidarity Day

23-Jan 1 MC Office Closed

24 Christmas Eve (see local congregations for services)

25 Christmas Day

27 MC Monthly Saturday Social Hour “Coffee & Conversation-Let’s share stories!” Zoom 9:30 AM

Hosts: Mike Thayer/Cheryl Saur

Camping Committee meetings will be scheduled as needed by the committee.

Youth Council meetings will be scheduled as needed by the council.

**Acronyms:**

CFO – Congregational Financial Officer

CMF – Central Mission Field

CWH – Camp Woodland Hills

ESLCC – East St. Louis Community Camps

GMC – Gateway USA Mission Center

MC – Mission Center

MCP – Mission Center President/Team

MCFO – Mission Center Financial Officer/Team

MCISM – Mission Center Invitational Support Minister