**2025 Gateway USA Mission Center Detailed Calendar**

**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”*

19 Begin “Introduction to Scripture” Class via Zoom 1:00 pm. Register with [edtripp4@gmail.com](mailto:edtripp4@gmail.com)

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

28 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**

~~6 Camping Committee Meeting: reviewing upcoming Camping Program needs (Zoom 7:30)~~ ***~~TENTATIVE~~***

7-9 Multi-Jurisdictional Young Adult Retreat, Neosho, MO – Registration Req @ [www.ozarkcampground.org](http://www.ozarkcampground.org)

Guest Ministry: John Sawyer, Yoga Master and Evangelist, Paul Beaulieu

Child Care & Children’s Events Provided on Saturday

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)

10 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

3:00 – 4:45 PM Zoom – A-3 No Preambles

11 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

7:00- 8:45 PM Zoom – A-3 No Preambles

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

12 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

7:00 – 8:45 PM Zoom – G-1 Increasing Access to Creative Works Copyrighted by CofC

13 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

12:00 – 1:45 PM Zoom – G-1 Increasing Access to Creative Works Copyrighted by CofC

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)

17 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

3:00 – 4:45 PM Zoom – G-2 Affirming an Inclusive Zion in the Holy Land

18 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

7:00 – 8:45 PM Zoom – G-2 Affirming an Inclusive Zion in the Holy Land

19 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

7:00 – 8:45 PM Zoom – G-3 Resolution Concerning the Stewardship of the Temple and the Auditorium in Independence, MO, and the Principle of Common Consent

20 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

12:00 – 1:45 PM Zoom – G-3 Resolution Concerning the Stewardship of the Temple and the Auditorium in Independence, MO, and the Principle of Common Consent

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

**February Cont.**

24 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

3:00 – 4:45 PM Zoom – G-4 Establishment of a Bylaw Committee to Review and Revise CofC

Bylaws with a Focus on Governance

25 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

7:00 – 8:45 PM Zoom – G-4 Establishment of a Bylaw Committee to Review and Revise CofC

Bylaws with a Focus on Governance

26 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

7:00 – 8:45 PM Zoom – G-5 Climate Emergency – Fossil-Fuel Reduction

27 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

12:00 – 1:45 PM Zoom – G-5 Climate Emergency – Fossil-Fuel Reduction

# 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”*

3 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

3:00 – 4:45 PM Zoom – G-6 Threat of Confiscation of Monies in the AIP Accounts

4 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

7:00 – 8:45 PM Zoom – G-6 Threat of Confiscation of Monies in the AIP Accounts

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

5 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

7:00 – 8:45 PM Zoom – G-7 Unilateral Authority Not Given by Church Membership

6 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

12:00 – 1:45 PM Zoom G-7 Unilateral Authority Not Given by Church Membership

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)

10 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

3:00 – 4:45 PM Zoom – G-8 Bicentennial Doctrine and Covenants

11 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

7:00 – 8:45 PM Zoom – G-8 Bicentennial Doctrine and Covenants

12 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

7:00 – 8:45 PM Zoom – G-9 Devine Insights Calling Us!

13 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

12:00 – 1:45 PM Zoom – G-9 Devine Insights Calling Us!

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

17 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

3:00 – 4:45 PM Zoom – G-10 Earth Stewardship Affirmation

18 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

7:00 – 8:45 PM Zoom – G-10 Earth Stewardship Affirmation

19 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

7:00 – 8:45 PM Zoom – G-11 Climate Change Emergency Call to Action

20 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

12:00 – 1:45 PM Zoom – G-11 Climate Change Emergency Call to Action

24 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

3:00 – 4:45 PM Zoom – G-12 Promoting Peace by Reducing Gun Proliferation and Violence

25 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

7:00 – 8:45 PM Zoom – G-12 Promoting Peace by Reducing Gun Proliferation and Violence

26 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

7:00 – 8:45 PM Zoom – Draft Statement on Nonviolence

27 World Conference Information & Legislation Exploration Session

12:00 – 1:45 PM Zoom – Draft Statement on Nonviolence

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

**March Cont.**

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

5 RCYW Training hosted by Brush Creek USA MC (Zoom 2:00 PM)

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

7 World Health Day

8 Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom 7:30 pm)

10 GMC World Conference Delegate Information Session 7:30 pm via Zoom

12 RCYW Training hosted by Gateway USA MC (Zoom 2:00 PM)

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

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

17 Maundy Thursday Mission Center Worship *“Do This in Remembrance”*

In person at Kirkwood Congregation and on Zoom **(7:00 pm)**

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

25-27 Workdays or Work Weekend at CWH – Come and Volunteer for a day or for the Weekend!!

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

Hosts: Mike Thayer/Cheryl Saur – ***Meet the new CWH Caretaker!***

**May**

3 World Labyrinth Day

10 Workday at CWH – We Need Your Help!!

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

12 GMC Leadership Monthly Meeting (Zoom 7:30 pm)

16 International Day of Living Together in Peace

16-18 Workdays or Work Weekend at CWH – Come and Volunteer for a day or for the Weekend!!

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

24 Workday at CWH – We Need Your Help!!

24 MC Monthly 4th 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!”

31 Workday at CWH – We Need Your Help!!

**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 GMC Leadership Monthly Meeting (Zoom 7:30 pm)

17 Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom 7:30 pm)

* Finalize 2026 Mission Center Draft Budget

19 Juneteenth – Federal Holiday (MC Offices Closed)

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)

**June Cont.**

28 Registration closes for GMC Reunion/Family Camp

28 MC Monthly 4th 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 GMC Leadership Monthly Meeting (Zoom 7:30 pm)

* Finalize 2026 Draft Mission Center Budget
* 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

15 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)

26 MC Monthly 4th 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 GMC Leadership Monthly Meeting (Zoom 7:30 pm)

* Review of draft Mission Center Conference Information
* 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

23 MC Monthly 4th Saturday Social Hour “Coffee & Conversation-Let’s share stories!” Zoom 9:30 AM

Hosts: Mike Thayer/Cheryl Saur

24 Proposed 2026 Budget Presentations for Congregations

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 GMC 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 4th 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, Lamoni, IA

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

13 GMC 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

21 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 4th Saturday Social Hour “Coffee & Conversation-Let’s share stories!” Zoom 9:30 AM

Hosts: Mike Thayer/Cheryl Saur

**November**

1 Registration closes for Youth Retreat

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

2 Daylight Saving Time Ends

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 GMC Leadership Monthly Meeting (Zoom 7:30)

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

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

22 MC Monthly 4th Saturday Social Hour “Coffee & Conversation-Let’s share stories!” Zoom 9:30 AM

Hosts: Mike Thayer/Cheryl Saur

27 Thanksgiving Day (MC Office Closed)

28 MC Office Closed

30 First Sunday of Advent

**December**

1 Completed Congregational Leadership Template due to Communications Coordinator

2 Giving Tuesday

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

7 Temple Advent Service (TENTATIVE)

8 GMC 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 4th Saturday Social Hour “Coffee & Conversation-Let’s share stories!” Zoom 9:30 AM

Hosts: Mike Thayer/Cheryl Saur

31 New Years Eve

**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