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October 21, 2023
Mission Center Conference
Carrier Parkway Congregation
And Online Via Zoom

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Conference Schedule

9:00 a.m. Gathering and Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Opening Devotions

9:45 a.m. *Confessing Our Assumptions* with David Nii

11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. *Responding to God's Invitation* with David Nii

12:15 p.m. Lunch by Jason's Deli

1:30 p.m. Business Meeting

3:00 p.m. Worship Service/Setting Apart with David Nii speaking on the theme
Blessing Our Neighborhoods and World

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Conference Business Meeting Agenda

Hymn of Gathering
Invocation
Call to Order
Greetings from World Church Representative
Review of Conference Voting Procedures

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Sionito Campgrounds Association Report
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SPECIAL ORDERS

ADJOURNMENT

Benediction

Resolutions: 2023 MISSION CENTER CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

A-1 Sustaining of Mission Center Officers

To the Heart of Texas Mission Center Conference:

The following officers are presented for a sustaining vote of the Mission Center Conference for 2024:

President – David Lee Watson Financial Officer – Christopher Mark Beck

A-2 Sustaining of Mission Center Leadership Team

To the Heart of Texas Mission Center Conference:

The following officers are presented for a sustaining vote of the Mission Center Conference for 2024:

President – David Lee Watson Financial Officer – Christopher Mark Beck
Counselor – Brian Paul Roberson Counselor – Scott Gregory Bushman
Counselor – Linda Marie Siy Counselor – Kathryn Lynette Minton
Missionary Center Invitation Support Minister – TBD

A-3 Sustaining of Mission Center Council

To the Heart of Texas Mission Center Conference:

The Mission Center Council consists of the Mission Center Leadership Team and the Pastors, Co-Pastors, Congregational Financial Officers of the Congregations and Emerging Congregations of the Mission Center as well as the following individuals: Ray Stanton (Evangelists Ministry Leader) and the following to be named: Mission Center Youth Leader, Visiting Ministry Coordinator, three Young Adult Representatives and three Youth.

This body is presented to the Conference for a sustaining vote for 2024.

A-4 Sustaining of Mission Center Recorder

To the Heart of Texas Mission Center Conference:

The following person is presented for a sustaining vote of the Mission Center Conference for 2024:

Recorder – Scott Gregory Bushman

B-1 Sustaining of the Camping Committee Members

To the Heart of Texas Mission Center Conference:

The following persons are presented for a sustaining vote of the Mission Center Conference for a one-year term beginning September 1, 2023 and ending August 31, 2024.

Camping Committee – Jamie Beck, Bobbie Price and Jacqui Spicer

B-2 Election of Camp Sionito Board of Directors

To the Heart of Texas Mission Center Conference:

The terms of office for Nick Sanders and Vicki Vogel expire on August 31, 2024. The Conference will elect two persons to serve three-year terms (September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2027).

Unless otherwise indicated, resolutions are submitted by the Heart of Texas Mission Center Leadership Team.

D-1 Endowment Fund Balance

To the Heart of Texas Mission Center Conference:

Receipts:

Endowment Fund a/o 12/31/21	\$ 486,799.07	
Investment Income/Loss a/o 12/31/22	\$(45,384.36)	
Offerings a/o 6/30/23	<u>\$ 120.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS a/o 6/30/23		<u>\$ 441,414.71</u>

Disbursements:

Allocation to Operating Fund for 2024	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	
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NET CHANGE IN ENDOWMENT FUND **\$ 441,414.71**

D-2 Undesignated Earnings Fund Balance

To the Heart of Texas Mission Center Conference:

Receipts:

Undesignated Earnings Fund a/o 12/31/21	\$ 45,673.55	
Investment Income/Loss a/o 12/31/22	\$(4,268.36)	
Offerings a/o 6/30/23	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS a/o 6/30/23		<u>\$ 41,405.19</u>

Disbursements:

Allocation to Operating Fund for 2024	<u>\$ 1,660.00</u>	
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NET CHANGE IN UNDESIGNATED EARNINGS FUND **\$ 39,745.19**

D-3 Operating Reserve Fund Balance

To the Heart of Texas Mission Center Conference:

Receipts:

Operating Reserve Fund a/o 12/31/21	\$ 197,623.24	
Investment Income/Loss a/o 12/31/22	\$(11,632.26)	
(\$100,000 Transferred to Bridge of Hope)	\$(100,000.00)	
Offerings a/o 6/30/23	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS a/o 6/30/23		<u>\$ 85,990.98</u>

Disbursements:

Allocation to Operating Fund for 2024	<u>\$ 3,440.00</u>	
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NET CHANGE IN OPERATING RESERVE FUND **\$ 82,550.98**

TOTAL CAPITAL **\$ 563,710.88**

Please note that \$100,000 has already been transferred to Bridge of Hope in 2023 and HTMC will be transferring an additional \$169,917, the final balance of the Mission Center's \$400,000 target, before the end of 2023.

Heart of Texas Mission Center

D-4 Operating Fund Budget

2024 Budget

			2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	Jun 2023	2024 Budget	Approved
RECEIPTS:								
Contributions								
		Individual Offerings	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,042.84	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 730.00	\$ 3,000.00	
		Youth Activities Donations	\$ -	\$ 1,230.00	\$ -	\$ 660.00	\$ 1,000.00	
		Congregational Support						
		Bridges	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00	
		Burleson	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,600.00	
		Carrier Parkway	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	
		McKinney	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
		Mesquite	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 4,000.00	
		Mineral Wells	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	
		Richardson	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	
		Waco	\$ 700.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	
		Willow Creek	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 1,800.00	
Subtotal Congregational Support			\$ 20,300.00	\$ 24,250.00	\$ 24,050.00	\$ 14,250.00	\$ 18,750.00	
Subtotal Contributions			\$ 23,300.00	\$ 28,522.84	\$ 27,050.00	\$ 15,640.00	\$ 22,750.00	
Activity Income								
		Women's Retreat	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	
		Mission Center Gathering	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 243.00	\$ 500.00	
		Mission Center Conference	\$ 500.00	\$ 449.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
		Young Adult Retreat	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
Subtotal Activity Income			\$ 4,500.00	\$ 449.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 243.00	\$ 4,500.00	
Investment Income								
		Investment Earnings	\$ 200.00	\$ 2.14	\$ 270.00	\$ 6.01	\$ 400.00	
Subtotal Investment Income			\$ 200.00	\$ 2.14	\$ 270.00	\$ 6.01	\$ 400.00	
Transfers								
		Operating Reserve Fund	\$ 7,550.00	\$ -	\$ 7,900.00	\$ -	\$ 3,440.00	
		Undesignated Earnings Fund	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 1,830.00	\$ -	\$ 1,660.00	
		AIP A & B	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 269,917.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	
Subtotal Transfers			\$ 109,350.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 279,647.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 5,100.00	
Other Income								
		Other Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Subtotal Other Income			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Receipts			\$ 137,350.00	\$ 128,973.98	\$ 311,467.00	\$ 115,889.01	\$ 32,750.00	
Disbursements								
Program Ministries								
		Youth Ministries	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	
		Youth Camperships (50% of camp fee)	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 3,930.50	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 7,500.00	
		Spectacular/IYF Support	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
		Reunion Camperships	\$ 500.00	\$ 266.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	

Heart of Texas Mission Center
2024 Budget

			2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	Jun 2023	2024 Budget	Approved
	Part-Time Seasonal Employee for Camp		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,267.49	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,875.38	\$ 4,000.00	
	Women's Ministries		\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	
	Young Adult Ministries		\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	
	Prison Ministries		\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	Invitational Ministries		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
	Missionary Training and Resources		\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
	Training - Pastors, Leaders & Priesthood		\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
	Exploration Program		\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	Congregation Support		\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
	Missional Grant		\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
	MC Gathering		\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
	MC Conference		\$ 500.00	\$ 339.21	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
Subtotal Program Ministries			\$ 26,900.00	\$ 12,003.20	\$ 26,900.00	\$ 13,625.38	\$ 21,200.00	
Mission Initiative Support								
	Financial Management		\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 693.25	\$ 350.00	
	Internet/Website/Zoom/eTithing		\$ 250.00	\$ 591.76	\$ 250.00	\$ 203.33	\$ 500.00	
	Postage		\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	
	Printing/Office Supplies		\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	
	Office Equipment		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Insurance		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,277.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,418.00	\$ 1,600.00	
	Records Storage		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Bookkeeper		\$ 6,300.00	\$ 5,880.15	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 3,002.25	\$ 7,500.00	
	Payroll Processing Fee		\$ 250.00	\$ 383.38	\$ 250.00	\$ 187.27	\$ 400.00	
	Miscellaneous		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
Subtotal Mission Initiative Support			\$ 8,450.00	\$ 8,132.29	\$ 8,650.00	\$ 5,504.10	\$ 10,550.00	
	MC Contribution - Bridge of Hope		\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 269,917.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	
	MC Contribution - World Mission Tithes		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	
Total Disbursements			\$ 137,350.00	\$ 122,135.49	\$ 307,467.00	\$ 119,129.48	\$ 32,750.00	
Assets				<u>a/o 12/31/22</u>		<u>a/o 6/30/23</u>		
	Checking Account			\$ 16,189.68		\$ 18,558.31		
	Savings Account			\$ 8,077.34		\$ 8,083.35		
	Affiliate Investment Pool A			\$ 476,206.99		\$ 469,261.93		
	Affiliate Investment Pool B			\$ 77,093.42		\$ 94,007.76		
Total Assets				\$ 577,567.43		\$ 589,911.35		
Liabilities				<u>a/o 12/31/22</u>		<u>a/o 6/30/23</u>		
Total Liabilities				\$ -		\$ -		\$ -

Heart of Texas Mission Center
Annual Conference
October 22, 2022, 1:30 PM
In Person & Via Zoom

The October 22, 2022, Mission Center President Joseph Postnikoff opened Annual Conference of the Heart of Texas Mission Center. Hymn of Gathering, the congregation sang “Redeemer of Israel,” followed an Invocation by Scott Bushman.

Joe Postnikoff called the meeting to order and relinquished the chair to Apostle David Nii, who brought greetings from the World Church. The Chair informed the conference that Bobbie Price has agreed to serve as acting secretary. Ray Stanton was recognized for being the conference Zoom Master.

The Chair referred to page 4 of the Conference Bulletin offers a list of Parliamentary Rules of Order that the conference would follow.

Election of Delegates to the 2023 World Conference

HTMC has been allocated 19 delegates and 19 alternates to the 2023 World Conference. Prior to the conference, 16 persons have indicated a desire to serve as delegates. Kathleen Johnson was added to the list. Without objection from the conference body, the Chair declared all approved as delegates to the 2023 World Conference. Delegates for the 2023 World Conference are: Chris Beck, Kathy Minton, Mark Minton, Joe Postnikoff, Bobbie Price, Jim Price, Joy Rathbun, Melanie Roberson, Linda Rose, Charlotte Shanks, Linda Siy, Gloria Stanton, Ray Stanton, Mike Thrutchley, Paula Slasor Watson, Davied Watson, and Kathleen Johnson. If there are any other persons interested in becoming a delegate between now and the Conference, please contact Joe Postnikoff.

Consideration of Minutes

Minutes of the previous October 30, 2021, and the March 26, 2022, special conferences were published previously on the mission center website. Having no corrections to either set of minutes, the Chair declared them approved as printed.

Mission Center President’s Report

The Chair gave a brief overview of the events of 2022 and reviewed the remaining events on the 2022 calendar year. Looking forward, the Chair referred to the 2023 Calendar, highlighting the Mission Center Gathering on March 25, 2023, and Conference on October 21, 2023.

The Chair referred to the Congregational Life Events Summary found in the conference bulletin. During COVID, the mission center’s visiting ministry program was put on hiatus, however, it will be reinstated in 2023.

The Chair gave an update on the mission center’s grant applications. Willow Creek has reinstated their ESL Classes and Peace Club and requested \$500, and Red Oak Congregation is continuing their Manna bags and was granted \$500. There is still \$1,000 available.

The Chair gave an update on the seasonal contractual employee job description. Due to the changes in next year's camp and reunion schedules, there will be extra funds available that the mission center might wish to use in local opportunities, i.e., expenses for a self-sustaining youth minister, etc.

The Chair announced that the McKinney congregation voted to cease operation at end of 2022 and members will travel to Mesquite.

Mission Center Financial Officer's Report

The Chair was relinquished to Chris Beck for the HTMC Financial Report. Chris referred to the 2021 year-end unaudited operating fund income and expense statement as well as the 2022 year-to-date income and expense found in the conference bulletin. With the recent passing of Gary Dodson, who previously performed the mission center audits and Camping Committee audits, it was necessary to seek help to complete this task. World Church has initiated changes in audit procedures. Instead of a formal audit, the review will now be termed an Internal Financial Statement & Procedures Inspection, and World Church has issued a checklist of items to be reviewed by the individual performing the review. The Mission Center is in the process of locating someone to take on this task. The result will mean there will no longer be audit reports. Instead, we will receive a certification of an Internal Financial Statement & Procedures Inspection. If there is someone interested in this position, please contact Joe Postnikoff.

Reports and Recognitions

The Chair directed the conference to the Camp Sionito Campgrounds Association financials, audited by David Long. Information on Lifetime Service Awards was also included in the conference bulletin.

The Chair referred the conference to the overview of the Camping Committee Reports for 2022 camping and reunion season provided by Bobbie Price, who attended all camps and reunions. The 2021 year-end unaudited financials for the Camping Committee were printed in the conference brochure. The Chair highlighted the dates of the camps and reunions and consolidation of Junior and Junior High Camps for 2023. The conference was encouraged to embrace the changes for the coming year.

The Chair called attention to the mission center leadership team, support team boards and committees as printed in the conference brochure. Included is the contact information for the leadership team, support team, pastors, CFOs, and communications officers.

The Chair expressed on behalf of the HTMC its appreciation for the service of the following outgoing pastors and leaders:

Tim Everett – shepherd for the Bridges flock

Willow Creek – Ruth Gaskins has replaced Jim Price as pastor.

McKinney – Brian Roberson, Melanie Roberson, and Brian McBride as outgoing pastors for 2022.

The Chair thanks Joy Ellis for agreeing to maintain the mission center website and host the mission center Facebook page. The address remains: heartoftexasmc.org. For Facebook, just

search Heart of Texas Mission Center. We can always use photos of things happening at your congregation for posting on the website.

The Chair also expressed its appreciation for all the HTMC pastoral teams and financial officers who volunteer their time and talents.

GENERAL ORDERS

The Chair was relinquished to Apostle David Nii to conduct the sustaining of mission center officers. Apostle Nii gave a brief overview of the procedures for voting.

A-1 Sustaining of Mission Center Leaders

Apostle Nii called for a motion for A-1 to sustain Joe Postnikoff as mission center president and Chris Beck as mission center financial officer. Mike Thrutchley moved A-1. A second was received. Apostle Nii read a letter from the First Presidency appointing Joe Postnikoff as mission center president and a letter from the Presiding Bishopric appointing Chris Beck as mission center financial officer. Vote was called for sustaining both Joe Postnikoff and Chris Beck. Vote was unanimous.

A-2 Sustaining of Mission Center Leadership Team

The conference was referred to conference resolution A-2 – Sustaining of Mission Center Leadership Team. It was noted that there is an opening in the Mission Center Invitational Support Minister. Charlotte Shanks moved consideration of A-2; a second was received. Passed unanimously

A-3 - Sustaining of Mission Center Council

The conference was reminded that the Mission Center Council was comprised of the Mission Center Leadership Team, Pastors, Co-Pastors, Congregational Financial Officers of the Congregations and Emerging Congregations of the Mission Center as well as the following individuals: Ray Stanton (Evangelists' Ministry Leader), and the following to be named: Mission Center Youth Leader, Visiting Ministry Coordinator, three Young Adult Representatives, and three Youth. Linda Rose made a motion to approve Resolution A-3; a second was received. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

A-4 Sustaining of Mission Center Recorder

Since this is an open position, no vote was taken. This motion will be considered at the Mission Center Conference for 2023.

The Chair was relinquished to Mark Minton.

B-1 Sustaining of Mission Center Camping Committee

The following persons are presented for a sustaining vote of the conference. Camping Committee: Jamie Beck, Bobbie Price, and Jacqui Spicer. Motion was moved by Joe Postnikoff; a second as received. It passed unanimously.

B-2 Election of Camp Sionito Board of Directors

The terms of office for John Ellis & Mike Thrutchley expire on August 31, 2023. The conference will elect two persons to serve three-year terms (September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2026.) Nominations for the upcoming terms were opened. Mike Thrutchley was nominated. With no other nominations, a vote was taken, and Mike was elected. John Ellis was nominated for the second position. No other nominations were received. Vote was taken, and John was elected.

Chair was returned to Joe Postnikoff.

D1, D2, D-3, Endowment, Undesignated Earnings, and Operating Reserve Funds

D1, D2, & D3 Resolutions pertain to funds not covered in the operating fund budget. With no objection, the three resolutions were considered as a whole. A motion was made by Scott Bushman, seconded received. After a brief explanation of the reports, a vote was taken and the motion for D1, D2, and D3 was approved.

D-4 Mission Center Operating Fund Budget

The Chair recognized Chris Beck to move D-4, the mission center operating fund budget. A second was received. Chris Beck addressed the budget, noting one change due to the disbanding of McKinney. Chris explained the Mission Center's liability for Bridge of Hope if the World Church has not completed the funding requirements by 2023. Chair was returned to Joe Postnikoff. There were no additional questions or debate. Vote was taken and it carried.

D-6 Shared Youth Minister

Resolution D-6 was moved by Chris Beck; a second was received. Joe Postnikoff explained that Coastal Bend has decided to get a youth minister for Coastal Bend and asked Heart of Texas if they would like to be included in the process. This motion will allow us to negotiate sharing a youth minister with Coastal Bend or initiate a youth minister for Heart of Texas alone. Questions and comments regarding covering the cost of a youth minister or even a person who could be someone self-sustained, to cover the cost of personal expenses. Since this is in the exploratory stage, this will be considered. This motion is a line-item motion. Vote was taken and carried.

The Chair was relinquished to Apostle Nii for the consideration of priesthood calls.

E-1 Call of David Watson to High Priest

A motion was received from Charlotte Shanks to consider resolution E-1, the consideration of the call of David Watson to High Priest. A second was received. Apostle Nii presented the call. David Watson was asked to offer his acceptance of his call. Joe Postnikoff spoke to the call and provided the opportunity for members of the congregation to share. Vote was taken and carried.

E-2, Call of Paula Slasor Watson to the Office of Evangelist

A motion was received from Charlotte Shanks to consider resolution E-2, the consideration of the call of Paula Slasor Watson to Evangelist. A second was received. Apostle Nii presented the call. Paula was asked to offer her acceptance of her call. Joe Postnikoff spoke to the call and provided the opportunity for members of the congregation to share. Vote was taken and carried.

The Chair was returned to Joe Postnikoff.

Thanks were offered to Chris Beck for arranging the chairs, tables, lunch for today and to all who brought desserts for the auction.

Linda Rose made a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Second was received. Vote was taken and it passed. The Heart of Texas Mission Center Conference was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie J. Price
Secretary Pro Tem