

NEWS & NOTES

MICHIGAN REGION MISSIONARY CHURCH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 5 • Resource Center
Ministry Multiplication Team

Jan. 13-15 • Michindoh
Discover Youth Conference
www.discover.org

Jan. 28 • Parkside, Sterling Hgts.
RARE Leadership Seminar with
Dr. Marcus Warner

Feb. 7 • Resource Center
Regional Oversight Council

March 10-11 • Midland
Pastors & Spouses Retreat

May 2 • Port Huron
Regional Conference

THUMB NETWORK RECOGNIZED AS A MISSION DISTRICT

Nine Missionary Churches located in Michigan's Thumb have been recognized as an organized mission district in the Missionary Church. Known as the Thumb Network, the churches are committed to church multiplication, disciple-making and partnering together to reach lost men and women with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Rev. Reg Courliss, Senior Pastor at the Elkton Missionary Church, will serve as network director. The Regional Oversight Council and the Ministry Multiplication Team of the Michigan Region approved the network formation this past fall with a start date set for April 1, 2017. The Network joins the Metro Detroit Network and the West Michigan District (provisional status) as recognized mission districts in the Michigan Region.

*We are committed to church planting, the birth of
disciple-making ministries and the unity of the
Body of Christ. – Thumb Network Covenant*

The nine churches partnering in the Thumb Network are:

- *Cass City Missionary Church*
- *Elkton Missionary Church*
- *Fellowship Bible Church, Brown City*
- *Lamotte Missionary Church, Marlette*
- *Mizpah Missionary Church, Cass City*
- *New Creation Community Church, Caro*
- *Open Door Missionary Church, Sandusky*
- *Son's Life Missionary Church, Sebawaing*
- *Watertown Missionary Church, Sandusky*



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Colonial Woods, Port

Huron, recently welcomed two new members into the fellowship.

(Rev. Phil Whetstone)

Davison held a “Pack the Pantry” Christmas outreach in December, delivering over 100 bags of groceries to inner city families in Flint.

(Rev. Doug Connelly)

Faith, Flint, honored Rev. Rick (Tina) Turner who concluded his ministry at Faith in December. Rick served at the church since 2009.

(Rev. Brent Kriesch)

IEM YO SOY, Kalamazoo, hosted the first annual West Michigan District Conference in November. The church recently saw five conversions and welcomed five new members into the fellowship. *(Elizabeth Salazar, Interim)*

New Life, Bay City, packed 112 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

(Rev. Jonathan Boyer)

Open Door, Sandusky, welcomes Rev. Rick (Tina) Turner as their new pastor. Rick began ministry at the church January 1.



Rev. Rick and Tina Turner

Parkside, Sterling Heights, hosted a night of Christmas worship for the Metro Detroit Network December 18.

(Pastor Greg Neumeyer)

Royal Oak adopted a new name and bylaws at its congregational meeting in December. Now known as Royal Oak Church, the congregation continues to be a ministry of the Missionary Church.

(Rev. Bill Barnwell)

Son’s Life, Sebewaing, will host Richard Crisco for his series on honoring God and others on March 8 & 9.

(Rev. Brian Reinhardt)

Walled Lake thanks Pastor Josh (Jennifer) Duncan for their service at the church. The Duncans concluded their ministry at the church in November. Dr. Michael (Sharon) Cadrette is now serving as interim pastor.

**CHURCH PLANTING
NEWS**

Several church planting projects are moving forward in 2017. The Metro Detroit network is giving oversight and support for three church planters. A church planter was recently assessed for a new work in Northern Michigan.



**MISSIONARY
CHURCH**

OUR DRIVING PASSION

The Missionary Church is a family of churches committed to Jesus Christ, the Bible and the Great Commission.

- *We pursue relationship with God as our top priority.*
- *We depend on the Holy Spirit through prayer.*
- *We introduce people to the gospel and multiply disciples everywhere.*
- *We value, strengthen and multiply churches.*
- *We develop Spirit-led leaders to advance God’s mission in the world.*

Officially adopted by the Michigan Regional Conference May 5, 2015