



## Online Ministry & Priesthood Classes Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission (CIMM)

The Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission, through the Graceland University Community of Christ Seminary, has opened fall classes for enrollment. To enroll or for more information on these classes and the certificate programs, visit [graceland.edu/CIMM](http://graceland.edu/CIMM). Cost is \$25 unless noted.

### Spring A (January 6–March 2, 2025)

- **Introduction to Pastors Ministry** – David Lloyd
- **Ministry of the Disciple** – Apostle Robin Linkhart
- **Christian Ministries Certificate: Practical Ministry** – Zac Harmon-McLaughlin (\$100)

### Spring B (March 3–April 27, 2025)

- **Introduction to Priesthood Ministry** – Rick Maupin
- **Ministry of the Seventy** – Bethany Lloyd
- **Ministry of the Teacher** – David Lloyd
- **Ministry of the Bishop** – Presiding Bishop Carla Long
- **Christian Ministries Certificate: Dialogue, Understanding, and Peacemaking** – Andrew Bolton (\$100)

### Upcoming CIMM Sessions

CIMM Sessions are short seminars on topics of theology, culture, and Community of Christ Identity, Mission, Message, Beliefs and practices. These sessions are broadcast live on **Zoom at 7:00pm Wednesday nights**. To register, please visit [www.graceland.edu/cimmsessions](http://www.graceland.edu/cimmsessions).

- Dec 4 – Star Trek Community – Star Trek Community Group
- Dec 9 – Worship in a Changing Culture part 1 – Tyler Marz & Karin Peter
- Dec 11 – Becoming a Prophetic People – Linda Stanbridge
- Dec 18 – Worship in a Changing Culture part 2 – Tyler Marz & Karin Peter
- Jan 8 – Listening with the Lectionary – Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith

## SAVE THE DATE

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| <b>Dec 3</b>   | <b>Giving Tuesday:</b> <a href="http://cofchrist.org/giving-tuesday">cofchrist.org/giving-tuesday</a> |
| Dec 7          | The Huixqui Sisters Concert   |
| Dec 14         | Ministry of the Priest class @ Shawnee Drive  |
| Feb 28 - Mar 2 | TWIST @ Shawnee Drive   |

## NONVIOLENCE STATEMENT FEEDBACK

In response to 2019 WCR 1319, the First Presidency has crafted a draft Statement on Nonviolence. You are invited to read the statement and provide feedback on each section **by February 28, 2025**. The FP will review the feedback and update as necessary by May 2025.

- Statement: [bit.ly/NonviolenceStatement](http://bit.ly/NonviolenceStatement) (click “Draft Statement”)  
 Survey: [bit.ly/NonviolenceSurvey](http://bit.ly/NonviolenceSurvey)

## JOB OPENING

### Midlands Fulltime Peace & Justice Specialist

The Peace and Justice Specialist will work with individuals and groups in MMC to support diversity and inclusion of all persons. This includes working with individuals and groups to foster acceptance and understanding of social injustice. The specialist will initiate actions to inform, encourage, and facilitate community development. For more information and an application visit [bit.ly/MMCPeace](http://bit.ly/MMCPeace).

## Under the Spire Concert Series

The Temple Sanctuary is a world class performance space. As you sit beneath a 195-foot nautilus inspired spiral ceiling, you will feel the music soar in this unique acoustic environment. We are hosting gifted folk musicians who write and perform songs that evoke inspiration and peace. There is no ticket fee, but we do suggest a \$20 donation. Cost shouldn't be a barrier to participation. This series is sponsored by Community of Christ and the Independence Square Association. For more information, please visit [www.centerforlivingwater.org/concerts](http://www.centerforlivingwater.org/concerts).

### *The Huixqui Sisters*

**7pm Saturday, December 7**

The Huixqui Sisters – pronounced like "whiskey" – are a vocal duet accompanied by guitar and keys. They create custom arrangements of their favorite songs across a variety of genres, with a vocal blend only achieved by sisters and vocal precision. Originally from the small town of Huixquilucan (whikey-loo-kahn), Mexico, their hometown inspires identity and artistic passions. From the artist: It is in honor of this beautiful village, nestled in the mountains outside of Mexico City, that we named ourselves and hope to share some of its beauty with you.

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## Temple School: Ministry of the Priest

*Shawnee Drive Congregation*

**9 am – 5 pm Saturday, December 14**

Lunch is provided. A zoom link will be sent to those who need to attend online. To register, please contact Dawn (816.718.8307) or Greg Bassett (816.210.4943) or email [mmc\\_youth@midlandsmc.org](mailto:mmc_youth@midlandsmc.org). Please specify if you will attend in person or virtually. Attendees need to purchase their class materials from Herald House: [bit.ly/PriestBook](http://bit.ly/PriestBook)

## Preaching in the Age of Ted Talks

*Joey Williams*

**8:45 am – 2:45 pm**

**Saturday, January 25 @ Olathe  
or Saturday, February 1 @ Colonial Hills**

Midlands and Central Mission Centers will offer the same session twice, so choose the date that is convenient for you. A light meal will be provided. Register by January 18: [bit.ly/preachingwithjoey](http://bit.ly/preachingwithjoey)

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## World Conference 2025

**DELEGATES:** World Conference will be held **May 30 – June 6, 2025**, in Independence, MO. Midlands is seeking **two more delegates** plus alternates. To submit an application: [bit.ly/WC2025delegate](http://bit.ly/WC2025delegate).

**LEGISLATION:** Fourteen pieces of legislation have been submitted by mission centers and World Church Standing Teams for this gathering.

- View the legislation: [bit.ly/WC25Legislation](http://bit.ly/WC25Legislation)
- View the background and support statements: [bit.ly/WC25LegSupport](http://bit.ly/WC25LegSupport)
- MMC's unique **proposed resolution prioritization survey** is **open until Dec 14** to everyone, not just delegates: [bit.ly/WC25Priority](http://bit.ly/WC25Priority)

**ZOOM SUPPORT:** Volunteers are needed to support remote legislative sites. Multiple roles for non-delegates are available based on schedule, interest, and skills. Contact Brad Bryant at 309.706.6179 or [BBryant@CofChrist.org](mailto:BBryant@CofChrist.org).