

Church Leader,

Perhaps you have heard the phrase, we have to “keep the main thing, the main thing.” Jesus’s church has a main thing, which is to “go and make disciples” (Matthew 28:18-20). Which is why the Michigan Christian Convention exists: to challenge and unite churches in fulfilling the great commission. We desire to link arms with other likeminded bodies of believers in order to be faithful in the mission we have been entrusted with. We hope you will join us at the 2024 convention so we can together grow in being found faithful in fulfilling the great commission.

The leadership team of the MCC has been dreaming big, praying hard, and planning well for the 2024 convention. Therefore, there are four things we want you to be aware of as you begin to make your plans for the 2023-2024 year:

- 1) Because the MCC exists to challenge and unite churches around the main thing, **we are praying that God would unite us with more churches across the great region than ever before.** While the convention is still currently called the ‘Michigan’ Christian Convention, we desire to serve, include, and empower churches and leaders from a wider area than just Michigan. In particular we long to see the day where we have leadership of the convention and churches participating from Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, and even beyond. **2024 is the year that we begin to make this longing a reality! Will you help us make it happen by being there and spreading the word?** To help accommodate those who are traveling further we have added an additional evening session (Thursday April 18th, 2024) while keeping our registration costs steady.
- 2) The great commission is not just for church leaders, but for the entire church who has been gifted, empowered, and indwelt with the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the convention is not designed for only church leaders. **The convention has been designed to be a gathering where church leaders can bring their congregations to be encouraged, challenged, and inspired to be faithful followers of Jesus!**
- 3) In launching an expanded convention we chose a theme that is intentionally encouraging to all people. In times that can seem discouraging, we want to remind the church that “God can do **immeasurably more** than we could ask or imagine” through us (Ephesians 3:20-21). To bring this encouraging truth, we are bringing in a top notch team of leaders. **Our main session and breakout session speakers are: Bob Russell, Mark Christian, Ben Cachiaras, and Randy and Julie Gariss.** These are a group of leaders who have their eyes set on the great commission, love people, and most importantly love Jesus with all their hearts.
- 4) We want every church and individual to be able to participate in this great convention so we have kept registration cost low for individuals (register at michiganchristianconvention.org), and include children’s programming as part of the convention. We also offer a whole church price which helps support the convention but also makes it so your entire church can come for a group price. **For \$400 a church you can bring as many people from your church as you can possibly pack in. Would you consider supporting and participating in the convention in this way?**

Great days are ahead for the Michigan Christian Convention, we hope you will commit to participating and championing the convention at your church! We hope to see you in April of 2024!

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