



Community of Christ

CHRIST'S MISSION, OUR MISSION

November 28, 2017

To Mission Center Officers and Members in the Southeast, South Central and Western Fields of the church in the USA:

Dear Friends,

Greetings! As we transition from the season of Thanksgiving to the season of Advent and Christmas, I hope each of you will encounter moments of blessing as you give time to reflect on the gifts and blessings that have filled your life. May these moments awaken us to the preparation and celebrate that comes as we remember the birth of Jesus.

The purpose of this communication is to share some news with you about a change of assignment of President of Seventy Keith McMillan.

When the USA Team of Apostles were recently engaged in strategic missional conversation about the World Church budget and staff reductions, there emerged from these discussions the need to address some critical mission opportunities in the broader field across the USA. As a result of these discussions, a decision was made to reassign Keith McMillan to give concentrated attention to the expanding mission opportunity with Latter Day Seekers in Arizona. Over the past couple of years Keith has developed the skills and experience in building relationships with seekers who are searching out Community of Christ. With the growing population of seekers in the greater Phoenix area, the apostolic team felt strongly that Keith would bring a vital ministry to help grow the church in this area.

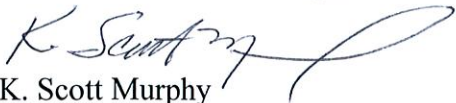
In addition to this new assignment, Keith will continue to provide support for the quorums of seventy in the Southeast and South Central fields. Apostles Barbara Carter and Linda Booth will work with Keith to determine the most essential ways he can continue to support specific ministries and mission opportunities in their fields.

The transition timeline for Keith will begin in January 2018 under the direction of the field apostles who work with Keith.

I am grateful for Keith's willingness to stretch himself in this new way. I also appreciate his faithfulness and passion to help the church grow in the USA. The experience he will gain in working with the seeker community in Arizona will deepen his skills that can be shared with the church across the USA. This will be a benefit for mission centers as more and more seekers search out Community of Christ.

May you continue to uphold Keith in prayer as he steps out in this new way that will bring blessings to the church in the USA.

With gratefulness and hope,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Scott Murphy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

K. Scott Murphy
Director of Field Ministries