

April 2017

TEC

Teens Encountering Christ

Gazette

Important Dates

[Deco-TEC Weekend #114](#)

Lay Leader: Anita Bikowitz

Co-Lay Leader: Dan Sharpe

When: August 08/4-6/2017

Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available!

Submit candidate applications and want to work forms now!

Important Dates

[Deco-TEC Board Meeting](#)

When: Sunday April 30, 2017 - Time: 1:00 PM

Where: Trinity Reformed Church - 1330 S. Ferry St., Grand Haven, MI 49417

Get [MAP to Trinity Reformed](#)

[OPEN BOARD POSITIONS:](#)

Teen members, trunks, historian, TEC-wear, church contacts.

Message from the President

Dear Decotec Community,

Thank you for your support of weekend #113 it was truly a blessing to see you at the holy hour and the hoot. Please continue to pray for the 29 new TECites as they are on their 4th day.

There are ways that you can continue to support Deco-TEC ministries. At the board level we have open positions available such as TEC-wear, background check, and church contacts. We have teen and adult positions available.

I would also like to mention that Deco-TEC Ministries has a very limited selection of spiritual directors who have been qualified to work Deco-TEC weekends, if you are a pastor, youth pastor or seminary student interested in joining our list of Spiritual Directors please contact the Deco-TEC Board for and interview.

It brings me great joy to announce our 3rd quarter Lay Leader is Anita Bikowitz and her Co-Lay Leader Dan Sharpe. Weekend #114 information will be shared as soon as the details become available.

The Deco-TEC Ministries board meets monthly and the dates and times will be available on the TEC Gazette and also at Deco-Tecministries.com.

Steve Moore
Deco-TEC President

The Significance of Easter

In order to appreciate the significance of Easter we need to think about life before Christ. People were required to take their sin sacrifice to the outer courts of the temple for the priests to offer on their behalf. It needed to contain blood. The priest would draw lots and when chosen enter the Holy Place where the sacrifices and offerings were made at particular altars. A curtain, representative of Jesus Christ, separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies where the Glory of God resided. No one but the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies and only once a year. Imagine how they must have looked forward to a time when their sins would be paid for and the curse of death broken.

When Jesus died on the cross, he was the blood sacrifice on behalf of our sin. At the time of his death the curtain in the temple was torn from top to bottom. That released the Glory of God so that everywhere became a Holy place. What that means for us is it doesn't matter if we are in the sanctuary or the parking lot, they are both Holy ground. As for the blood of Jesus, it has been sacrificed once and for all people, for all time, to cover for our sin. For those who walked with Jesus there was great sorrow at his death because they did not understand. By his dying he would be enabled to come back to be with all people, all the time, no longer in human form and in only one place at a time.

This knowledge gives to all who have lived since Jesus the ability to view the crucifixion as the assurance of the promise their debt has been paid for once and for all. Now that's significant! How can we not but be filled with gratitude and joy?!

Pastor Donna Rick



Welcome to our New Board Members

Registration : Cathy Vaandering
Faith Rickard

Trailer Coords : Bill & Barb DeGroot

Tote Coord. : Cheryl Clark

Teen Position : Charisse Timmereck

Snack Table : Cathy Vaandering

Church Rep : Alex Mahn

Food Inventory : Bob Dixon

We still have the following open positions:

Teen Position, Back Ground Checks, TEC-wear & Church Reps

Deco-TEC #113 - Lay Leader Letter

Dear Deco-Tec Community,

I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve as the Lay Leader of Deco- Tec 113. Also, I'd like to give a big thank you to Central Assembly of God for allowing us to use their facility. I can't even begin to explain the blessing this weekend was and still is. Not just to the 29 new Tecites but us as a team as well. We serve a God that is so much bigger than we are. There were many new commitments and rededications that took place. I would like to ask that we keep all our new brothers and sisters in Christ lifted up in prayer as they walk through their fourth day and continue to unpack all that was shared on the weekend.

In His service,
Bob Dixon

Welcome to our new #113 TECites!

Alicia Dykman

Brandon Kriesel

Charisse Timmerick

Chip Wright Jr.

Cody Wright

Dani Tanner

Dayton Johnson

Dillan Grennan

Elizabeth Langan

Emily Larabee

Ethan Johnson

Hunter Porter

Jacob Tanner

Jared Mazzarelli

Kaleb Kitchka

Catie Krieg

Kevin Slowik

Landen Peterman

Leonard Valdez III Mason Butchart

Riley Park

Shelby Younts

Taylor Johnson

Trenton Wallace

Victor Ware

Daniel Jimenez

Kendra Freeman Meeks

Tylar Robins

Tyler Harper



Our website is up and running!!

Check us out at:

DeCo-TECministries.com

The drawing for more Lay Leaders is coming!

The board will be drawing a name at the board meeting for the next quarter.

Lay leader drawings will be held at the following board meetings:

- March (July, August, September weekend)
- [June \(October, November, December weekend\)](#)
- September (January, February March weekend)
- December (April, May, June weekend)

Now that we are back up and running, we plan to get back to the above schedule just as soon as we can!

If you are planning to submit your name, please submit a letter and attend the meeting to answer any questions. The qualifications are:

- Must have worked two Deco-TEC weekends.
- Must have given one talk on a weekend.
- Must have been active for a minimum of one year in Deco-TEC.
- Must be an active member of a church.
- Must be a minimum age of 25.
- Must regularly attend an organized Christian church.



Keep watching your Gazette for upcoming weekends, fundraiser's and activities!

Like our website is up and running!

Deco-tecministries.com

Go check it out!!!

**Consider joining the board! We need TEENS! Adults welcome too!
Visit a board meeting for more information.**

Deco-TEC Registration Form

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ School: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Birthday: ____ / ____ / ____ Gender: Male Female

Phone: (_____) _____ Home Church _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. What activities are you involved with besides school studies?
2. Why have you decided to make a Deco-TEC retreat experience?
3. What are your expectations of Deco-TEC?
4. Are there any physical or emotional difficulties you are currently dealing with?
5. Check the qualities that best describe you: ___ shy ___ outgoing ___ quiet ___ talkative ___ leader
6. Briefly describe your home life (who you live with: brothers, sisters, mom, dad, etc...):

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Costs:

Total cost for the weekend is \$35.00 - is due on Friday night when you arrive and register for your weekend. If these costs are a problem, please register anyway. We would ask that you give what you can when you are able. **Please make checks payable to: Deco-TEC, Inc.**

Other Information:

You will be notified by mail of the weekend you will be invited to attend. Weekend attendance is determined on a "First come – First served" basis so please return this form as soon as possible.

No one under the age of 18 will be allowed to smoke on the church grounds at any time during the Deco-TEC weekend, or any other Deco-TEC function.

To be filled out by the Registrar:

Date application was received: ____ / ____ / ____ Registration fee paid? Yes No Check # _____ Cash _____

1st Mailing: ____ / ____ / ____ Response: _____

2nd Mailing: ____ / ____ / ____ Response: _____

3rd Mailing: ____ / ____ / ____ Response: _____

In Deco-TEC you will experience:

1. A fresh atmosphere away from home and school.
 2. Meeting young men and women from high schools throughout the area.
 3. Reflecting and sharing with others how you see yourself, your ideals, hopes, and problems.
 4. Finding the God you can believe in – encountering Jesus Christ alive today.
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How It Happens

The team of a Deco-TEC weekend is composed of many people – students and adults, single and married people, ministers and youth ministers. Each member of the team demonstrates through their service on the weekend and their personal testimony, the living reality of Jesus Christ in their lives.

The Deco-TEC weekend revolves around people and the world we live in, offering small group experiences, liturgy, music, and good food in a relaxed atmosphere.

The growth experience of a Deco-TEC weekend affects and benefits all who participate – team members and candidates alike.

How to Register for a Deco-TEC Weekend

Please complete the registration form and mail it in, along with the \$10.00 registration fee to the registrar:

Deco-TEC Registration
c/o Vickie Miles
P.O. Box 406
Grand Haven, MI 49417

Newsletter Info:

Send your Newsletter information to:

Mike Emerson

rockyrd42@yahoo.com

231-563-6640

To receive the newsletter by US Mail:

Donations: (suggested \$5.00)

Send to the P.O. Box address above.



Deco-TEC "Want To Work" Application

Conditions/Requirements:

1. You must be willing to attend **all team meetings** prior to the weekend, along with **all follow-up meetings** after the weekend.
2. You must be willing to support Deco-TEC through working in the kitchen, doing wheat, attending Holy Hours, Hoots, and any other Deco-TEC functions. Those who remain active in the movement and its activities will most naturally be given preference to team selections.
3. You must be striving to live a Christian life in a way that exemplifies the concepts taught in Deco-TEC.
4. The use of illegal drugs or alcohol is not part of the Christian ideal to which Deco-TEC prescribes, and service on a team would exclude such use. No one under the age of 18 will be permitted to use tobacco products during any Deco-TEC activities.
5. Selections for Deco-TEC teams are made **only** by the Lay Leader of the upcoming weekend.

Name: _____ **Birth Date:** _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Telephone #: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Male: _____ **Female:** _____ **Home Church:** _____

Original TEC Weekend #: _____ **Month & Year:** _____

TEC Weekend #'s you have worked: _____

In what ways have you supported past TEC Weekends? _____

Team positions you would prefer:

_____ **Wheat Team** (Serving the candidates on the weekend by cooking, cleaning, supplying the talk room and anything else that is needed. **Teens only!!!**)

_____ **Talkista** (Gives one of the talks during the Weekend)

_____ **Musician** List the instruments you play: _____

_____ **Cook** _____ **Prayer Warrior** _____ **Roamer (Adult only)**

_____ **Wheat Team Leader (Adult only)** _____ **Table Leader**

Please mail or e-mail this completed form to:

Deco-TEC
P.O. Box 406
Grand Haven, MI 49417