

## **Pioneer Lodge @ Crystal Conference Center** **A Holy Place of Respite** **for Michigan Disciples Clergy, Church Members & Others**



Fifteen plus years ago when Pioneer Lodge at Crystal was completely remodeled and upgraded, the region designated that its priority use would be for our ministers serving in our Michigan Disciples congregations. Availability also included Michigan Disciples Clergy with standing in the region as well as members of our region's recognized Disciples congregations. Michigan Disciples members have a discounted rate and, when available Pioneer may be rented by others as well.

These priorities are reflected in the rates for using Pioneer and when reservations may be made for the popular cottage overlooking Crystal Lake in Northern Michigan.

### **New Reservations Each Year**

1. No dates booked in previous years will be guaranteed. Requests may be made but local pastors will have first choice at dates each year in a window between October 1 through January 15. Reservations are for up to six days stay.
2. Reservation requests will not be accepted prior to October 1 of previous year.

### **Reservations Priorities**

3. **October 1- January 15: Pastors serving recognized CCMR congregations**
  - a. Make reservation request with UCCR booking department for dates (up to six days)
4. **January 16 – September 30: CCMR Clergy with standing in the region plus active members of Michigan Disciples congregations**
  - a. Make reservations with UCCR booking department for dates (up to six days stay)
  - b. Reservations for dates booked in previous years may be allocated if still available. Reservations are for up to six days.
5. **March 1-September 30: Non-Michigan Disciples and Others**
  - a. Dates as available may be reserved for up to six days.

### **Rates Per Day**

1. \$50.00 - Michigan Disciples Clergy (must have current Clergy standing with CCMR)
2. \$100.00 – Active members of Michigan Disciples recognized congregations
3. \$160.00 – All others including clergy and members of non-Michigan Disciples churches

### **Reservations Contact**

UCCR (United Camps Conferences and Retreats) Reservations Department  
[reservations@uccr.org](mailto:reservations@uccr.org)  
(800) 678-5102



## NOTICE TO USERS OF PIONEER LODGE, MISSIONS HOUSE & CEDARS LODGE -- RESTRICTIONS When Overnight Camps with Children are on Site

Michigan State Law requires us to maintain strict isolation of all overnight resident campers under 18 years of age from NON-CAMP residents. ONLY APPROVED staff members of Crystal Conference Center, camp deans, counselors, parents/guardians and other staff that are part of the camping group and have had an approved background check filed with the onsite Camping Group may be present in designated areas of Crystal Conference Center grounds for campers.

### WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO YOU:

1. **PIONEER LODGE**: lodge, deck, eating area and grassy area between paved roadways on East Side of lodge; beach area in front of tennis courts; tennis courts by arrangement with Site Director
2. **MISSIONS HOUSE**: lodge, deck, and grassy area in front of and on West Side of lodge to roadway and back tree line; beach area in front of tennis courts and Missions House; tennis courts by arrangement with Site Director
3. **CEDARS LODGE**: lodge and deck; grassy area in front of lodge to tree lines; beach area in front of tennis courts; tennis courts by arrangement with Site Director

### WHAT IS NOT AVAILABLE

1. NO buildings or facilities are available for your use except the lodging site you have reserved.  
Buildings Unavailable: Chapel, Fellowship Hall, Oaks Lodge, Pines, Birches and Beeches dorms and Dining Hall
2. Central Outdoor Gathering Area is NOT available, including basketball courts, firepit, horseshoes, swings, or picnic benches
3. Beach area with dock and volleyball court is NOT available

### 2023 DATES WHEN THESE RESTRICTIONS APPLY

June 18-23	Michigan Disciples Elementary Camp
June 27-29	Michigan Disciples Day/Grandparents Camp
June 29-Jul 2	Michigan Disciples Beloved Community Camp
July 9-15	Michigan Disciples Youth Camps
July 16-22	Michigan Disciples Family of God Camp



Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Michigan Region (CCMR) Crystal Commission  
Approved July 16, 2022

**2023 Pioneer Lodge Approved Churches  
Christian Church (DOC) Michigan Region  
- Local church members - \$100 per day rental**



Arcadia, Blaine Christian Church  
Adrian, First Christian  
Ann Arbor, Journey of Faith Christian Church  
Burt Lake, Burt Lake Christian Church  
Cadillac, Clay Hill Christian Church  
Cadillac, First Christian  
Coral, Cowden Lake Christian Church  
Dearborn Heights, St. Paul's UCC  
Detroit, Bethany Christian Church  
Detroit, Northwestern  
Detroit, Full Gospel Christian Church  
Detroit, United Christian Church  
Detroit – Word Encounter  
Fremont, Fremont Christian Church  
Ferndale Christian  
Flint, Triumphant Temple of Praise  
Flint – Vermont Christian  
Frankfort – Grace Christian  
Flushing, New Covenant Christian Church  
Grand Rapids, Cascade Christian Church  
Hastings, Woodgrove Brethren Christian Parish  
Hazel Park, Serenity Christian Church  
Ionia, First Christian Church  
Kalamazoo, Christian Church  
Lansing, First Christian Church  
Luther – Luther Church of Christ  
Manton – First Christian  
Muir, First Christian  
Oak Park – Kingdom Building Christian  
Paw Paw – First Christian  
Saginaw, First Christian Church-West  
St Joseph – River Park Christian  
Swartz Creek, Unity Christian Church  
Traverse City – First Christian  
Troy, Central Woodward Christian Church  
Wayland – United Church of Wayland

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