



THE COORDINATOR

DECEMBER 2019

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

Glori and Rachel

FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

Each year the Christmas season reminds me that we aren't to keep this gift all for ourselves. We are to go and tell it! Telling the good news of Jesus Christ requires effective lines of communication, and so Glori and I have been updating our communications avenues to better tell the stories of what God is doing in and among our common ministries. Some things have a new look, like *The Coordinator* and the website. Others are new all together, such as our new Facebook page ("Christian Church In Kentucky West Area") and our refreshed logo. These will enable us to connect with exciting opportunities and share stories of the innovative ministries we see all around us. We thank God for getting to be a part of an exciting church filled with new life.

We encourage you to "like" and follow our Facebook page, check our websites regularly for new information, and forward and share this newsletter with others. Who do you know that might benefit from this information? Who is eager to hear about the ministries of the West Area and Camp Kum-Ba-Ya? As we sing at camp, "Pass it on."

Grateful to be in transition with you,

Rachel

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
Transitional West Area Regional Minister

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THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Christmas Special Day Offering supports the many ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) In Kentucky. Check out the regional Facebook page for a new video, blog, and other resources to help tell the good news of our region.

2020 ASSEMBLIES



National Convocation, NAPAD, Obra Hispana
July 22-25, 2020 in Fort Worth, TX
Registration opens January 2020

Christian Church in Kentucky
"Come to the Water" is the theme.
October 16-17, 2020
First Christian Church, Owensboro, KY

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WEST AREA YOUTH COUNCIL NEWS

SKI THING, SPRING RETREAT, AND DISCIPLE SUMMER MISSION TRIP PLANS



West Area Ski Thing 2020

January 24-25 (Friday-Saturday)
First Christian Church of Owensboro and Paoli Peaks

Zach Hardy, Associate Minister at FCC Madisonville, is leading the West Area Youth Council as they prepare for an active year for our West Area youth. Once again grades 6-12 will gather January 24 at First Christian Church-Owensboro for a lock-in that includes worship, games, and great fellowship. The next morning (January 25) the group will head to Paoli Peaks in Indiana for a day of skiing and snow tubing. Register at www.westareadisciples.org



Plus, something NEW for 2020! WAYC is hosting a joint mission trip for our youth across the West Area. WAYC will lead those who have completed grades 6-12 to the Disciples Summer Mission trip at Memphis, Tennessee on June 29-July 3. So, save the date and begin making plans for your youth (and adult sponsors) to attend. For more information about the experience, go to disciplesummermission.org or contact Zach at 270-821-5835.

WEST AREA YOUTH COUNCIL 2019-2020

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YOUTH SPRING RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE!
APRIL 3-4
FOR GRADES 6-12
HOSTED BY WAYC

CAMP KUM-BA-YA

SPRING/SUMMER 2020

2020 is shaping up to be a great year at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya. The West Area Youth Council is planning a spring retreat for grades 6-12, summer camping dates are set, and the KBY Advisory Team has slated April 18 for the spring Camp Workday.

Make plans now to promote our camping ministry in your community. Set aside March 8 or another Sunday as Camp Sunday--a day to invite and spread the word about the significant impact Camp Kum-Ba-Ya is having in the lives of our campers and counselors.

Save the dates for camp 2020!

Discovery	May 29-31
Young Disciples	June 4-6
CYF	June 7-13
Chi Rho Sailing	June 14-19
CYF Sailing	June 22-26
Junior	June 29-July 3
Chi Rho	July 6-11
All Y'all Retreat	September 11-13



CLERGY NEWS

JOIN A BI-VOCATIONAL GATHERING

We know that many of our bi-vocational West Area ministers are not able to attend the regularly scheduled clergy gatherings listed below. Would a virtual gathering on Zoom work for you? If so, please email Rachel Nance Woehler (WestAreaMinister@twc.com) and let her know a day of the week or month and time that would typically be convenient for you. Though we may not all be able to regularly meet face-to-face, maybe a virtual gathering would help us connect and support one another across the miles.

JANUARY CLERGY GATHERINGS

DISTRICT 1

January 28 at noon
First Christian Church, Benton

DISTRICT 2

January 14 at 10 a.m.
First Christian Church, Madisonville

DISTRICT 3

January 16 at 11:30 a.m.
First Christian Church, Hopkinsville

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



KENTUCKY DISCIPLES WOMEN'S CHORUS RETREAT

March 6-8 at Jeffersontown Christian Church
Register at ccinky.net/ministries/disciples-women

SERF 2020 WOMEN'S EVENT

March 13-15 at Christmount Christian Assembly in Black Mountain, NC
Register at christmount.org/serf-2020

KDW SPRING CONFERENCES

April 18 at Central Christain Church in Lexington, Ky

April 25 in the West Area (TBA)



ANTI-RACISM/ PRO-RECONCILIATION TRAINING

Location: First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),
1030 College Dr., Madisonville

Dates: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Central Friday, January 3, and
9 a.m.-noon Saturday, January 4

Trainers: Dennis Gray and Tracy Parker

Register: Please RSVP, and provide any dietary requirements to Rachel Nance Woehler at westareaminister@twc.com by December 31, 2019. There is no fee to attend, and breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Registration is open for this two-day training for clergy. The Gospel mandates us "to be one," motivated by love of God and one another. We recognize that systemic racism blocks our communities of faith from being one. We need to address and dismantle the systemic racism in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. and Canada.

DISCIPLES MEN'S MINISTRIES



FAR WEST MEN'S CMF GROUP

January 21 at 7:00pm at First Christian Church, Mayfield, Kentucky
Meets on the third Tuesday each month.

KENTUCKY REGIONAL MEN'S CHORUS

February 14-16 at First Christian Church, Pikeville. More information at <http://www.kyregionalmenschorus.org>

MEN'S SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

August 7-9 at St. Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, Indiana

WEST AREA WORKSHOPS

A DAY OF EXPLORING AND EQUIPPING ONE ANOTHER FOR MINISTRY

What would happen if groups of people from every congregation across the West Area gathered together for a day of workshops and conversations on topics designed to grow their ministries and bring life to their visions?

Let's find out!

On **March 7, 2020**, come to **First Christian Church of Hopkinsville** for the **West Area Workshops**--a new event where you'll be invited to workshop new possibilities for your ministry, share your own ministry successes and challenges, discover new ideas and be inspired by our neighboring congregations in the West Area.

The Leadership Development Team is already at work creating a slate of workshops designed to strengthen and grow our churches. We just need YOU! Mark your calendar and invite everyone from your congregation to take part.

Registration will open mid-January at westareadisciples.org

West Area Workshops Schedule March 7, 2020

10 a.m. Registration
10:30 a.m. Opening Worship
11 a.m. Workshop #1
noon Table Topics Lunch
1 a.m. Workshop #2
2 a.m. Workshop #3
3 a.m. Closing Worship

Leadership Development Team 2020

Rev. Bill Clement (First, Russellville)
Rev. David Clifford (First, Henderson),
Sheila DeMoss (First, Hopkinsville)
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