

# THE COORDINATOR

FEBRUARY 2020



WEST AREA SKI THING (TURNED BIG SPLASH ADVENTURE) 2020

## MARCH DEADLINES FOR YOUTH RETREAT AND SUMMER MISSION TRIP

### WEST AREA YOUTH COUNCIL NEWS

From April 3 at 5 p.m. to April 4 at 3 p.m. the West Area Youth Council (WAYC) will be hosting a Youth Spring Retreat at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya for grades 6-12. With Earth Day approaching, the theme is Creation Care. Registration forms and promotional materials are available on the "Youth Ministries (WAYC)" tab at [www.westareadisciples.org](http://www.westareadisciples.org). **Forms are due March 20.** This is a great opportunity to bond with youth groups in the West Area and reunite with old camp friends, or experience the camp for the first time and see all of the fun activities our camp has to offer. Plus, the youth will be completing a special project during the weekend--one they'll never forget!



And, something NEW for 2020! The West Area Youth Council 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. To reserve your spot, fill out the form and send in the \$100 deposit **by March 31**. The total cost of the trip will be \$300 registration plus transportation, travel meals, and the Wednesday night activity costs. For more information about the experience, go to the "Youth Ministries (WAYC)" tab at [www.westareadisciples.org](http://www.westareadisciples.org), [disciplesummermission.org](http://disciplesummermission.org) or contact WAYC Leader Zach Hardy at 270-821-5335.

## FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

Do you have an elevator pitch? You know, a short statement about the why of your work? In this ministry I'm often asked to quickly tell what the West Area is, does, and is currently doing. As I respond I often focus on the three guiding words for the regional work of the Christian Church In Kentucky: care, connect, and equip.

I tell them that in the West Area we CARE for our 88 clergy and their families. We care for the 42 churches of Districts 1, 2, and 3. We care for children, youth, young adults, and adults of our churches through our camping ministries and West Area Youth Council programming (see page 1).

I say that we CONNECT churches with churches, clergy with clergy, clergy with churches, and churches with clergy. We connect those in the West Area to opportunities beyond our three districts and invite them to experience and know the wider church beyond our doorsteps (see page 3 for examples).

And I tell how we EQUIP leaders for God's service through training events, like the upcoming West Area Workshops (see page 5) or AR/PR (held in January), and leadership opportunities, like WAYC and camp, and through our Committee on Ministry.

I admit that it's challenging, but it's meaningful, inspiring work, because almost every day we get to witness something new God is doing in the West Area. What's your testimony of what God is doing among us?

*Rachel*

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler  
Transitional West Area Regional Minister

## THANK YOU!

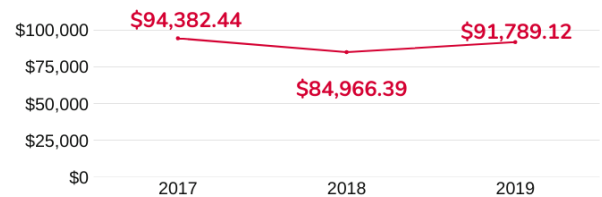
With deep gratitude to the churches financially supporting the West Area operations budget in 2019:

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Baskett CC	Madisonville FCC
Beech Grove CC	Marion CC
Benton FCC	Mayfield FCC
Cadiz CC	Murray FCC
Cerulean-Sinking Fork CC	Nortonville FCC
Crofton CC	Owensboro-Century CC
Dawson Springs FCC	Owensboro FCC
Fulton FCC	Paducah FCC
Glasgow FCC	Pembroke CC
Greenville FCC	Providence FCC
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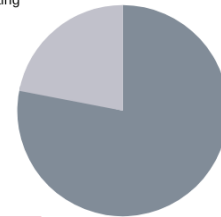


### 2019 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

#### CONGREGATIONAL GIVING



Churches not financially contributing  
(9)  
22%



Churches giving to West Area  
(32)  
78%

**2019  
CONGREGATION  
PARTICIPATION**

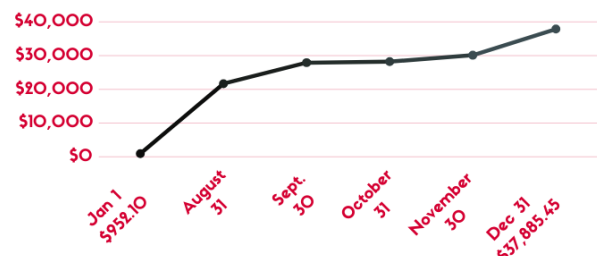
DECREASE IN  
PARTICIPATING  
MEMBERS ACROSS  
THE WEST AREA  
FROM 2018 TO 2020

**320**

**\$6,258.65**

RESTRICTED FUND  
BALANCE ON  
DEC. 31, 2019

#### OPERATING FUND BALANCE IN 2019



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## DISCIPLES WOMEN



### KENTUCKY DISCIPLES WOMEN'S CHORUS RETREAT

March 6-8 at Jeffersontown Christian Church  
Register at [ccinky.net/ministries/disciples-women](https://ccinky.net/ministries/disciples-women)

### KDW SPRING CONFERENCES

April 18 at Central Christian Church in Lexington

April 25 at Sinking Fork Christian Church in Cerulean, [ccinky.net/ministries/disciples-women/](https://ccinky.net/ministries/disciples-women/)

## DISCIPLES MEN



### DISTRICT 1 FAR WEST MEN'S CME

March 17 at 7 p.m. at Wickliffe Christian Church  
Meets on the third Tuesday of each month.

### DISCIPLE MEN SESSIONS 2020

July 10-12 at Texas Christian University  
<https://sessions.life/2020/>

### MEN'S SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

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

## 2020 ASSEMBLIES

National Convocation, NAPAD, Obra Hispana  
July 22-25, 2020 in Fort Worth, Texas  
[www.2020itsreal.com](http://www.2020itsreal.com)



CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN KENTUCKY  
OCT 16-17 | First Christian Church, Owensboro  
2020

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

# CLERGY NEWS

## NEW VIRTUAL MEETING FOR BI-VOCATIONAL MINISTERS

Bi-vocational clergy, we're having a ministers meeting via video conferencing! Rachel will be organizing a virtual meeting on Zoom (<https://zoom.us>) 7-8 p.m. **Thursday, February 20** for any of our bi-vocational ministers who are not able to attend our monthly face-to-face gatherings. If you'd like to join in, please email your interest to Rachel Nance Woehler ([WestAreaMinister@twc.com](mailto:WestAreaMinister@twc.com)), and she will send you the instructions for connecting. Let's support one another across the miles!

## MARCH CLERGY GATHERINGS

### DISTRICT 1

TBD. Please watch your email for details.

### DISTRICT 2

March 10 at 10 a.m.  
First Christian Church, Madisonville

### DISTRICT 3

March 19 at 11:30 a.m.  
First Christian Church, Hopkinsville

## WELCOME TO NEW MINISTRIES!

First Christian Church, Mayfield, welcomed **Laura McClendon** as their new director of Christian education. Welcome, Laura!

On February 1, Liberty Christian Church in Hopkinsville welcomed **Paul and Rachel Ganther** to serve as their new co-ministers. Rachel is also now serving as a part-time chaplain at Christian Care Communities, working alongside Paul as the pastoral care team of the Hopkinsville community.

## WEST AREA & YEAR BOOK REPORTS DUE MARCH 15

Churches, as you are working on your Year Book and Directory reports, please also fill out the West Area Directory Page for Congregations (found at <http://www.westareadisciples.org/quick-forms/>) and return it to the West Area office for the 2020 West Area Directory. The West Area Directory is an invaluable resource as we collaborate in ministry. **Reports are due March 15.** Then, look for the new 2020 West Area Directory later in the spring.





# NEWS FROM CAMP KUM-BA-YA

## WORK DAY, BROCHURES, POSTERS, BULLETIN INSERTS, & FORMS

Posters, brochures, bulletin inserts, and other promotion materials are available on the "You can help" tab at [www.campkumbaya.org](http://www.campkumbaya.org). Help spread the word about the significant impact Camp Kum-Ba-Ya is having in the lives of our campers and counselors. Set aside **March 8** or another Sunday as **Camp Sunday**--a day to invite and promote our camping ministry in your congregation and community.

Do you know someone who would make a great camp counselor? Counselor and Counselor-In-Training (CIT) forms are available on the "Just Forms" tab at [www.campkumbaya.org](http://www.campkumbaya.org). The CIT deadline is **April 10**.



And plan now to attend **Spring Work Day** at KBY on **April 18**. The KBY Advisory team will be on hand to guide you or your group through improvement projects and general cleaning that will prepare our camp for another exciting camping season. Lunch is provided. Join us in a day of meaningful work.

## A DAY RETREAT FOR ADULTS AT KBY

First Christian Church of Murray is hosting a **Spring Spiritual Retreat 2020** on Celtic Christian Spirituality **9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28** at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya (4943 Barge Island Rd, Benton). Cost is \$15 (includes beverages and snacks, lunch, retreat materials, camp rental fee). Rev. Ruth Ragovin, Ph.D., will lead the retreat.



We will enjoy listening to Celtic music and hymns, as we incorporate Celtic blessings, prayers and liturgies, and learn about unique forms of Celtic religious art such as the Celtic knot and high standing crosses. Come and allow your souls to be refreshed by the beauty of nature, and nourished by the wisdom we can gain by learning about Celtic Christian Spirituality, as we are strengthened and renewed by a day away from the stresses of our everyday lives! To register, email [fccmurray@gmail.com](mailto:fccmurray@gmail.com) or call 270-753-3824. Those who would like to carpool from Murray may meet in the parking lot of First Christian Church no later than 8:15 a.m. Registration may be paid the day of the retreat.

## DATES FOR CAMP WAKON' DA-HO

For information about our sister camp at Liberty, Kentucky, go to: [www.ccinky.net/ministries/camp/wakonda-ho/](http://www.ccinky.net/ministries/camp/wakonda-ho/)

- Wakon' Da-Ho Spring Work Weekend .....March 20-22
- Mini Camp .....June 5-7
- CYF Camp 1 .....June 8-13
- Eighters Camp .....June 14-20
- Junior Camp 1 .....June 22-26
- Camp 101 A .....June 26-28
- CYF Camp 2 .....June 29-July 4
- Chi Rho Camp 1 .....July 6-11
- Chi Rho Camp 2 .....July 13-18
- Junior Camp 2 .....July 20-24
- Camp 101 B .....July 24-26
- College Outreach .....July 31-August 2

# WEST AREA WORKSHOPS

A DAY OF INSPIRING AND EQUIPPING ONE ANOTHER FOR MINISTRY

Sometimes one workshop can change everything-- your ability to lead, your inspiration to serve, and your confidence in your God-given call to make an impact. On **March 7**, the Leadership Development Team of the West Area is offering nine workshops tailored to the ministries at your church. Come to **First Christian Church of Hopkinsville** for the **West Area Workshops**--a new event where you'll be invited to explore what God is doing through our churches, share your own ministry successes and challenges, be inspired by our facilitators and neighboring congregations, and give glory to God in worship.

The West Area Leadership Development Team has created a slate of fantastic workshops:

- "Grow Your Church Through Children's Music Ministry" Rev. Dr. Bill Thomas
- "Growing Your Congregation's Endowment Beyond Your Expectations" Rev. Randy Johnson
- "Hospitality in the Church" Sue Gray
- "How to Start a New Ministry in Your Church" Rev. Donna Webster
- "On the Role of Elders and Deacons" Rev. Dean Phelps
- "Our Family Story from Selina Campbell to Potluck Church" Rev. Dr. Lon Oliver
- "Telling Your Stories and Growing Your Church" Rev. Bill Clement and Rev. Wade Miller
- "Trauma-informed Ministry" Rev. Dr. Milton West
- "Visioning in Congregations" Leah Eubanks



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## West Area Workshops Schedule Saturday, March 7, 2020

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

Our theme is "I Love to Tell the Story." This is more than just telling our story, but telling God's story through us. The story begins through our Collective Disciples history and will continue through the next generation of church leaders. God is calling *us* to be a part of the divine story. See the "Christian Church In Kentucky West Area" Facebook page or the "Events" tab at [www.westareadisciples.org](http://www.westareadisciples.org) for more information. **Register before February 26.**

## ANNOUNCING A CALLED MEETING OF THE WEST AREA ON MARCH 7

Rev. Jeff Mandrell, West Area board chair, has announced a Called Meeting of the West Area membership on March 7 at First Christian Church, 2601 S. Walnut Street, Hopkinsville to be held at the completion of the closing worship of the West Area Workshops event (about 3:30 p.m.). The single item of business for this meeting is to consider changes to the Constitution & By-laws approved by the West Area Board on February 16. Changes to the Constitution and By-laws require a 2/3 vote of approval from those in attendance."