



THE COORDINATOR

MARCH 2020



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THE WEST AREA WORKSHOPS POSSIBLE

Now immersed in the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, March 7 seems a lifetime ago. So much has changed for each of us and our church. Congregations are gathering online and in video conference. Everyday acts of the church—holding hands to pray, sharing loaves of communion bread ... even visiting church members in care facilities—have had to be rethought and transformed as we live within the parameters of necessary social isolation.

Still, the memories and connections made and the lessons learned from our time together in at the West Area Workshops are with us as we continue to serve in Christ's ministry. Let's thank our Leadership Development Team (Bill Clement, David Clifford, Sheila DeMoss, Leah Eubanks, and Bill Thomas), our workshop leaders (Bill Clement, Leah Eubanks, Kara Foster, Sue Gray, Wade Miller, Lon Oliver, Dean Phelps, Bill Thomas, Donna Webster, and Milton West), our worship leaders (Sheila and Steve DeMoss, Jamie and Leah Eubanks, Kara Foster, Dennis Gray, Patt Lynch, Jim Midkiff, and Dean Phelps), and our table-top facilitators (Rachel Ganther, Amanda Groves, Zach Hardy, and Eric Nance Woehler). Let's thank Glori Cope for keeping us all organized and looking good, First Christian Church of Hopkinsville for their inspiring hospitality, and the youth media team from

First Christian Church of Henderson for providing great photos and a video of our time together assembled as the West Area.

One of the songs that we sang together in worship was "My Story" by Jason Ingram and Mike Weaver (Word Music Group, 2014). Here's a line from it:

*If I told you my story
You would hear Hope that wouldn't let go
And if I told you my story
You would hear Love that never gave up*

In times like these, it is so very important that we continue to tell the story of hope and love that we know in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When we tell our story, we are telling Christ's story living through us. We are discovering new ways to be church together in these days, and we are blessed with new opportunities to share God's story and love to our neighbors. Let's keep telling the story!

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
Transitional West Area Regional Minister

CALENDAR CHANGES

AT CAMP KUM-BA-YA

WORK DAY: MAY 16

The spring work day at KBY originally scheduled for April 18 has been rescheduled for May 16. See page 3 for details.



YOUTH SPRING RETREAT: FALL



The Youth Spring Retreat planned for April 3-4 at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya has been postponed due to the pandemic. The West Area Youth Council (WAYC) now plans this exciting event for

autumn. Watch for details. Thank you, WAYC, for all of your hard work to create, plan, and reschedule this into a fall retreat.

SPRING SPIRITUALITY RETREAT

First Christian Church of Murray has cancelled their Spring Spiritual Retreat 2020 on Celtic Christian Spirituality at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya that was open to all adults in the West Area.



AT CAMP WAKON' DA-HO

Please watch for details at www.ccinky.net/ministries/camp/wakonda-ho/ for any updates on summer plans at our regional campground near Liberty, Kentucky.

DISCIPLES WOMEN

KDW CONFERENCES



The spring conference planned for April 25 at Sinking Fork has been canceled due to the pandemic. Watch for details about upcoming fall retreats.

CLERGY NEWS

WE'RE ALL VIRTUAL IN APRIL!

We are thankful for the opportunity to gather in a virtual space online for each of our three District Ministers meetings, along with our Bi-vocational Clergy gathering that always meets online. We are utilizing Zoom video and phone conferencing to continue supporting each other. If you'd like assistance to connect with us by phone, tablet, or computer, please email Rachel Nance Woehler at WestAreaMinister@twc.com.

DISTRICT 1

April 28 at 12:00 p.m. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

DISTRICT 2

April 14 at 10 a.m. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

DISTRICT 3

April 16 at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

BI-VOCATIONAL CLERGY

April 16 at 7 p.m. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY IN A PANDEMIC



An available supply that can be used for support to cope with a difficult s

On the Christian Church in Kentucky West Area Facebook page, we have curated a list of resources for ministers and lay leaders as they recreate and innovate in this new age of ministry. You'll find it on the post dated March 12, though the information is being updated regularly. New resources are added at the bottom of the listing almost daily.



UPDATE THE WEST AREA FOR 2020

Has your congregation updated its lay leader and contact information for the 2020 West Area Directory? The form may be found under "Quick Forms" at www.westareadisciples.org.

NEWS FROM CAMP KUM-BA-YA

WORK DAY RESCHEDULED AND COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING DEADLINE

The spring work day at KBY, originally scheduled for April 18, is now set to take place **May 16**. The KBY Advisory Team plans to 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 to be provided. We're planning in hope and looking forward to a day of meaningful work together.

Do you know youth 16 or older and adults who would make great camp counselors? Encourage them to apply to serve in this meaningful ministry. Counselor and counselor-in-training (CIT) forms are available at www.campkumbya.org, under the "Just Forms" tab. The CIT application deadline is April 10.

Also, please help us promote Camp Kum-Ba-Ya in your congregation. Adjustments may need to be made to our summer schedule, but rest assured that full refunds will be made if camps are cancelled or rescheduled to dates that are not feasible for those who register. So, let's go forth and boldly register!



FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

BY REV. JEFF MANDRELL

Hello, West Area Disciples,

Hopefully you have been made aware of the vote held on March 7th, following the West Area Workshops, to adopt changes to our West Area Constitution and By-laws. The purpose of this vote was to:

1. update the wording to reflect current practices across the area.
2. align our board with the restructure of the regional board.
3. address the issue of voting responsibilities for all members of the board.

Finally, to align our practices with common good practices and/or practices of the regional board where appropriate.

I would like to thank Rev. Betty Sivis, Wayne Hunter, and Susan Roberts (with Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler advising) for their time, wisdom and dedication in their service on the Constitution & By-laws Revision Committee.

In this time when doing church has taken on a different feel, one reality remains the same, our

shared financial commitment to our ministerial institutions. Please keep the West Area Office, Camp KBY and local church in your prayers and tithe disciplines. Together we are stronger than we are if we stand alone.

In Christ,

Rev. Jeff Mandrell
West Area Board Chair

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

Make checks payable to:

CCK-West Area
P O Box 1332
Madisonville, KY 42431

Or, give digitally to the West Area or Camp Kum-Ba-Ya through the Givelify or Paypal links on our "Give" tab at:

www.westareadisciples.org/give/

Givelify



UPCOMING EVENTS

LOOKING FORWARD TO GATHERING AGAIN

YOUTH (GRADES 6-12)



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, **June**

29-July 3. To reserve your spot, contact WAYC leader Zach Hardy at 270-821-5335. The total cost of the trip will be \$300 registration plus transportation, travel meals, and the Wednesday night activity costs. For more information, go to the "Youth Ministries (WAYC)" tab at www.westareadisciples.org or disciplesummermission.org.

2020 ASSEMBLIES

National Convocation, NAPAD, Obra Hispana
July 22-25, 2020 in
Fort Worth, Texas
www.2020itsreal.com



Association of Disciple Musicians
2020 Music & Worship Conference
July 26-31, 2020
University of Tulsa
Tulsa, Oklahoma
www.adm-doc.org

DISCIPLES WOMEN



QUILT/KNIT/CRAFT RETREAT

July 6-9 at the Kentucky Leadership Center in Jabez. All types of crafters welcome.
www.ccinky.net/ministries/disciples-women/

DISCIPLES MEN



DISCIPLE MEN SESSIONS 2020

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

MEN'S SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

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



CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN KENTUCKY

OCT 16-17 | First Christian
2020 | Church, Owensboro



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