



THE COORDINATOR

APRIL 2020



KUM-BA-YA SUMMER CAMP UPDATE

After receiving input from our camp directors, the Marshall County Health Department, and from colleagues in the Association of Disciples Outdoor Ministries, the Camp Kum-Ba-Ya Advisory Team has made the difficult decision to not hold in-person camps or retreats at KBY through August 2020. Our hearts are broken to have to make this decision, but we know that it is the best one for the safety of our staff, our volunteers, our campers and their families. We look forward to the day when we can be back together again to watch a sunset on the dock, sing songs around the campfire, play 4-square, worship at the lakeside vespers, and be reunited with our camp friends and counselors. The advisory team will continue to monitor reports from the governor, the Marshall County Health Department, and the CDC to be ready to plan safe gatherings at KBY as soon as it is responsible to do so.

No doubt, Camp Kum-Ba-Ya is a sacred place where we so easily bond with one another to create beloved community. Our time together makes it so much easier to feel God's presence and share God's love. At every closing circle on the last day of camp we talk about how important it is to take what we've experienced and created together and carry it with us back into our lives at home. And this year, our mission will be to do the

work of community building and connecting with God from our own homes.

Instead of traditional in-person camps, Camp Kum-Ba-Ya directors and staff are at work right now preparing an entirely new program of virtual gatherings. We know that this will not replace the in-person camp experience at Camp KBY, but we are excited to see the new things God will do through technology. What ministry is possible here that wasn't possible before? How might virtual and at-home camp community be a gift to each of us, to give us the rhythm and community to help us get through these difficult days? So, watch KBY's social media, website, and your email for details about our new off-site opportunities, and please share them across and beyond your congregations as they are rolled out. This summer we have an unprecedented opportunity to share the gospel to a new group of virtual campers. Our camp theme this year is "This is Our Prayer," so let's be in prayer for our leaders and for one another as we discern where God is leading us in this new way of being community. May God be with you until we meet again...

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
Transitional West Area Regional Minister

CLERGY NEWS

VIRTUAL MEETINGS CONTINUE

Each of our three district ministers meetings, along with our bi-vocational/part-time clergy gathering that always meets online, will continue to gather in a virtual space online for the time being. If you'd like assistance to connect with us by phone, tablet, or computer, please email Rachel Nance Woehler at WestAreaMinister@twc.com. This is a great way to support one another as we walk through these uncertain times in ministry.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, May 26 at noon. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, May 12 at 10 a.m. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

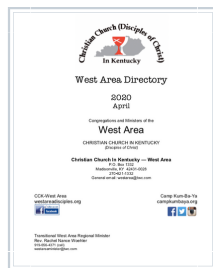
DISTRICT 3

Thursday, May 21 at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, May 21 at 7 p.m. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

NEW 2020 DIRECTORY IS OUT!



Thank you for sending in your updates for the 2020 West Area Directory! Glori Cope has added your updates and given it a new 8x11 format for easy printing and searching online. Clergy, you should have received a password for how to download a copy from the website. If not, please contact Glori Cope at 1-270-821-1332.

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING



CALENDAR CHANGES

WEST AREA YOUTH COUNCIL

MISSION TRIP MOVED TO 2021



The West Area Youth Council's Disciples Summer Mission trip to Memphis has been postponed until June 28- July 2, 2021 by the DSM organizers. Watch this space, our website and our social media next winter for more details.

AT CAMP WAKON' DA-HO

ON PLAN B SCHEDULE

At press time, the Camp Wakon' Da-Ho site team plans to run on a "Plan B" schedule for this summer. The dates are now:

June 26-28	Mini Camp
June 29-July 4	CYF
July 5-11	Eighters'
July 13-18	Chi Rho
July 20-24	Junior
July 24-26	101

As always, campers from across the region are welcome to attend. Register at: www.ccinky.net/ministries/camp/wakonda-ho/.

2020 SUMMER ASSEMBLIES

UPDATE ON "IT'S REAL"

The joint gathering of the National Convocation, NAPAD, and Obra Hispana scheduled for July will not take place as scheduled. Learn more at www.2020itsreal.com/



ADM CANCELLED



Association of Disciple Musicians' 2020 Music & Worship Conference scheduled for July 2020 has been cancelled, but plan now to attend ADM 2021 on June 21-26. Please submit request for refund or to apply funds to 2021 conference, to Brenda Tyler btyler@dhm.disciples.org

MEN'S SESSIONS CANCELLED

The Disciples Men's Sessions 2020 has been cancelled. For details, see <https://sessions.life/2020/>.





A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

SHARE YOUR TALENTS AT KBY

Out of respect for the health of all those who love camp and in compliance with social distancing guidelines, the KBY spring workday has been cancelled as a group event. I look forward to seeing you in the fall. However, there is still work that needs to be done. And wouldn't it be great to get out of the house for a while? To maintain the camp so we can all meet back there in the future several projects need our attention. If you have the time and talent, consider scheduling a day that you (or your family) can come to KBY. If you need more information about projects or have special talents to share, please contact Susan Roberts (susanr721@gmail.com) or the West Area office for more contact information. The KBY Advisory Team would appreciate any help you can give us.

Susan Roberts
On-site Summer Staff and Advisory Team Member

PASS IT ON

CAMP KBY GIVES FOOD TO THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Inspired by the generosity of Madisonville's youth group, who donated their leftover food to the local Salvation Army feeding program, the Camp Kum-Ba-Ya Advisory Team voted to give the food that would sit unused in our freezer and pantry to Marcella's Kitchen in Benton. Thank you, Susan Roberts, for safely delivering our food to serve those in our community in need of a hot meal.



NOTES OF HOPE

ONE WAY TO SERVE FROM YOUR HOME

Join the staff and mentors of New Life in Christ Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Mission Behind Bars and Beyond in writing Notes of Hope to the residents of the Diersen House to offer a bit of comfort during this difficult time of increased isolation. The residents have not been able to receive visitors or outside support from programs like Mission Behind Bars and Beyond since early March 2020. We believe a kind note will go a long way to remind some of God's most vulnerable that they are not alone.

There are 74 residents and 15 staff (all who are continuing to come to work to help make sure the ladies have a safe and secure place). With so many unable to receive mentor groups or other life-giving and spirit-lifting services, we hope you will join us in this effort to grant hope in any way we can. We welcome your assistance in writing words of encouragement, using scripture or other positive affirmations, to be delivered to the residents.

To join in Notes of Hope, please write notes (however many you feel you are able), addressed generally, and mail to:

Rev. Caitlin Simpson
P.O. Box 727
Goshen KY 40026



And, if you would like to contribute toward the purchase of new devotionals or Bibles for the residents of Diersen House, please email Rev. Simpson at reverendcaitlinsimpson@gmail.com.

START A NEW MINISTRY

DISCIPLES MEN GOING VIRTUAL



Now, more than ever, it is important to keep connected to one another and to deepen our walk with God. Disciples Men is excited to announce the launch of the Jesus Way Men curriculum. The 26-session curriculum is available for download now. We all need one another during these unprecedented times. One way to strengthen your relationship with God can be to build a network of support of other men. This is the perfect opportunity to start a men's group virtually. Unsure why, or how? Listen to the latest podcast at the Jesus Way website: <https://jesuswaymen.net>

UPCOMING EVENTS

LOOKING FORWARD TO GATHERING AGAIN

IN THE WEST AREA

WEST AREA BOARD MEETING

Saturday, September 6, 3:00pm
First Christian Church of Hopkinsville

ALL Y'ALL CAMP

September 11-13 at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya
A relaxing weekend away for campers of all ages and stages. Parents and grandparents, this is a great way to introduce your children to the wonders at camp. For more information, go to www.campkumbaya.org

ALL DISCIPLES SING

Sunday, September 27
First Christian Church of Paducah.



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

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

October 16-17
First Christian Church of Owensboro

WEST AREA RECEIVES SBA LOAN

PROVIDES TWO AND A HALF MONTHS PAYROLL AT CAMP KBY AND WEST AREA

In early April, West Area Treasurer Charlie Ramsey and Office Manager Glori Cope sprung into action to quickly secure a Payroll Protection Program loan from the Small Business Administration. This loan will provide two and a half months of payroll for all West Area and camp employees, including our seasonal staff. If used according to the terms, the loan may be 100% forgiven. This is the first step in doing all that we can to ensure that our ministries are adequately funded during these challenging times. After April's financial reports are reconciled, and we get a full picture of the financial health of our ministries, the treasurer plans to give a report to update the West Area on our financial position and outlook. We are grateful to those who continue to support Camp Kum-Ba-Ya and the West Area.



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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/

WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT

November 6-8 at the Kentucky Leadership Center in Jabez.
www.ccinky.net/ministries/disciples-women/

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

November 14-15 at Barren River State Park in Lucas.
www.ccinky.net/ministries/disciples-women/

DISCIPLES MEN



MEN'S SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

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

MAKE A SUSTAINING GIFT TO THE WEST AREA TODAY!

Make your check payable to:

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P O Box 1332
Madisonville, KY 42431

[Givelify](https://www.givelify.com)

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/