



# THE COORDINATOR

JUNE 2020



## CAMP HAS LEFT THE CAMPGROUND

We may be social distancing, but that distance didn't keep our CYF directors and counselors from carrying out their ministries with our youth. The week of June 7-13 the CYF camp gathered throughout the week for Bible study, video conference gatherings, and off-screen activities and spiritual practices exploring the theme "This is Our Prayer."

Discovery Camp director, Rev. Kara Foster, and her counselors have created several videos to help perspective campers learn more about our campground and camping ministry--including music with Elizabeth Classen and crafts with Grandma Joyce. All of these offerings will be available throughout the summer with access to our virtual portal.

Do you know someone whom you could invite to

Camp Zoom-Ba-Ya? Chi Rho Camp for grades 6-8 will be held July 6-11. See our virtual camp portal and weekly newsletters at <https://campkumbaya.virtual-camp.org>. Registration forms are available at [www.campkumbaya.org](http://www.campkumbaya.org).

### CAMP T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

In addition to our regular camp T-shirts, this year you can purchase a one-of-a-kind black Web Camp 2020 T-shirt, commemorating this special year of virtual camping. The cost is \$10 (including shipping). The ordering deadline is July 3. To order, email Glori at [WestArea@twc.com](mailto:WestArea@twc.com).



## FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

Last month in this space, I wrote about how the Holy Spirit, a.k.a the Advocate, calls us to speak up for others, to stand up for others, to accompany others in times of trial and be a helping companion. Now is one of those trying times when the Spirit is moving.

In these days when our sins of personal, societal and systemic racism have been starkly revealed once again, we are being called to lament, to speak up, to stand up, and to show up in acts of justice and reconciliation with God and one another and join in God's movement for wholeness for all of God's children.

Minister of Reconciliation Rev. April Johnson announced a new 2020 grant offering seed money to congregational, regional, and general ministries for racial reconciliation and anti-racism projects called the Rev. Ernest J. Newborn, Sr. Grant Program. (See <https://reconciliationministry.org/2020/1391/>.)

Meeting with a group of church leaders on the DOCTalks Zoom conversation hosted by the Christian Church in Virginia, Rev. Johnson asked, "If [your church] received a \$1,000 check in the mail today to do a Black Lives Matter or anti-racism program, would you share with us how you would use that \$1,000?" It was a challenging question that introduced a brainstorming session of strong ideas and possibilities. Then, she asked, "What prevents you from doing any of this [anti-racism/anti-oppression work] now?"

To do the work of the Holy Spirit is to be an advocate. West Area, what anti-racism/pro-reconciliation work is God calling us to do here in western Kentucky right now?

Come, Holy Spirit!



Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler  
Transitional West Area Regional Minister

## UPDATE FROM WAKON' DA-HO

Camp Wakon' Da-Ho camp staff in July will be presenting virtual programming for children and youth. A weekly age specific keynote presentation will be accompanied by other online and interactive offerings free of charge. Deadline is June 26. Contact Dave Carr at (859) 338-6972 or [dave@ccinky.net](mailto:dave@ccinky.net) for more information, or go to <http://www.ccinky.net/ministries/camp/wakonda-ho/> to register.

## CLERGY NEWS

### VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR JULY

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. We support one another, share important resources and reflections, and pray together at our meetings. If you'd like assistance to connect with us by phone, tablet, or computer, please email Rachel Nance Woehler at [WestAreaMinister@twc.com](mailto:WestAreaMinister@twc.com).

#### DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, July 21 at noon. on Zoom  
Check your email for connection information.

#### DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, July 14 at 10 a.m. on Zoom  
Check your email for connection information.

#### DISTRICT 3

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

#### BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, July 16 at 7 p.m. on Zoom  
Check your email for connection information.

## COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY RECOMMENDS COMMISSIONING OF ANTONIO SHERRILL



On June 17 the Committee on Ministry's West Area Interview Team celebrated the approval of **Antonio Sherrill** as a Commissioned Minister with standing in the Christian Church In Kentucky. Rev. Sherrill serves alongside Rev. Dennis Gray as the Assistant Minister and Minister of Music at Second Christian Church of Mayfield. He also currently serves as a member of the Executive Search Team for the Christian Church In Kentucky. A commissioning ceremony will be announced at a later date at Second Christian Church to give thanks and praise to God for this calling and commissioning into Christ's service. Rev. Sherrill is a bi-vocational pastor who also serves as the assistant principal of Mayfield Middle School. He is pictured here with his wife, Christen.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## WEST AREA BOARD MEETING

Sunday, 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](http://www.campkumbaya.org)

## ALL DISCIPLES SING

Sunday, September 27  
First Christian Church of Paducah

## FALL CAMP WORK DAY

October 24 at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya  
Join us as we prepare the campground for the winter season. More information will be available at [www.campkumbaya.org](http://www.campkumbaya.org)

# RECONCILIATION RESOURCES

On the West Area Facebook page, we have created a list of resources from our ministry partners for beginning the work of anti-racism/pro-reconciliation. You'll find it on the post dated June 11 (currently pinned at the top), though the information is being updated regularly. The current list includes:



- Reconciliation Ministry—Racism Study Pack, videos, youth resources and more: <https://reconciliationministry.org/resources/>
- One Bag of Tea, One Conversation, One Relationship: <https://reconciliationministry.org/getinvolved/tea/>
- "13 Books to Read Right Now If You Want to Be Anti-Racist": <https://chalicepress.com>
- Resources on racism for children: <https://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org>
- Poor People's Campaign: <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org>
- "Acts of Reconciliation" from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ): <https://disciples.org/resou.../justice/acts-of-reconciliation/>

# INTERNS ARE EXPANDING MINISTRIES

Both First Christian Church of Madisonville and First Christian Church of Princeton have created summer internships this year for young adults exploring ministry.

Elizabeth Classen is serving as the Summer Intern at Madisonville, where she is working with the children and youth ministries, leading in worship, and assisting with virtual camp. She successfully organized a



food collection for the Christian Food Bank of Hopkins County--collecting over 1,300 items and \$600 in donations! Elizabeth is pictured here with Rev. Bill Thomas, who received a pie in the face as a "reward" for inspiring soup donations.

Anna Satterfield has been hired at Princeton as their Summer Ministry Intern and Program Coordinator for their COVID-19 Healthy Foods program--funded by a grant from the National Benevolent Association. Anna will be leading their

Venturing Crew to provide healthy, locally sourced food to seniors and at-risk families. First Christian Princeton has also now received a COVID Relief Ministry grant from the Week of Compassion to extend their Healthy Foods ministry for many more weeks into the summer.



# PROJECTS AT CAMP KBY

Are you feeling called to help strengthen our camping ministry? Do you have some time to donate to Camp KBY to work on an on-site summer project? Consider scheduling a day that you (or your family) can come to KBY and volunteer some elbow grease. We have projects that range from simple manual labor to more complex skilled carpentry. If you need more information about projects or have special talents to share, please contact Susan Roberts ([susanr721@gmail.com](mailto:susanr721@gmail.com)) or the West Area office for more contact information.

# FAREWELL TO OUR CARETAKERS



Will you join Camp Kum-Ba-Ya and staff in saying a warm thank you and farewell to our caretakers **Dale and Rhonda Bogard**? Rhonda and Dale began serving as our caretakers in November 2017 and were the first residents to live in the new caretaker house. To celebrate and give thanks for their service and work, let's shower them with cards of thanks. Send them a note of appreciation and a fond farewell to:

Attn: Dale and Rhonda Bogard  
First Christian Church  
2515 S. Main Street  
Benton, KY 42025-1818

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### MAY UPDATE ON THE WEST AREA AND CAMP KBY FINANCES

The financial picture of the Christian Church In Kentucky-West Area improved with income over expenses totaling \$5,620. This was largely thanks to two budgeted items that came in during May. They were DMF Support of \$7,500 and Smallwood Interest of \$1,115.

Our Congregational Regular giving is up \$1,673 over budgeted amount year to date due to some congregations' giving trends. We had no field travel expense due to the pandemic restrictions. We also had very little office expense. Our operational cash balance increased from \$37,885 to \$45,656 which includes a portion of the PPP Loan which may or may not have to be repaid.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya had operational expenses in excess of income by \$5,651. Included in those expenses were some committed salaries that were paid out of PPP money which may or may not have to be repaid. There are some interesting programs the Team is putting together to help children through this pandemic. Over \$20,422 has been spent on Camp improvements. This money came out of restricted funds. The operational fund balance was \$24,951 while the restricted fund balance was \$27,967 as of May 31, 2020.

Charlie Ramsey  
Treasurer, West Area Board



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