



THE COORDINATOR

AUGUST 2020

SPIRIT OF GIVING IS OVERWHELMING

It was just a few weeks ago that Camp Kum-Ba-Ya launched a capital campaign to raise \$25,000 to be matched by the Christian Church In Kentucky's Camp Endowment fund, giving us a combined total of \$50,000. We are so thankful for all of the support from individuals and churches across the West Area and beyond. These funds will be used to repair and renovate the Billy Williams Lodge. Construction has already begun to remediate the mold, restore the restrooms, and replace our aging HVAC system.

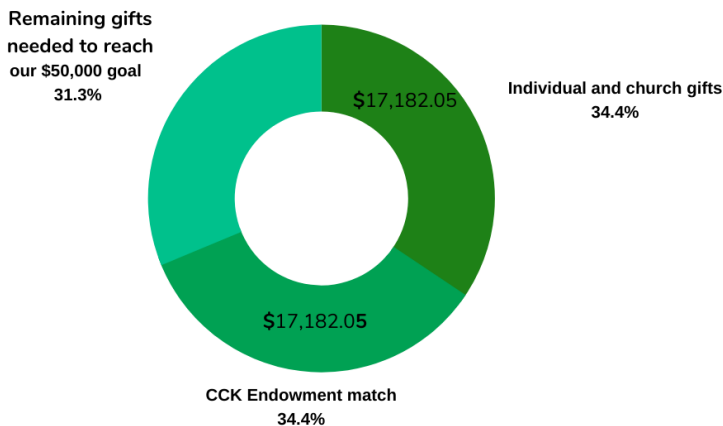
As gifts continue to come in, any funds raised in excess of our match goal (i.e., beyond the \$50,000) will be put in our Camp Revamp fund for other building and infrastructure projects, including to resolve a leak discovered in the waterlines at camp. This leak will need to be fixed before the work on the lodge can be completed.

Checks may be written out to Camp Kum-Ba-Ya, P.O. Box 1332, Madisonville, KY 42431 with "Capital Campaign" in the memo line. Online donations may be received through Givelify or PayPal on our "You Can Help" tab at www.campkumbaya.org



THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

Depp Alexander
 Beech Grove Christian Church
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 Helen Bruce
 Mark & Anne Carlisle
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 Foster & April Cotthoff
 Marci Cox
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 Divine Youth
 Anna Kaye Farmer
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 First Christian Church of Hopkinsville
 Mary Haylee Hancock
 Kay Haney
 Hutchinson Youth
 Kadin & Emily Loehr
 Morris Valley Christian Church, Bardwell
 Tony & Gina Munger
 Eric & Rachel Nance Woehler
 Ginger Taylor Norris
 Ryan Potts
 Nate Quarcelino
 Bill & Susan Roberts
 Forrest Roberts
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 Second Christian Church, Mayfield
 Tom & Cheryl Steiner
 Larry & Rita Stone
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Updated August 21, 2020



FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

As our Visioning Team begins to assemble, I've been thinking about vision.

I was born with what is commonly called a lazy eye. As a preschooler I had a surgery to improve it, but when I'm tired or stressed my lazy eye will still drift. I don't notice when this is happening, because my "good eye" has overcompensated for my lazy eye and my vision remains the same.

Now, as I am getting older my "good eye" isn't as good as it used to be, and so I imagine there will come a day when my vision will need to be corrected again. My lazy eye will need to have the muscles tightened, and my good eye will need glasses for daily tasks.

Sometimes I wonder what I'll be able to perceive with new ability to see. Will I discover cobwebs in my house I didn't know existed? Will I be able to see my neighbors wave at me from down the street? Will I be able to use my fine-print Bible in the pulpit again? It's exciting to think what a stronger vision will bring to my life and my ministry.

As we enter this season of collective visioning in the West Area (*see more on page 3*), let us pray together that God will grant us new eyes to see God's work and new ears to hear God's call among us here in the connectional space of the West Area and beyond.

With joy and gratitude,

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
Transitional West Area Regional Minister



CLERGY NEWS

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR AUGUST

Each month our West Area clergy connect over Zoom to face challenges together, learn about resources to strengthen our ministries, and pray for our churches. Join us by computer, tablet, or phone.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, September 22 at noon. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, September 8 at 10 a.m. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, September 17 at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, September 17 at 7 p.m. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

EDUCATION MINISTRY CHANGES



Leigh Anne Castlen has joined the staff of First Christian Church of Owensboro as their new Education & Programming Coordinator. Welcome, Leigh Anne!

Nancy Dycus, the Director of Children's and Youth Activities at First Christian Church of Murray, will retire on August 30. Thank you, Nancy, for your many years of ministry! Congratulations, Nancy!



GATHERING FOR LEADERS OF YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

In early August we kicked off a virtual gathering for our children and youth ministry leaders from across the West Area. We shared ideas and strategized with Dr. Olivia Bryan Updegrove, Minister for Ministries Across Generations, about the challenges that we are facing this fall. It was a great conversation. Let's keep it going!

Our next gathering will be on Zoom on September 21 (Monday) at 7pm Central. Please share this information with the clergy and lay organizers of your church's ministries with children, youth, and families. If you have not received an email with the Zoom connection information, please email Rachel Nance Woehler at WestAreaMinister@twc.com.

CALENDAR UPDATES



WEST AREA BOARD MEETING

Sunday, September 6, 3:00pm on Zoom
Board members, please watch your email for connection info.

ALL Y'ALL CAMP CANCELLED

The All Y'all Camp scheduled for September 11-13 at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya has been cancelled due to the pandemic.

WEST AREA ANNUAL MEETING

September 27 at 4pm virtually via Zoom (See right panel for details.)

2020 REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Going virtual the week of
October 12-17
Watch www.ccinky.net for registration.

FALL CAMP WORK DAY

October 24 at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya
Preparing the campground for the winter season.
More information will be available
at www.campkumbaya.org

WEST AREA ANNUAL MEETING

The 2020 West Area Annual Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on September 27 at 4pm. The All Disciples Sing portion of our annual festivities, originally scheduled for this date, has been cancelled due to the pandemic, but we still have work to do together, including receiving the Nominations Committee's report for our 2021 Board roster.

For security purposes, Zoom connection information will be emailed out to everyone on our mailing list on Wednesday, September 16. If you do not regularly receive this newsletter in your email, please email Glori Cope at WestArea@twc.com to receive Zoom connection information. Please only share the connection information via email, print media, or person-to-person. (Avoid putting Zoom links and passwords on websites or social media to help us prevent a Zoom bomb experience.)

PREPARING FOR THE VISION

I love to explore. My husband and I have moved several times in the 18 years we've been married. Each time we move to a new place, one of the first things we do is hop in the car and go for a drive. We explore the sights of the new town and inevitably get lost just to find our way through a new back road or short cut. It's so much fun to go exploring.

This is the place we find ourselves in as a West Area. We have been through a lot in the past few years. Sometimes it feels as if we're lost on the back roads. With so many new challenges ahead, now is the time to start exploring new possibilities and pathways. Why do we function as a West Area? What unique calling is God leading us to? And how will our gifts as Christian leaders help us answer this calling? It's time to start exploring God's vision for the West Area.

I'm honored and excited to serve on this new vision team. In the next few months we will begin meeting and praying for wisdom and guidance. As we move forward and navigate through new territory, we ask for your prayers and your input. We want to hear from you. When was the last time you truly felt joy and connection with the West Area ministries? What were you doing at that time that brought you so much joy? What has changed in your life since then?

Reach out to us with your thoughts as we prayerfully move forward with hope and enthusiasm for what God will do.

Peace,
Leah Eubanks (FCC Paducah), eubanks_leah@yahoo.com
West Area Visioning Team



THE ROCKS ARE CRYING OUT!

In Luke 19:39 to 40 we read that some of the Pharisees in a crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher rebuke your disciples.” “I tell you,” he replied. “If they keep quiet the stones will cry out.” Though we know that God’s spirit will cause the stones to cry out if we remain silent, when it comes to being an anti-racist, pro-reconciling church, silence is not an option. Your gifts to the Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering (September 27 and October 4) allow your communities and your congregations to ensure the human dignity of every child, to ensure all have access to Christ’s abundance, to fully flourish in education, and financial stability, and friendships across God’s human diversity. Learn more about this special offering and its work: <https://reconciliationministry.org/2018/special-offering-2020/>

APPLY TO GYC

DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 3

The General Youth Council helps to plan, implement, and evaluate the total general youth ministry program for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The GYC is made up of students and adults who are committed to youth ministry in their local congregations and regions. The purpose of the GYC is to give them opportunities to grow as future leaders of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Elected members will serve for two years. If you have completed your sophomore year in high school, or are an adult feeling called to advise them, and wish to apply to serve on the GYC, go to: <https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/congregations/youth/>.

WAYC DEADLINE EXTENDED

By request, the West Area Youth Council application deadline has been extended to August 31. Do you have high school students in your church who are ready for greater leadership opportunities? Applications may be found at <http://www.westareadisciples.org/youth-ministries-wayc/>.

WAYC NEEDS YOU!!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE
Looking to Lead
Willing to be Present
Collaborative
Active in their Church



Must be entering/in High School. Willing to attend meetings either virtually or physically.
APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW!
CONTACT REV. ZACH HARDY WITH QUESTIONS

Questions? Contact WAYC Leader Zach Hardy at First Christian Church Madisonville--270-821-5335 or zach@madisonvilledisciples.org.

EQUIPPING OUR FAMILIES FOR FALL

Ministries Across Generations, a ministry of Disciples Home Missions, is providing an abundance of resources to help families and congregations continue to offer meaningful educational experiences to our younger generations during these pandemic times. Learn more at <https://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org>. Ministries Across Generations also hosts a monthly gathering to resource leaders in our congregations. The next gathering will be September 14 at 1:30pm Central (though meetings are usually held the first Monday of each month). Some of their newly released resources for churches and families include:

Talking to Kids: The New Poor People's Campaign:
<https://ministriesacrossgen.wixsite.com/talkingtokidspc>



Children Worship & Wonder story videos and Disciples Family Faith at Home Stories & Worship:
<https://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org/cww>



TREASURER'S REPORT

JULY UPDATE ON THE WEST AREA AND CAMP KBY FINANCES

August 10, 2020

West Area income was up this month with Congregation Regular giving being up by \$4,430 over monthly budget. We were able to get by with virtually no field expense and very little office expense. We also had no administrative expenses this month. All these combined gave us a positive cash flow of \$6,635 for the month of July. We ended up with an operating cash balance of \$49,454.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya still has an operating cash balance of \$21,026 despite having very little Summer Youth Income. As you are aware, we are in the middle of a Capital Campaign to fund required major repairs at the Billy Williams Lodge. The goal is \$50,000, and we received \$6,227 as of July 31st. Social media and word of mouth produced most of that. We hear very positive news from potential donors and believe our goal is well within reach.

Charlie Ramsey
Treasurer, West Area Board

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Did you know that the Camp Kum-Ba-Ya Advisory Team maintains a wish list of both practical and fun items we could use at camp? Maybe you'd like to make one of their wishes come true. Learn more at: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/XB008E561ONH/ref=cm_go_nav_hz



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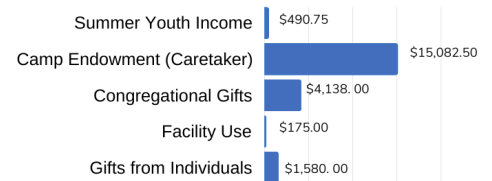
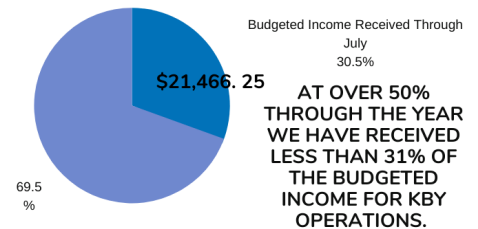
YEAR-TO-DATE (JANUARY-JULY 2020) CAMP'S OPERATIONAL BUDGET FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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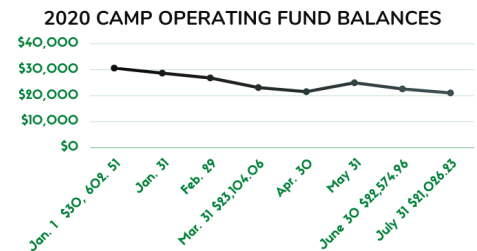
ESTIMATE OF LOST
INCOME DUE TO THE
CANCELLATION OF
SUMMER CAMP

KBY'S OPERATIONAL
EXPENSES
THROUGH JULY 2020

\$31,042.53



KBY'S OPERATIONAL INCOME SOURCES RECEIVED JANUARY-JULY 2020



MAKE A SUSTAINING GIFT TO THE WEST AREA, CAMP KUM-BA-YA, OR CAMPAIGN KBY TODAY!

Make your check payable to:

CCK-West Area or Camp KBY
P O Box 1332
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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/

