



THE COORDINATOR

SEPTEMBER 2020

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

GROWING BEYOND OUR GOAL

Our Campaign KBY is growing beyond our goal of raising \$25,000 to be matched by the Christian Church In Kentucky's Camp Endowment fund. We have achieved our match goal, giving us a combined total now exceeding \$50,000. We are so thankful for all of the support from individuals and churches across the West Area and beyond.

Construction has already begun to remediate the mold and restore the restrooms. As the repairs and restorations are taking shape, we can already see the impact that your gifts are going to make in the lives of our campers and guests. Next we will replace our aging HVAC system. As gifts continue to come in, funds raised in excess of our match goal (i.e., beyond the \$50,000) are being placed in our on-going Camp Revamp fund for other building and infrastructure projects, including to resolve a leak discovered in the waterlines at camp.

Thank you for your generosity and support of this life-changing ministry. We are overwhelmed by your giving.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

Mary Bell
Roger & Debby Butler
FaHoLo Class of FCC Owensboro
First Christian Church of Benton
First Christian Church of Madisonville
First Christian Church of Owensboro
First Christian Church of Providence
Arnold & Gloria Goodaker
Charles Johnston
Michael & Vickie Kemp
Rick & Trina Loader
Tom Maddox

We give thanks also to Adam Lott and his group of volunteers from Owensboro who installed a new gaga ball court at the camp for his Eagle Scout project this summer.

And we give thanks to the members of the West Area Youth Council for donating a new camp sign for the dock.



FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

The Week of Ministry is October 11-17. Since 1933, this week has been set aside to celebrate the call to ministry.

I saw that Phillips Theological Seminary is offering a ready-to-stream worship so that congregations can give their pastors a break. They write, "The seminary has created the complete digital service as a gift to pastors, congregational leaders and musicians needing a break after months of being out of their church buildings." (see <https://www.ptstulsa.edu/2020/08/28/worship-kit/>).

Reading this made me wonder how our West Area churches plan to celebrate the Week of Ministry. It also made me wonder who among our leaders is in need of a break--a time for sabbath renewal. Rest is one of God's gifts to us, and as Christians it's important that we model intentional rest for one another and offer built-in rest to our leaders.

All of us disciples are called to ministry, whether we are clergy or laity, and that call is ongoing and life-long. I've heard some say, "I've served my time. It's time for someone else to do this work." The Bible shows us that we are never too young or too old to be called by God. And, while we may take a renewing rest or step away from formal positions, we don't ever retire from God's call upon our lives. So whether we sit in the middle of a pew, or near the pulpit, or at home on our couch during worship, God's call to serve in ministry claims each of us every day of our lives.

How is God calling you to grow in your own personal ministry? How is your church or community needing your gifts?

With gratitude for all that serve in our common ministry,

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
Transitional West Area Regional Minister

NEW FUND POLICY PROPOSED

In the next few weeks churches in the West Area and individuals on our emailing list will receive a mailing or email to communicate a proposal to amend and clarify language in the West Area's Permanent Fund policy. The current policy states *"The policy may be amended by a 3/4 vote of the West Area Executive Committee at any regular meeting followed by a 3/4 vote at the annual or called meeting of the Board of Representatives. Written notice must be sent to West Area congregations of the proposed changes at least one month in advance of the Executive Committee meeting."* The West Area Board plans to consider these changes at their November meeting, and we welcome your feedback.

CLERGY NEWS

OCTOBER VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Each month our West Area ministers connect over Zoom to face challenges together, learn about resources to strengthen our ministries, and pray for our churches. We know that we are stronger together. Join us by computer, tablet, or phone.

DISTRICT 1

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

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, October 13 at 10 a.m. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, October 15 at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, October 22 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.
NOTE: This is a change to the fourth Thursday of the month to avoid counter-scheduling against the Regional Assembly. Check your email for connection information.

MINISTRY CHANGES



Congratulations to the Rev. Dr. Beth Dobyns, who is celebrating retirement after a decade of interim ministries of all kinds and West Area ministry. She most recently served as the interim Senior Minister of Jeffersontown Christian Church.

We give thanks that James Cope, husband of West Area Office Manager Glori Cope, has agreed to serve as the interim caretaker at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya while we prepare to call a future caretaker for our campground. We are already seeing the fruits of his labor and care for this ministry.



STEWARDSHIP MATERIALS

Is your church planning a stewardship emphasis? The Center for Faith and Giving has a variety of resources to support our stewardship education. If your church is interested in a free set of campaign materials, contact Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com.

WEST AREA ANNUAL MEETING

The 2020 West Area Annual Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on **September 27 at 4 p.m.** 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 was emailed out to everyone on our mailing list on Wednesday, September 16. If you did not receive this email, please contact Glori Cope at WestArea@twc.com to receive Zoom connection information. Please share the connection information via email, print media, or person-to-person only. (Avoid putting Zoom links and passwords on websites or social media to help us prevent a Zoom bomb experience.)

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The 2020 Biennial Assembly of the Christian Church In Kentucky will be happening virtually. Worship will begin on **October 17 at 9:30 a.m.** Central. Rev. Terri Hord Owens, Disciples General Minister and President, will be peaching. Andra Moran, well-known Disciples and Nashville singer-songwriter, as well as some of Kentucky's own musicians, will provide special music. The business session will be at noon Central, where our regional ministries and institutional partners will be highlighted as we conduct the business of our common work together as a region.

During the week leading up to the Regional Assembly, starting October 12, we will have the opportunity to attend two workshops each night, beginning at 5 and 6 p.m. Central.



The workshops will speak to issues of social justice, congregational life, leadership unreal time, and the church in mission. Learn more and register: <http://www.ccinky.net/regional-assembly-2020/>

WAYC 2020-21

This summer the West Area Youth Council graduated two members, Erin Johnson (FCC Madisonville) and Blake Green (FCC Providence). We give thanks for Erin and Blake's faithful service. As we say goodbye to these two, we celebrate and welcome Benjamin Dickinson from FCC Glasgow and Samuel Cotthoff from FCC Hopkinsville as our new members of WAYC. Rev. Zach Hardy writes, "Both students have been long time participants in Camp KBY and will bring fantastic perspective and insight to WAYC."



Chris Classen (FCC Madisonville)
Samuel Cotthoff (FCC Hopkinsville)
Benjamin Dickinson (FCC Glasgow)
Brennan Edwards (FCC Madisonville)
Lily Fletcher (FCC Madisonville)
Evan LeBoutillier (FCC Owensboro)
Adam Lott (FCC Owensboro)
Carlton McCuiston (FCC Dawson Springs)
Averi Simmons (FCC Paris)

WAYC Leader: Rev. Zach Hardy (FCC Madisonville)

KEY LEADERS OF YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

In early August we kicked off a virtual gathering for our key leaders of children and youth ministry from across the West Area. We shared ideas and strategized with Dr. Olivia Bryan Updegrave, Minister for Ministries Across Generations, about the challenges that we are facing this fall.

Let's keep the conversation going! Our next gathering will be on Zoom on **September 21 7 p.m. 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 Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler at WestAreaMinister@twc.com.

RECONCILING IN THE WEST AREA

First Christian Church of Murray has been awarded a Rev. Ernest J. Newborn, Sr. Legacy Reconciliation grant from Reconciliation Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). They are partnering with West KY NOW to help fund their "NOW is the Time" monthly Zoom series to amplify the voices of BIPOC within the western Kentucky area. The grant provides honoraria to guest speakers for the series. To watch or use the series in your context, go to <https://www.westkynow.org/now-is-the-time-series>.

How might your church work for reconciliation? What impact is God calling you to make?



Our gifts to the Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering (designated for September 27 and October 4) allow our communities and our 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/>



CAMP WORK DAY OCT. 24

Join us October 24, 2020 for a socially distant KBY Work Day. Gates will open at 7:30 am, and work will begin at 8:00 am. Please bring a sack lunch and wear close-toed shoes. All skill levels are needed. We need people with lawn mowers, machetes, swing blades, leaf blowers, weed eaters, pressure washers, tall ladders, trucks, or just good ole elbow grease to get our campground ready for the rental season. Learn more about the work we'll be doing: http://www.campkumbaya.org/?page_id=2831

MORE FOR YOUR CALENDAR

LIGHT A CANDLE FOR CHILDREN

Monday, September 21--Sunday, October 18
Follow the daily devotional online each day of the Light a Candle Prayer Vigil as we prepare for Children's Sabbath. This year's theme is "Love Letters to Camp."
<https://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org>
<https://www.childrensdefense.org/programs/faith-based/childrens-sabbath-celebration/>

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 4
Videos and worship resources are available through Global Ministries. https://www.globalministries.org/special_days_wcs_world_communion_sunday_ideas

WEEK OF MINISTRY

Sunday, October 11-Saturday, October 17
<https://pensionfund.org/resources/week-of-ministry>

YOUTH WEEK

Sunday, October 25--November 1
<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Youth-Week-Resources-edited.pdf>

WEST AREA BOARD MEETING

Sunday, November 8 at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom
Board members, please watch your email for connection information.

TREASURER'S REPORT

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS ON THE WEST AREA AND CAMP KBY FINANCES

September 18, 2020

West Area items:

- Total year to date receipts were \$56,633 versus eight-months budget of \$56,302.
- Congregational giving continues to be ahead of budget. We have received \$46,016 versus an eight-month budget of \$42,636.
- We had no field expenses and very little office expense. For the month we had expenses in excess of income by \$2,467, however YTD we have income in excess of expense by \$9,101.
- We were left with a positive operating cash balance of \$46,986 at August 31, 2020.
- We had very little change in restricted items.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya items:

- We started the year with an operational cash balance of \$30,603. We ended August 2020 with an operational cash balance of \$19,920. This does not include \$10,892 in PPP money that is included in restricted funds.
- Restricted funds started the year with a balance of \$31,173 and ended August 2020 with a balance of \$48,466.
- A Capital Campaign was conducted to perform necessary repairs to the Billy Williams Lodge. The goal was \$50,000 which included \$25,000 in matching funds from CCK. We have exceeded the goal and have raised \$56,012, which includes the CCK match.

Charlie Ramsey
Treasurer, West Area Board

IN-KIND

One of the ways that you can support our camping ministry is through donating items to the camp. Currently the camp is in need of a utility vehicle (e.g. a John Deere Gator or a Kawasaki Mule) and a golf cart. Do you know someone who may have one to donate? Additionally, the Camp Kum-Ba-Ya Advisory Team maintains a wish list of both practical and fun items for camp. View the list of possible in-kind gifts:

https://smile.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/XBOO8E561ONH/ref=cm_wl_huc_view



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