



THE COORDINATOR

NOVEMBER 2020

GIFTS WITH GREAT LEGACY

NEW POLICY GROWS OUR FUNDING

The West Area Board met virtually on November 8 and approved changes to the West Area Permanent Fund Policy. The new policy moves to a 5-year trailing average method that more closely aligns our policy and practices with the way that the Christian Church In Kentucky manages their permanent fund draws in their work with the Treasury Services of the Office of the General Minister and President (OGMP). The former Permanent Fund Policy contained some ambiguity, and this update will help bring clarification and a more reliable anticipation of the amount of the annual draw that the West Area may receive annually. This will be beneficial in planning yearly West Area budgets.

In the opening paragraphs the policy (available at <http://www.westareadisciples.org>) states, "The primary purpose of the Permanent Fund of the Christian Church In Kentucky—West Area is to provide an income producing fund that will sustain and stabilize financial support for ministry of the West Area by supplementing other regular operating income on a continuing basis. It is not intended to reduce the need for regular support for the operating budget from congregations or individuals. The secondary purpose of the Permanent Fund is to receive designated gifts and distribute the income from them according to the donor's instructions."

The West Area currently has two named funds--the **Robert J. Wyatt Fund** and the **William Sisk Endowment**. Our third fund is the **Mission 2000 Fund**--a collection of fully and partially funded named endowments established in 1994 to "preserve West Area's heritage and perpetuate the memory of leaders and congregations while funding future ministry in their name."

We remember these leaders and congregations and give thanks for these legacy gifts that fund West Area ministries. Supporting our endowment funds is one of the best ways you can ensure that our ministries will thrive for years to come.



Mission 2000 Funds

Fully Funded Endowments (\$1,000.00 or more):

Rev. Leonard Boynton
Rev. Edward F. Coffman, Jr.
Rev. Carlos Elkins
Rev. Brooks Major
David Owens
Paducah First Christian Church CWF:
(Margery Breese Borgerding, Aline Bowland, Nannette Dalton, Courtney Clark England, Mary Linn Shoup, Martha Nell Simpson, Edith Victoria Griffin Strickland)
Rev. Charles & Carol Roberts
Rev. David & Glenda Roos
Rev. Billy N. Williams
Harry Woodruff
Bandana Christian Church
Kevil Christian Church
Murrell Boulevard Christian Church

Partially Funded Endowments

Christian Privilege Church
Daysville Christian Church
Ilsley Presbyterian & Ilsley Christian Churches
Moss Hill Christian Church

Honorary Gifts

Rev. David Webb
Rev. Charles Dietze

Memorial Gifts

Rev. Edward F. Coffman, Sr.
John Graham
Kenneth & Violet Williams
Sue Ramsey
Hooley Hudson



FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

Gratitude may be something that we *can* keep inside of us, but it is so much more rich and powerful when we share it. The same can be said of good news. This year has given us plenty of moments of receiving bad or difficult news, and yet, with Christ, there is always good news to share.

We are preparing now for Advent and the sharing of what the gospel of Luke describes as "good news of great joy for all the people." (Luke 2:10, NRSV). How can we keep this news to ourselves, especially in a time such as this? We know that there are people among us who are lonely and lost. We know of friends and family who feel that this good news doesn't include them. We know of people in our neighborhoods and communities who are struggling and need the love of a church family to walk with them in these trying days.

In the Greek, the word is εὐαγγελίζω (euangelizō)--to announce or proclaim the good news, to evangelize. Disciples are to become apostles, that is "sent ones" who GO and make disciples by sharing the good news. This is the call of all Christians--not just those who preach from pulpits.

With all of the digital, virtual, and social church communications and events being offered by our churches, we have so many ways that we can share the good news of Jesus Christ and grow Christ's church.

How is God calling you to share the good news of Jesus right now? What's your story? What good news can you tell someone about the great things that Christ has done and is doing in your life? Who is God asking you to welcome into the church this Advent?

A meaningful Thanksgiving and Advent to you all,

Rachel

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
Transitional West Area Regional Minister

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CLERGY NEWS

DECEMBER VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Throughout this year our West Area clergy have gathered monthly to pray for one another, to share our celebrations and challenges, and to discuss current topics that make our ministries stronger and more impactful. If you haven't joined us yet, please know that you can join us by computer, tablet, or simply call in with your phone. If your district's regularly scheduled meeting isn't working with your life, you're welcome to join in with another district. Email Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com for more details.

DISTRICT 1

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

DISTRICT 2

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

DISTRICT 3

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

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

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

CLERGY STANDING FORMS DUE

The ministerial standing renewal forms for 2021 are due now to the regional office. Forms were mailed to clergy on October 30, or you can complete your forms online.

<http://www.ccinky.net/resources/ministers/ministerial-standing-form/>

ONLINE WORSHIP WORKSHOP

Is your online worship ready for a change? The Rev. Terri Hord Owens invites you to a panel discussion of worship planners from both the content and technical sides of online worship on December 1 at 7pm Central.

<https://disciples.org/congregations/online-worship-webinar-ready-for-a-change/>



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

CAMP WORKDAY A SUCCESS

A small but mighty, socially distanced crew gathered for Camp Kum-Ba-Ya's fall work day. Our thanks to Larry Childress, Mark Dycus, Gerald Goodlett, Charlie Hamby, Mary Haylee Hancock, Bill Roberts, Susan Roberts, and KBY Interim Caretakers James & Glori Cope. The following congregations were represented: Bardwell & Morris Valley, Crestwood, Dawson Springs First, Madisonville First, and Murray First. Work included planting wild flowers, improving the entrance to the camp site, installing a window in the tractor shed, moving mattresses for the winter season, labeling our new dining hall chairs, cleaning the chair rack and putting the new chairs on it, removing the basketball backdrop, improving the drainage area at the beach, installing signage, washing crates and putting them to good use, and updating the coordinates list (for the water, electric, etc.). We give thanks for each of our volunteers that helped us prepare for the winter season at camp.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS CAN BENEFIT KBY

GIVE WITH PURPOSE



As you Christmas shop this year, consider using AmazonSmile--a simple and automatic way for you to support Camp Kum-Ba-Ya every time you shop, and at no cost to you. With each purchase Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Camp KBY. Visit smile.amazon.com. Then, pick Christian Church In Kentucky West Area as your favorite charity.



Or, shop from the Camp Store at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya, available online by clicking the "store" tab at www.campkumbaya.org. There you'll find a variety of new and vintage camp t-shirts, frisbees, and backpacks for your favorite camper or camp alum.



JANUARY WACYL

Our next gathering of the West Area Children & Youth Leaders will be Monday, January 25, 2021, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Please note: We're skipping December and pushing out the January meeting date one week later than usual due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.) We'll be looking ahead to Lent and spring ministries, so bring your ideas and challenges for us to workshop together. Please share this information with the clergy and lay organizers of your church's ministries with children, youth, and families. If you have not been receiving an email with the Zoom connection information in the past, please email Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler (WestAreaMinister@twc.com).

Also, please note that we will not be having the Ski Thing or Spring Youth Retreat in 2021.

YOUTH MERGE CONTINUES

VIRTUAL YOUTH GROUP



Middle and High School youth are invited to the new online, region-wide youth gatherings happening the third Sunday of each month. Youth Merge is a time of games, keynotes, small groups, and prayer.

The next Youth Merge will be at 4-5:15 p.m. Central on December 20. Please encourage your youth to join. The Zoom link is listed in the recent CCK News e-newsletter (or contact Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com for the links).

TREASURER'S REPORT

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS ON THE WEST AREA AND KBY FINANCES

November 19, 2020

West Area:

Congregational giving remains strong at 90% of the annual budget with two months remaining. We received the DMF Support of \$7,500 this month also. Expenses remained very low which led to income over expense of \$7,631 for the month. Our operating income started the year with a balance of \$37,885 and ended October with a balance of \$54,281. Restricted funds started the year with a balance of \$6,258 and ended with a balance of \$2,202.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya:

We started the year with an operational cash balance of \$30,603 and ended October with a balance of \$15,196. This balance does not include the PPP money that is sitting in restricted funds in the amount of \$10,891, which we believe will be forgiven very shortly.

Charlie Ramsey
Treasurer, West Area Board

2020 Christmas Offering
REJOICE
A special day offering of
Disciples Mission Fund

Our finest gifts supporting the Ministries of our Region

Received December 13th & 20th in most Congregations



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Would you help us get ready to Rejoice together this Advent? We have three ways for you to join in the celebration of our region's ministries:

#1 Spend a moment reflecting on the moments, efforts, or ministry in the life of your church that cause you to rejoice. Then, go to the Christian Church In Kentucky or West Area's Facebook page and share your response on the November 20 post.

#2 Do you have a special nativity scene set in your life? Snap a photo and send it to WestAreaMinister@twc.com.

#3 Make plans now to promote the special day offering with your church and celebrate our ministries and churches across Kentucky.

MAKE A SUSTAINING GIFT TO THE WEST AREA OR CAMP KUM-BA-YA

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/

