



THE COORDINATOR

JANUARY 2021



Dear Friends who became Family,

Who would have thought when I answered the ad from Billy and Shirley Williams in August 1991 that I would find such wonderful people to share my journey with. I felt that my prayers were answered when they hired me. Thank you all for 29 1/2 years of blessings to my family.

--James, Glori and Haley Cope



GOODBYE TO GLORI & JAMES RETIRING AFTER 29 YEARS OF MINISTRY

It's impossible to explain just how much I'm going to miss getting to work with Glori Cope.

What a terrific colleague in ministry she is—as I'm certain she was to six other Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) In Kentucky West Area ministers over the last 29 years. For starters, Glori has shouldered so much ongoing responsibility as West Area office administrator and, since 2016, as Camp Kum-Ba-Ya program manager. For another, it's hard to imagine how so many events and advances over the years—the 60 Years of Camping celebration at KBY in 2016, West Area Workshops in early 2020, her adaptation of West Area ministry for the digital age with launch of websites, e-newsletter and social-media presence, and on and on—would've taken place without her hard work. And then there's the indispensable institutional memory that Glori uniquely holds and generously shares.



But with the approach of Monday—Glori's last day on the job—it is not so much the departure of the outstanding colleague that I'm mourning; it's the moment-to-moment fun and security of getting to work alongside such a supporting and warm friend. I am truly excited for Glori and James, who on Jan. 25 is stepping down as KBY's interim caretaker, and I can't wait to see what God unfolds for them next. I'm also selfishly sad.



Congratulations and thank you, Glori and James! You will be missed immensely.

Rachel

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
Transitional West Area Regional Minister

CLERGY NEWS

FEBRUARY VIRTUAL MEETINGS

We've scheduled our West Area clergy gatherings up through June, so now is a great time to add these dates to your new 2021 calendars. If you haven't joined us yet, please know that you can join us by computer, tablet, or 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 or to learn how to connect with us.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, February 23, at noon on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, February 9, at 10 a.m. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, February 18, at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, February 18, at 7 p.m. on Zoom.
Check your email for connection information.

WEST AREA DIRECTORY INFORMATION FORM DUE

Church pastors and staff, please complete and submit the 2021 West Area Congregational Info form if you have not already done so. This information is used to update our West Area Directory and connect with new leaders. Please fill out and either scan and email to westrea@twc.com or mail to P O Box 1332, Madisonville, KY 42431. The form is posted on our website under "Quick Forms"

<http://www.westareadisciples.org/quick-forms/>

ALEX IS HERE

Used weekly, this new tool will help your congregation track your attendance and giving throughout the year. You have until March 15 to update ALEX with your congregation's information for the Yearbook report. This will take the place of the old yearbook paper forms and online form.

<https://disciples.org/alex/>



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CONGRATULATIONS, REV. HARDY



The Christian Church in Tennessee, First Christian Church of Madisonville, and First Christian Church of Paris, Tennessee, his home congregation, jointly celebrated the ordination of Rev. Zach Hardy with Rev. Dr. Christal Williams, Regional Minister and President of the Tennessee region, presiding in a virtually held worship on January 17.

Rev. Hardy began serving as the Associate Minister of Children and Youth at First Christian Church of Madisonville in 2018. He also serves as the leader of the West Area Youth Council and as a member of the West Area Board.

<https://fb.watch/38kgwofqEf/>



**Seeing the Face of God
in Each Other**

Regional conversations on race, racism,
and reconciliation

Registration now open for Jan, Feb, and Mar

[Click to register, \\$30](#)

ANTI-RACISM/PRO-RECONCILIATION TRAINING

Seeing the Face of God in Each Other is an online conversation about race, racism, and reconciliation. We look forward to the day we can hold these conversations in person, but until then we are delighted to offer this online. This fulfills the Committee on Ministry requirement for clergy pro-reconciliation, anti-racism training. The conversations take place over the course of two days, meeting each day from 9 a.m. until noon, Eastern. Seating for each conversation is limited to 22, so choose your date and use the link to register and pay online.

The next online conversations will be **February 17-18** and **March 16-17**. The cost is \$30.

<http://www.ccinky.net/seeing-face-god-each-other/>

FEBRUARY YOUTH MERGE

CCK VIRTUAL YOUTH GROUP

Middle and high school youth are invited to the new online, regionwide 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 **Sunday, February 21**. The Zoom link will be listed in the CCK News e-newsletter or you can contact Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com for the links.

NEXT WACYL



Our next gathering of the West Area Children & Youth Leaders will be **Monday, February 15 at 7 p.m. Central** on Zoom. 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 Rachel (WestAreaMinister@twc.com).

INVITE SOMEONE TO CAMP 2021!



We're planing a great summer of camp in 2021 at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya. This year's theme is Creation Speaks--inviting us to immerse ourselves in God's creation and listen for God's voice in the world today. Embracing our call as caretakers of creation, we'll experience the awe and wonder of the the beauty and gifts of God's world.

Spring Workday	April 24
Discovery Camp (grades 1-2)	July 16-18
Young Disciples Camp (grade 3)	July 12-14
Junior Camp (grades 4-5)	June 7-11
Chi Rho Camp (grades 6-8)	July 5-10
Sailing Camp (grades 6-12)	June 21-25
CYF Camp (grades 9-12)	June 13-19
Adult Sailing Camp	TBA
All Y'all Retreat	TBA
College Weekend	tentative

<http://www.campkumbaya.org>



KBY RENOVATIONS UPDATE



Renovation work on the Billy Williams Lodge bathrooms, siding, and doors remains incomplete. The contract with the construction company involved has now been terminated, and The Christian Church In Kentucky, as the owner of record of the camp property, is considering options to protect our interest in the camp and its ministry and to recoup any losses stemming from the incomplete work.

The Camp Kum-Ba-Ya Advisory Team reported on January 17 to the West Area Board that plumbing projects, roof repairs, and installation of new heating and air conditioning systems have been completed successfully. In the coming weeks the Advisory Team will work with a new contractor to complete the unfinished work on the Lodge and complete preparations for the 2021 camping season.

Please watch the Camp Kum-Ba-Ya Facebook page for updates through the winter and spring.

TREASURER'S REPORT

DECEMBER AND END OF THE YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

West Area:

Receipts for the year ended December 31, 2020, came in greater than budget. Actual operating income was \$89,766 versus budgeted income of \$81,954. This was due to some congregations giving more than we anticipated. Operating expenses for the year came in less than budget by \$12,814. This was due mainly to mileage expense and office expense being less than anticipated. The combined amounts resulted in our operating cash increasing by \$18,125, which left us with an operating cash balance of \$56,011.

As of December 31st our PPP loan has not been forgiven, but we are assured by bank officials it will be soon. We had a decrease in restricted fund balance, due mainly to necessary caretaker-residence repairs.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya:

We started the year with an operational cash balance of \$30,603 and ended the year with an operational balance of \$8,218. Due to the COVID-19 we were unable to hold camp in 2020, resulting in lost estimated camp revenue of almost \$35,000. Budgeted expenses of \$71,822 actually came in less at \$49,289. The savings were mostly food, event supplies, liability insurance, and utilities.

Charlie Ramsey
Treasurer, West Area Board



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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.

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An Invitation to Join Together in Prayer

What if each week we dedicated moments to praying for one of our sister churches or ministries in the West Area? What if we covenant to the practice of praying for one another? We might list each one on our prayer lists, or in our newsletters and bulletins. We might raise up their names in our prayer groups, at our devotional times, or in our prayer moments at staff meetings. We might invite our elders, deacons, and other intercessors to speak the names of our sister churches and ministries in their own daily prayers. What impact would such a practice of prayer together have on our ministries, and how might God weave us together in a stronger bond of ministry? Let's find out.

Let's join in praying each Sunday and the following week for each one of our churches and ministries in the West Area. Our chain of prayer will take us through the year to the first Sunday of Advent 2021.

January 3-9	Bardwell Christian Church, Bardwell
January 10-16	Morris Valley Christian Church, Bardwell
January 17-23	Baskett Christian Church, Baskett
January 24-30	Beech Grove Christian Church, Beech Grove
January 31-Feb. 6	Camp Kum-Ba-Ya
February 7-13	First Christian Church, Benton
February 14-20	First Christian Church, Bowling Green
February 21-27	First Christian Church, Cadiz
Feb. 28-Mar. 6	Sinking Fork Christian Church, Cerulean
March 7-13	Crofton Christian Church, Crofton
March 14-20	First Christian Church, Dawson Springs
March 21-27	Ilsey Christian Church, Dawson Springs
March 28-Apr. 3	First Christian Church, Earlington
April 4-10	The Christian Church of Elkton, Elkton
April 11-17	First Christian Church, Fulton
April 18-24	First Christian Church, Glasgow
April 25-May 1	First Christian Church, Greenville

May 2-8	First Christian Church, Henderson
May 9-15	Roaring Springs Christian Church, Herndon
May 16-22	First Christian Church, Hopkinsville
May 23-29	Liberty Christian Church, Hopkinsville
May 30-June 5	Christian Care Communities of Bowling Green
June 6-12	Millbrooke Christian Church, Hopkinsville
June 13-19	Bethel Christian Church, Kevil
June 20-26	First Christian Church, Madisonville
June 27-July 3	Christian Care Communities of Hopkinsville
July 4-10	Potluck Church, Madisonville
July 11-17	First Christian Church, Mayfield
July 18-24	Second Christian Church, Mayfield
July 25-31	First Christian Church, Murray
August 1-7	First Christian Church, Nortonville
August 8-14	Century Christian Church, Owensboro
August 15-21	First Christian Church, Owensboro
August 22-28	First Christian Church, Paducah
Aug. 29-Sept. 4	Christian Care Communities of Owensboro
September 5-11	Pembroke Christian Church, Pembroke
September 12-18	First Christian Church, Princeton
September 19-25	First Christian Church, Providence
Sept. 26-Oct. 2	Berea Christian Church, Russellville
October 3-9	First Christian Church, Russellville
October 10-16	First Christian Church, Sebree
October 17-23	First Christian Church, Smiths Grove
October 24-30	Maxon Christian Church, West Paducah
Oct. 31-Nov. 6	Whitesville Christian Church, Whitesville
November 7-13	Wickliffe Christian Church, Wickliffe
November 14-20	The leadership & staff of the Christian Church in Ky
November 21-27	The leadership & staff of the West Area

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:3-6, NRSV)