

THE COORDINATOR

MARCH 2021



THREE A'S

FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

At the last West Area Board meeting I invited all of us to consider taking on three A-words, three roles that will help us live into our calling as Christ's followers to build up the body of Christ:

- l) Apostle—We Disciples of Christ are great at make disciples (students), but we are not so great at making apostles (sent ones). Apostles go out into the work to evangelize and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Apostles spread the gospel to grow churches and ministries, and they serve as examples in their communities and in their spiritual walk. How might we become more faithful apostles?
- 2) Ambassador—Ambassadors serve as representatives and promoters. Our West Area, our region and camp ministries need stronger ambassadors. Using information from our Facebook pages, our webpages and our Twitter and Instagram we need people to be ambassadors of our common ministries. Ambassadors might pray through our newsletters, asking God to show us who might be called to be involved in the various ministries or who needs to be invited to serve. How might we become more faithful ambassadors?

3) Advocate—Finally, our third A is Advocate. Advocates speak up for and publicly support causes and concerns. We need advocates for our churches to the greater West Area, and we need to advocate for the West Area ministries to our churches. This two-way communication is so very important--especially in this time of transition. We can advocate for funding, for partnerships in ministries, and for work among our churches. Our advocacy might develop new partnerships for churches to work together, or it might inspire giving to our ministries or develop new opportunities in ministry as we live into God's vision. How might we become more faithful advocates?

So, the three A's—Apostle, Ambassador, Advocate. Let's each be in prayer about how we might better live out these roles and calls.

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler Transitional West Area Regional Minister

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CLERGY NEWS

APRIL VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Our virtual gatherings have kept us connected across the miles throughout this pandemic. Email Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com for more details or to learn how to connect with us.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, April 27, at noon on Zoom Check your email for connection information.

DISTRICT 2

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

DISTRICT 3

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

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, April 15, 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. The form is posted on our our website.

 $\frac{http://www.westareadisciples.org/}{quick-forms/}$



MINISTRY CHANGES



With their anticipated closure, **Dan Saunders** has completed his ministry at First Christian Church of Nortonville. He plans to begin a new ministry--Waycross Community Church. Thank you for your years of ministry with the Disciples, Dan!

EASTER OFFERING MARCH 28-APRIL 4

This offering supports our many general ministries.

https://disciplesmissionfund.org/ /special-offerings/easter/





Regional conversations on race, racism, and reconcilation

Meets the anti-racism training requirement for minister standing in Kentucky

Click to register, \$30

REGIONAL CONVERSATIONS ON RACISM AND RECONCILIATION

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 proreconciliation, anti-racism training. The conversations take place over the course of two days, meeting each day from 9 a.m. until noon Eastern (8 a.m. until 11:00 Central). Seating for each conversation is limited to 22, so choose your date and use the link to register and pay online. The next online conversation will be April 21-22. The cost is \$30.

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

A GIFT OF DEEP APPRECIATION

On March 18, the West Area Board Chair, Rev. Jeff Mandrell, delivered our region-wide gift of appreciation and love to Glori and James Cope. We are thankful for all those who joined in this effort to honor Glori and James' 29+ years of ministry.





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

ADULT SAILING WEEKEND

SEPT 10-12



INVITE TO KBY

POSTERS, POSTCARDS AND MORE

Will you be an ambassador for Camp Kum-Ba-Ya? Invite a child, youth or adult that you know to attend summer camp this year by using the resources we have prepared, from bulletin inserts to Zoom backgrounds. Or invite someone personally by sharing our graphics on your social media or sending someone one of our print invitations. Your invitation might just change a life this summer!

http://www.campkumbaya.org/promote-the-camping-program/

WORK DAY 2021

SATURDAY, APRIL 24 GATES OPEN AT 7:30 A.M. ALL SKILL LEVELS NEEDED

Our next physically-distant work day is scheduled for April 24. Gate opens at 7:30 a.m., and work will begin at 8:00 a.m. Please bring a sack lunch or picnic lunch to eat in the pavillion or on the grounds. If you have work gloves, a weed eater, leaf blower, pressure washer, ladder, tool box, a truck, and/or friends and family who would love to join you in this fun and meaningful work, bring them along.

Spring Work Day April 24, 2021 Save the date!

MAKE A WISH COME TRUE

Help make one of Camp Kum-Ba-Ya's wishes come true and help us prepare for another season by donating from our AmazonSmile Charity wishlist.

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/L2R7P4EV Q334/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl_

NOW HIRING!

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya is seeking a new Camp Manager. For details, please see the sidebar of the camp's homepage. Deadline is tomorrow, March 23.

www.campkumbaya.org

DATES FOR CAMP WAKON' DA-HO

Summer camp dates from our sister camp: www.ccinky.net/ministries/camp/wakonda-ho/

Mini Camp – June 4-6 CYF 1 – June 8-12 Eighters' Camp – June 13-19 Junior 1 – June 22-25 Camp 101A – June 26 CYF 2 – June 29-July 3 Chi Rho 1 – July 6-10 Chi Rho 2 – July 13-17 Junior 2 – July 20-23 Camp 101 B – July 24 Young Adult Retreat-July 29-31 Y'All Camp – September 3-5

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TREASURER'S REPORT

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

West Area:

Congregational giving continues to be greater than budget. We are at \$11,435 versus a budget amount of \$10,667. Our monthly expenses were inflated due to paying Glori her unused vacation pay. Expenses were in excess of receipts by \$2,597. We still have a healthy operational cash balance of \$70,438. There was no activity in restricted funds, which remained at \$2,202.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya:

We had very little activity in the Camp account this month. Our operational fund balance is at \$15,737 while our restricted fund balance is at \$13,254. We had virtually no income in February and the main expenses were for caretaker and utilities.

Charlie Ramsey Treasurer, West Area Board

DISCIPLES MEN

FAR WEST MEN--DISTRICT 1 WELCOMES THE WEST AREA MEN

Monday, April 12 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

Join the men of District 1 for their monthly gathering that is welcome to all men in the West Area. Please contact the leaders or Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com for the Zoom connection links.





APRIL YOUTH MERGE

CCK VIRTUAL YOUTH GROUP

The next CCK Youth Merge for middle and high school youth will be at **4-5:15 p.m.** Central on **Sunday**, **April 18**. The Zoom link will be listed in the CCK News e-newsletter, or you can contact Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com for the links.



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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.



www.westareadisciples.org/give/



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	Ilsley 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)