



THE COORDINATOR

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A CULTURE OF CALL

FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

I am so thankful that, when I was a teenager, on multiple occasions adults came to me and told me that they saw I had been given gifts for ministry. I was feeling the call myself, but there were times that I doubted. So when one of these adults would boldly speak words of encouragement to me, it gave me the strength and hope to keep exploring the call to ministry.

Whom do you know--of any age-- that God might be calling into the ministry? Whom might you encourage to keep discerning and exploring?

1 Thessalonians 5:11 tells us that we are "to encourage one another and build up each other..." (NRSV). When we see spiritual gifts in others, we should tell them so. When we encounter someone with the gift of teaching, or pastoring, or leading, we have the opportunity to let them know that we appreciate those gifts, and we can see how God might use them in our world. We are all called to ministries, and God can use each of us to inspire those calls in one another.

Just glancing over the next few weeks in my calendar, I see that I will have the opportunity to participate in an ordination of a minister, to walk alongside the nominations committee as they call forth new leadership, to join the Committee on Ministry as they meet with candidates for ministry, to celebrate the installation of a new regional minister who answered the call once again, and to meet with new groups of leaders as they make plans and cast visions for the West Area's ministries, discerning where God is leading us next. These are just some of the ways that our West Area ministries are developing a culture of call into God's ministry.

This summer we got another glimpse of how that culture of call is spread from one to another. A clergy couple in the West Area encouraged their daughter to attend camp this summer. After camp, that daughter felt inspired (or called) to create a drawing of her time



REGIONAL MINISTER INSTALLATION

You are invited to the installation of our new Regional Minister

Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett II

Sunday, October 3

4:00 pm ET/3:00 pm CT

This will be a virtual event. Watch for details about how to connect online.

in worship at KBY's lakeside vespers chapel. (She is the one in pink on the left.) Her parents, then felt called to share that photo with me. Then, I felt called to share that photo in our August newsletter and on the Facebook page. Then, a woman who saw her artwork was inspired by it and wanted to encourage the young artist to create more.



"Vespers" by Discovery camper Abbey Bruce

Then, hearing the impact that our camp had on this artist, she was encouraged to make a donation to Camp Kum-Ba-Ya, so that others may draw closer to God in worship. Who knows what possibilities God is making of it right now?

Encouragement. Pass it on.

Rachel

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
West Area Regional Minister

CLERGY NEWS

OCTOBER MEETINGS

Clergy, invite an Area colleague to join you for this month's minister meetings. Join us in person or on Zoom. Email Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com for more details.

DISTRICT 1

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

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, October 12, at 10 a.m. Central upstairs at First Christian Church of Madisonville (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, October 21, at 11:30 a.m. Central at on Zoom (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, October 21, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

MINISTRY CHANGES/CELEBRATIONS

On September 11 and 12, Second Christian Church of Mayfield celebrated and gave thanks to God for Rev. Dennis Gray's years of ministry. Pastor Gray, God's blessings on your retirement ministries!



GROUP CONVERSATIONS WITH THE REGIONAL MINISTER

Join with Regional Minister Rev. Dr. Don Gillett on the second and fourth Tuesdays for 30 minutes of conversations where we can talk and listen to one another.

https://wmt.suran.com/tool/event_registration_v2/attendees?guid=88c846f8-f492-11eb-8ddf-737d769aede1

THE WEEK OF MINISTRY

The second full week of October is the Week of Ministry, a time set aside since 1933 to honor and celebrate the call to ministry, to show appreciation toward our ministers, and to encourage others to explore a life of ministry. For this year's Week of Ministry, the Pension Fund is offering a series of webinars and recordings for clergy to focus on our health and spirit:

- **September 28, 1 pm Central:** Care of Your Financial Self, featuring Pete the Planner®.
- **October 5, 10 am Central:** Care of Your Physical Self, featuring real conversation and live action regarding your overall wellbeing. Dress comfortably.
- **October 12, 10 am Central:** Care of Your Spiritual Self, featuring a pastoral word for YOU, right where you are, in these very difficult days—Rev. Marilyn Fiddmont will be with us.
- Watch the Replay: Care of Your Emotional and Mental Self, featuring Learn to Live, a new mental health tool Pension Fund will be offering to all active member clergy.

<https://pensionfund.org/resources/week-of-ministry>

FOR CLERGY WHO ARE CAREGIVERS



On Thursday, October 7, at 10:30-11:30 Central on Zoom, the caregiver's support group for clergy will meet again. They plan to meet on the first Thursday of each month. You, clergy, need a place where you can freely talk about your story, your caregiving situation, where you can ask questions, receive information, reassurance, encouragement, and support--all with active listening, understanding, and acceptance. The group will be facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver, Certificate in Pastoral Ministry graduate from Lexington Theological Seminary. For more information and to sign up to receive the Zoom link, contact the West Area Office or Rev. Marie Weaver--craftyriter000@gmail.com.



WEST AREA YOUTH COUNCIL

In this year when they are celebrating 30 years of ministry, the West Area Youth Council for the 2021-22 school year is:

Brennan Edwards--FCC Madisonville
 Samuel Cotthoff--FCC Hopkinsville
 Benjamin Dickinson--FCC Glasgow
 Lily Fletcher--FCC Madisonville
 Averi Simmons--FCC Paris (TN)

Thank you for your leadership, WAYC!

<http://www.westareadisciples.org/youth-ministries-wayc/>

FALL WORK DAY

Looking for a meaningful day of mission work? Join us **8:00 a.m. Central on Saturday, October 16** for our Fall Work Day at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya (4943 Barge Island Rd., Benton). Camp Caretaker, Denny Flaherty, has outlined several projects for us to tackle. Please bring your work gloves, a mask, tools, equipment, and your friends. A yummy lunch will be served. And, if you can't make Work Day, but want to schedule another time to come down, email Denny (dennyflaherty@gmail.com). Denny's fall project checklist includes:

1. Rebuild small vespers seating by dining hall. Power wash stage. Stain seating and stage.
2. Clear out debris at old men's restroom and install new door and shelving.
3. Move all materials from old women's shower house to old men's shower house. Clean and paint inside.
4. Move red rock pile from caretaker's house. Skid Steer will be needed.
5. Tear down old concrete pillars and asphalt at front gate and dispose. Direction will be given on work day.
6. Install mulch barrier and spread mulch at newer shower houses.
7. Build new firewood stand at the pavilion.
8. Spread barrier and rock underneath deck at men's shower house.
9. Repair all retaining walls throughout camp.
10. Winterize camp. Put away benches, kayaks and canoes.
11. Move concrete steps to caretaker's house.
12. Perform screen, electric, and light repairs at cabins.
13. Replenish firewood. Fell, buck and split firewood. Power splitter and chain saws will be needed.
14. Move material from tractor shed.
15. Clean up trails and camp property of stick and rocks.

WORLD COMMUNION WORSHIP



Global Ministries is hosting a World Communion Sunday Worship on Wednesday, September 29, 1-2pm Central. We will be celebrating communion together virtually, so please have something to eat and drink ready. <https://www.globalministries.org/world-communion-sunday-worship/>



RECONCILIATION OFFERING

The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering will be received in congregations this year on **September 26 through October 3**. Our theme is "Revealing God's Justice: The Time is Always Ripe to Do What is Right." Reconciliation Ministry is the churchwide mission fund, which supports programs and program partners that enable full human flourishing for everyone in every community. Your generosity has supported our ability to provide grant awards to Bethany College's Equity Community Guide, Diversity Audit and the Region of Greater Kansas City's Becoming Beloved Community Program, as well as denominationally-sponsored educational events such as Facing Brokenness and Love is an Action Word webinars. Your gifts to Reconciliation Ministry promote our mission of creating a just and loving society.

<https://reconciliationministry.org>



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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

West Area Vice Chair Rev. Dennis Gray has called together the 2021 Nominating Committee to begin prayerfully discerning our 2022 term of West Area Board leadership. Our thanks to the members serving on the Nominating Committee:

Rev. Dennis Gray (District 1, Committee Chair)
 Quena Jackson (District 1)
 Debbie Enyart (District 2)
 Sean Mestan, (District 2)
 Rev. Rick Loader (District 3)
 Rev. Dr. Tom Steiner (District 3)

CALENDAR UPDATES

WEST AREA BOARD MEETING

The West Area Board will meet on **Sunday, October 17, at 3:00 p.m. Central** on Zoom. Members, please check your email for the Zoom link.

WEST AREA VISION TEAM

The West Area Vision Team will meet again **Monday, October 18, at 3:30 p.m. Central** to continue their work together with Chair Leah Eubanks. Team, please check your email for the recurring Zoom link.

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
 Madisonville, KY 42431



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)