

THE COORDINATOR

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OVERSIZED GIFTS AND BLESSINGS

FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

Have you heard the news? Something exciting is happening at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya. We'll have more details and photos to share soon, but I just wanted to give you a sneak peek this month. In this season of giving thanks I can't help but praise God for the oversize load of blessings that we (sometimes literally) receive in our ministries. For the deep generosity that God is able to stir within us, **thanks be to God!**

We are reassembling the Leadership Development Team to prepare for our second West Area Workshops event on February 26 at First Christian Church of Madisonville. I have heard from so many of you that the first West Area Workshops back in 2020 was an inspiring, impactful experience, and our hope is that by February this pandemic will be waning. For the hope that we will gather together in-person once again for a day of learning, visioning, fellowship and celebration, **thanks be to God!**

We give thanks for Wayne Hunter, Petie McLean, Betty Sivis, and Milton West, who will complete (or have completed) their service on the West Area Board in 2021. We welcome Cameryn Kyle (FCC Owensboro) to the West Area Board in 2022 to represent District 2,

and we also welcome Leah Eubanks (FCC Paducah), who will be serving as First-Vice Moderator to the Regional Board. For God's call into leadership, **thanks be to God!**

The 2021-22 West Area Youth Council gathered for its first meeting on November 14, and they have made some bold and exciting plans for next year that will gather Area youth for fun, fellowship, worship, and mission. For the gift of 30 years of the West Area Youth Council, **thanks be to God!**

Finally, a word of thanks to each of our churches for participating in the West Area Prayer Chain this year. And our thanks to Eric Nance Woehler for suggesting the idea to us. For our churches having grown closer to one another through our weeks of prayer, **thanks be to God!**

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
West Area Regional Minister

CLERGY NEWS

DECEMBER 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, December 28, at noon Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, December 14, at 10 a.m. Central upstairs at First Christian Church of Madisonville (1030 College Drive) and on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.) Lunch afterward.

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, December 16, at 11:30 a.m. Central on Zoom (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Now on the second Thursdays. Next on December 9, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

LISTENING SESSIONS AT DISTRICT MINISTERS MEETINGS

OUR WEST AREA SHARED VISION
Faithfully support the work of churches, so they may spread the Gospel into all the world.

IN FULFILLING THIS VISION, THE WEST AREA WILL:

- CARE** We will provide pastoral care to clergy and church leaders as well as spiritual renewal for the work of ministry.
- CONNECT** We will focus on opportunities that build community with the larger body of Christ so that God might abide among us and connect us to do greater works.
- EQUIP** We will grow collectively through the collaboration of ministers and the equipping of one another through mutual support.

TO ACHIEVE THE WEST AREA WILL:

- Be Trustworthy** towards and leaders throughout the region, leading with integrity, transparency and dedication to the work of ministerial service.
- Empower** clergy and congregants with the tools needed to lead and serve throughout the West Area and beyond.
- Encourage** one another in leadership and ministry for the work that God has called each person to do.
- Listen** our congregations, clergy, leaders, and staff through shared goals that accelerate the work of ministry to benefit those we serve.
- Invest** in our people and culture to hold close those values that unite us, while embracing new realities that make our communities better.

At our January District Ministers Meetings, members of the West Area Vision Team will be joining us to lead listening sessions with our clergy members. As we share our hopes and dreams, your feedback and reflections will help cast visions for our

future together in ministry. Please plan to attend either your regularly scheduled district meeting, or join another one that is more convenient. We hope that everyone will participate in these important conversations.

MINISTRY CHANGES/CELEBRATIONS



This month, Pembroke Christian Church welcomed Rev. Cecilia Tucker as their Transitional Minister. Rev. Tucker comes to serve with us from the United Church of Christ. Welcome, Rev. Tucker!

Early in the fall, First Christian Church of Hopkinsville welcomed Alyson Taylor as their Interim Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries. Welcome, Alyson!



CLERGY STANDING FORMS DUE

The ministerial standing-renewal forms for 2022 are due now to the regional office. Forms were mailed to clergy this month, or you can easily complete your forms online.

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

FOR CLERGY WHO ARE CAREGIVERS

Thursday, December 2 (Meeting the first Thursday of each month), 10:30-11:30 a.m. Central (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Eastern)

- For clergy who are caregivers for loved ones (spouse, parent, child, grandparent, sibling)
- Facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver
- To receive the Zoom link, contact Marie at craftywriter000@gmail.com



MORE FOR YOUR 2022 CALENDARS

KY REGIONAL MEN'S CHORUS

January 21-23, 2022 at Cincinnati River Center in Covington.

<https://kyregionalmenschorus.com>



2022 WEST AREA WORKSHOPS

Saturday, February 26, 2022 at First Christian Church, Madisonville. Registration details coming soon.

KY WOMEN'S CHORAL RETREAT

March 4-6, 2022, at Middletown Christian Church in Louisville.

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Kentucky-Disciples-Womens-Choral-Retreat-104264362034335>

WEST AREA BOARD MEETING

Sunday, March 6, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. Central on Zoom. Please watch your email for Zoom links.

SPRING WORK DAY AND CABIN DEDICATION AT CAMP KUM-BA-YA

Saturday, April 23, 2022. Gates will open at 7:30 a.m. Central for Work Day. A new cabin dedication will be held at 3:00 p.m. Central.

SUMMER AT CAMP KUM-BA-YA

(by grade completed in 2021-22 school year)

June 6-11	Chi Rho Camp (grades 6-8)
June 12-18	CYF Camp (grades 9-12)
June 20-22	Young Disciples Camp (grade 3)
June 24-26	Discovery Camp (grades 1-2)
June 27-July 1	Junior Camp (grades 4-5)
July 4-8	Chi Rho Sailing (grades 6-8)
July 11-15	CYF Sailing (grades 9-12)

KENTUCKY REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Friday and Saturday, November 4-5, 2022, at First Christian Church of Georgetown.



SKI THING 2022!

NEW DATE AND NEW LOCATION

Calling all West Area Youth! Our annual Ski Thing is returning in a new and exciting way! This is a trip open to all students from 6th-12th grade and will take place **January 14th-16th** (MLK Jr. Weekend). This year, we will be changing our locations. We will meet on Friday, January 14th, at Camp Bedford in Southern Indiana. We will stay in the heated lodge at Camp Bedford (33 Church Camp Rd, Bedford, IN 47421) both Friday and Saturday nights. We will be providing breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. We will wake up Saturday, have breakfast, and then leave for Perfect North in Lawrenceburg Indiana. Day ski passes go from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m, so students will be able to ski all day. After we all get back to Camp Bedford, we will have a large group activity and worship before lights out. On Sunday we will wake up for breakfast, have a short devotion, and you are invited to leave after that or worship at FCC Bedford, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. More details and registration forms may be found on the WAYC webpage. Questions may be directed toward Rev. Zach Hardy at FCC Madisonville, zach@madisonvilledisciples.org.

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



SMILE FOR KBY

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 charity.

TREASURER'S REPORT

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

West Area: We had substantial Congregational support in October totaling \$10,591, putting us at a year-to-date total of \$60,277 or 94% of our annual budget. We had total expenses of \$4,315, giving us a positive cash flow for the month of \$6,275. We ended the month with a cash balance of \$86,789.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya: So far this year we have had receipts of \$74,557 with expenses of \$62,189, giving us a positive cash flow of \$14,368. The ending cash balance was \$22,586.

The restricted fund balance was \$20,407, which will be used mainly on Camp upgrades.

Charlie Ramsey

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Your gifts to the Christmas Offering support the work and ministries of the Christian Church In Kentucky--the ministries at our two camps, clergy trainings and support, congregational development, the Committee on Ministry, Disciples Men, Disciples Women, Green Chalice, New Church, Search & Call, the West Area, YMYAC, and much more. We invite you to share your gift to the Christmas offering supporting the ministries of our Region as we continue our witness to God's love in our midst.

For resources to promote this offering and to receive a free advent devotional written by the College of Regional Ministers:

<https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/christmas>



2021 Christmas Offering 
*A special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund
supporting the ministries of our Region*



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