

THE COORDINATOR

JULY 2022



MINISTERS AND YOUTH LEADERS SAILING DAYS AT KUM-BA-YA

BE A CREW MEMBER FOR A DAY

To provide a better experience for the campers, we have combined this summer's Chi Rho and CYF sailing camps. With that event now set for July 11-15, a unique opportunity has been created for July 4-8: a new sailing-camp experience for youth leaders, clergy, and other adults. Have you seen the KBY's boats and wondered what it would be like to sail in them? Do you want to learn how we tie the lessons of sailing into our faith lives? We invite you to come for a day and give it a try!

Each day from 9 a.m. until about 4 p.m. Central, July 4-8, Camp Director Brandon Cook will take up to four people out on the water. Since this is not an overnight event, and everyone will pack a lunch, there is *no cost* to participate in this special event.

RESERVE YOUR DAY

We are asking everyone to RSVP for a specific day so that we make sure to have enough space on the boat. Please reserve your spot by July 1 with Camp Manager Dee Moore Wells at deemwells@gmail.com.

WHAT TO BRING

- A bagged lunch
- Water
- Enough sunscreen to apply throughout the day
- Hat
- Sunglasses

KBY will provide life jackets, but you may bring your own if it is U.S. Coast Guard-approved.

HIGHER LOVE

FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

*Things look so bad everywhere
In this whole world, what is fair?
We walk the line and try to see
Falling behind in what could be..."*

Each day of the Disciple Summer Mission trip this week we have worshiped together and sang these words from our theme song--the 80s hit "Higher Love" by Steve Winwood and Will Jennings.

We don't have to look too far to find things that seem to be falling apart or coming undone. Things in our country look bad in many directions right now. The "least of these" are being forgotten. Leaders are failing to ethically lead. Greed and fear seem to be our strongest influences, and violence and injustice are churning up everywhere in the wake of our rudderless course.

Hopelessness can lead to inaction. Daily, we seem to be falling behind in bringing about Christ's vision of what could be in this world--a world of love, peace, kindness, and justice.

And yet we know that God is calling us to teach and live out a higher love--a love so strong that it leads us to have agape for our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.

I'm so thankful for the counselors, directors, staff, and family members (over 50 adults in all) who have come both to Camp Kum-Ba-Ya and the Disciple Summer Mission trip to teach God's higher love to another generation. Thanks for offering our children and youth another way to live. God's love is made to be passed on. God's hope leads us to action and apostleship.

Where are you living out God's love? Who are you teaching about that love? Where could your love go even higher?

Rachel

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
West Area Regional Minister

P.S. Check out the Camp Kum-Ba-Ya Facebook page to see evidence of the impact these adults are making in the lives of our children and youth.

(Winwood and Jennings, "Higher Love", track 1 on *Back in the High Life*, Island Records, 1986)



CLERGY NEWS

JULY MINISTERS MEETINGS

If you are not able to attend your district's meeting, join in any one of these offerings. Email Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com for more details. Join us for fellowship, collaboration, and the sort of support only colleagues in ministry can share.

DISTRICT 1

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

DISTRICT 2

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

DISTRICT 3

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

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, July 14, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom.
(Check your email for a new Zoom link.)

FOR CLERGY WHO ARE CAREGIVERS

Thursday, July 7

10:30-11:30 a.m. Central

Facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver

To receive the Zoom link, contact Marie at crafterwriter000@gmail.com

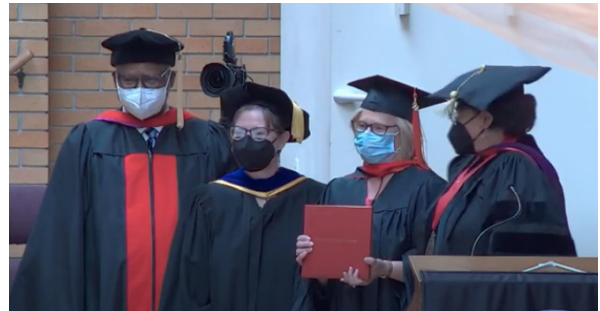


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MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS



After a lengthy COVID delay, we give thanks to God for the opportunity to celebrate the installation of Rev. David Clifford as the Senior Minister at First Christian Henderson on June 12. Dr. Dan Lovell and Rev. Bill Anderson participated in the ceremony.



Congratulations to the Rev. Donna Webster, who graduated from Lexington Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity on June 17. Donna received the Ronald Graham Award for having produced an outstanding M.Div. Capstone project.



The Rev. Dr. Larry Baker has accepted the call to serve as the settled pastor at First Christian Russellville. Dr. Baker comes to us from the Southern Baptist tradition and has had a long connection with the Disciples of Christ through his wife, Carolyn. He will officially begin this new chapter in his ministry on July 1.



HONORING LINDA

Rev. Linda Jones is planning to move to Arkansas at the end of July. The former Associate Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Kentucky retired during the pandemic. The Christian Church in Kentucky is recognizing Linda's ministry with an open house in her honor on 1-4 p.m. Eastern Saturday, July 9, at the regional office at 1125 Red Mile Road in Lexington.

Please come and let Linda know how much you appreciate her ministry and friendship over the years. There will be a basket available for cards. If you are unable to attend on July 9, you may send your best wishes to her by email (revlindajo@gmail.com) or by regular mail to Attn: Rev. Linda Jones, The Christian Church in Kentucky, P.O. Box 910503, Lexington, KY 40591.



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MORE 2022 DATES & LINKS

ASSOCIATION OF DISCIPLES MUSICIANS CONFERENCE

2022 Music & Worship Conference
July 17-22, in Tulsa, Oklahoma
<https://www.adm-doc.org>



WEST AREA VISION TEAM

Monday, July 18, at 3:30 p.m. Central on.
Please watch your email for Zoom links.

FAR WEST DISCIPLES MEN

Tuesday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m. Central at First Christian Church in Murray



Make Plans to Attend the Reunion
Regional Assembly - November 3-5, 2022 - Georgetown KY

Share the good news!
Stick a mailing label here
to mail this to someone
who might join in these
important ministries.