

# THE COORDINATOR

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## MEN'S GROUPS MAKING HISTORY

### FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

God is doing something new and exciting among us! Our West Area churches are connecting through two men's fellowship gatherings.

Men from seven Disciples churches in Christian and Trigg Counties, plus others from Living Hope Baptist, First Methodist Hopkinsville, and Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, are organizing together for men's fellowship. In June around 50 men gathered from five churches at Randy Arnold's farm to hear about modern farming practices. They enjoyed a great meal from Knockum Hill BBQ provided by Billy Campbell. And in July the group had another adventure touring the Birdcage at Fort Campbell.

I'm thankful for organizing leader Mike Baker, who says, "Jeff Chapman started the Men's Fellowship late fall as just a First Christian [Hopkinsville] program... After a couple of meetings where we had a handful of men attend we decided to ask some of our area churches if they would like to attend... I think the key to our amazing growth has been [that] our only purpose is to build fellowship among like-minded Christian men. And we have had some very interesting events and programs...and lots of prayer."

To join them on their next outing, contact First Christian Hopkinsville ([admin@firstchristianhopkinsville.org](mailto:admin@firstchristianhopkinsville.org)) or Mike Baker ([gm\\_baker@bellsouth.net](mailto:gm_baker@bellsouth.net) or 270.887.7618).

God is granting growth in District 1 as well. The Far West Disciples Men continue to break attendance and giving records. On July 19, a record attendance of fifty three gathered at First Christian Benton for the monthly Far West Disciples Men's Fellowship. Members from seven District 1 churches were present. Benton provided a wonderful BBQ meal, and First Christian Mayfield organized the program. They also collected record-breaking offerings for Christian Care Communities and Camp Kum-Ba-Ya, a stewardship practice they carry out each month.

Next month, the Far West Men will gather at First Christian Murray. My thanks to Burke Mantle and Dan McKeel for leading this vital ministry.

Christian fellowship--what a gift to the church!



Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler  
West Area Regional Minister

# APPLY FOR OUR YOUTH COUNCIL

Do you have some great student leaders in your church? The West Area Youth Council (WAYC) is seeking high school students who are active in their churches and have gifts for leadership. Candidates must be willing to attend meetings (either virtually or in-person) and events to help plan and lead ministries. The application deadline is **September 15**. An informational flyer and application may be found on the WAYC webpage. Help us spread the word about this unique opportunity for leadership development.

Questions? Contact WAYC Leader Rev. Zach Hardy at First Christian Madisonville- 270-821-5335 or zach@madisonvilledisciples.org.

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



## CCK YOUTH FALL LOCK-IN

Kentucky Disciples Youth and Chaperones:

Join us for a lock-in at Malibu Jack's Indoor Theme Park (Lexington) for grades 6-12!

**Friday, November 18 - Saturday, November 19**

Cost will be \$35/person, and registration is due to Rev. Mike McColl (mjmfcc@gmail.com), Associate Minister of First Christian Lawrenceburg, by November 14.

A 1 to 7 adult to youth ratio will be required of each church.

Malibu Jack's is located at 2520 Nicholasville Road in Lexington.

Join us for a night of fellowship and fun!



## HEY, DISCIPLES HILLTOPPERS!

Disciples students attending Western Kentucky University: Check out First Christian Church Bowling Green's college ministry! The group is open to anyone "college age" and meets each Wednesday at 7:00 pm. College Ministry is an open and affirming space to explore your faith with a home-cooked meal provided each week. The group enjoys both structured (and unstructured) discussion and activities intended to foster connection, community, and conversation, as well as space to breathe, relax and de-stress with friends.

Begins **Wednesday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m.** (1106 State St., Bowling Green--by the Mellow Mushroom)

Contact Daniel Lyvers, Associate Minister, First Christian Bowling Green, (daniellyvers@firstchristianbg.org) for more information or visit [fccbg.org/college](http://fccbg.org/college)





# FOUR UPCOMING ASSEMBLIES!

## NATIONAL CONVOCATION

"Refreshing Come"

Join us for the 27th Biennial Session of the National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) online on Saturday, **August 6**, from 12-2:30 p.m. Eastern for worship, the business session, and an education workshop titled "Spiritual Formation for Tired People."

<https://app.experiencewelcome.com/.../Zzuz78/stages/V3fKpd>  
<https://conta.cc/3cirpw0>



## THE GATHERING: A RETREAT FOR PASTORS



The Gathering is a biennial conference that helps pastors connect with other pastors to learn and discuss spiritual, health, and financial wellness. The conference will open on Tuesday, Sept. 6, with The American Spiritual Ensemble (ASE). The keynote speaker, Dr. Matt Bloom, leads the Flourishing in Ministry and Wellbeing at Work research projects, which focus on the wellbeing of helping and caring professions. He will share the latest research on the wellbeing of clergy and practical insights about how to build and sustain that wellbeing. Registration closes **August 15**.

<https://bit.ly/3vw7Hmf>

## REGIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KENTUCKY

The Regional Church of Kentucky will gather in Georgetown **November 3-5**. The Assembly team is planning for a feast of workshops, fellowship, worship, and prayer. We are also preparing a digital assembly experience for those who cannot make it to Georgetown. Register today!

[www.ccinky.net](http://www.ccinky.net)



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

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

**KINDOM  
OF GOD  
WITHIN US  
AMONG US**

GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3

*July 29 - August 1, 2023 - Louisville*

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada is excited to announce the General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky, **July 29-August 1, 2023**. It will be the first time in four years the church as a whole has gathered.

Save the date to join Disciples across the church as we gather in person and digitally.

Registration begins **October 2022**.

# CLERGY NEWS

## AUGUST 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](mailto:WestAreaMinister@twc.com) for more details.

### DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, August 23, at noon Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

### DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, August 9, 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, August 18, at 11:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

### BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, August 11, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for a new Zoom link.)

## FOR CLERGY WHO ARE CAREGIVERS

Thursday, August 4  
10:30-11:30 a.m. Central  
Facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver  
To receive the Zoom link, contact Marie at [craftywriter000@gmail.com](mailto:craftywriter000@gmail.com)



## LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND THE NBA'S SENT SEMINAR

There are two wonderful, free upcoming trainings for our church leaders. The first is the SENT Seminar, offered by National Benevolent Association for those interested in social entrepreneurship. Sessions will be held online Thursday evenings in September.

<https://www.nbacares.org/event/2022-sent-seminar/>

The second is the New Church Leadership Academy for those who have discerned a call to start a new church. Trainings held online October 18-20. <https://newchurchministry.org/leadership-academy/>

Please contact Rachel ([WestAreaMinister@twc.com](mailto:WestAreaMinister@twc.com)) if you are interested in either of these trainings.

## MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS



On July 24, First Christian Russellville celebrated the installation of their new pastor, Rev. Dr. Larry Baker. Pictured (L to R) are Ray Clark, Tommy Kemp, Rachel Nance Woehler, and Larry. (Photo by Vickie Kemp)

## STANDING FORMS DUE AUG. 15

This year, the Christian Church in Kentucky has set an August 15 deadline for clergy to complete the new online standing forms. If you would prefer to have a paper standing form, please contact the Regional Office at 859-233-1391.

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

## 2022 RETIRED MINISTERS AND SPOUSES RETREAT

The Christian Church in Kentucky Retired Ministers and Spouses will be meeting for their fall retreat at Historic Boone Tavern in Berea, Kentucky, on October 10-12. Contact Rachel ([westareaminister@twc.com](mailto:westareaminister@twc.com)) to learn more about this special gathering. This year the retreat will feature Dr. Leah D. Schade on "Living in the Purple Zone."

## CCK SEEKS TWO ASSOCIATE REGIONAL MINISTERS

The Christian Church in Kentucky is seeking two part-time Associate Regional Ministers to join the staff--one for New Church and the other for Faith Formation. Details at their website.

<http://www.ccinky.net>

# HELP REBUILD



As the summer comes to a close and we will have a reduction in the number of groups traveling to help with tornado recovery efforts, First Christian Church Princeton and their pastor Dr. Jonathan Webster are requesting that our West Area churches spread the word that their mission partners, Operation Recovery--CrossRoads Missions, are looking for western Kentucky volunteers one or more days a month to help repair/rebuild tornado-damaged homes in Princeton and Dawson Springs. All ages are invited.

Any interest volunteers should contact Operation Recovery Field Coordinator Dylan McGowan (270-625-2407 or [dylan@crossroadsmissions.com](mailto:dylan@crossroadsmissions.com)).

(Photos from First Christian Princeton and Operation Recovery--CrossRoads Missions.)



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[WWW.CAMPKUMBAYA.ORG](http://WWW.CAMPKUMBAYA.ORG)



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## MORE 2022 DATES & LINKS

### KBY ADVISORY TEAM

Sunday, August 7, at 2:00 p.m. Central. Please watch your email for Zoom links.

### WEST AREA VISION TEAM

Monday, August 15, at 3:30 p.m. Central. Please watch your email for Zoom links.

### FAR WEST DISCIPLES MEN

Tuesday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m. Central at First Christian Church in Murray

### CCK WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

October 14-16

Barren River State Park

Speaker: Dr. Emily Askew

Register at [www.ccinky.net](http://www.ccinky.net)



Check out the new camp video available on the homepage at [www.campkumbaya.org!](http://www.campkumbaya.org!)

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to mail this to someone  
who might join in these  
important ministries.