

# THE COORDINATOR

DECEMBER 2023



What an inspiration it was to be back together again this year for the All Disciples Sing! We give thanks to God for Rev. Jamie Eubanks, Patt Lynch, Rev. Jeff Mandrell, for serving on the All Disciples Sing planning team—for creating, planning, and leading our worship from start to finish. We give thanks for all who made the meal such a special time for fellowship and relationship building. We give thanks for all of the choirs, instrumentalists, soloists, and worship leaders who led a meaningful worship and broadcast it on [Facebook](#) for all to experience.

*Singing with  
the Saints*



## FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK: EXPERIENCING HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE

At this November's regional board meeting, I presented a slide deck of twelve photos to help tell the story of some of the amazing things that God has done among us here in the west.

It began with our West Area Vision graphic and our District map to tell the story of the work we have done together to discern God's vision and **hope** for our ministries. Then, I showed photos of the 2023 West Area Workshop and the All Disciples Sing--two events we had hoped to bring back this year after years of hiatus due to the pandemic and tornadoes.

Next, I shared a sweet photo from a **peace**-filled vespers at Chi Rho camp, and we celebrated the 19% increase in camper attendance at KBY this summer.

A screen shot of the cover of *The West Area Coordinator* celebrated how we were stirred in our generosity to

exceed our Furnishings Fundraiser goal by 62%! This slide was followed by photos of our new rocking chairs and bunk beds, the new dining hall ramp built by First Christian Glasgow, and the new woodland labyrinth built by campers this summer. What a **joy** to think of all of the gifts we have received this year.

A photo of Dee and Al Wells next to their re-retirement cake was followed by a photo of our new camp manager, Becca Teckenbrock, to celebrate how God led us into a full-time, year round camping ministry. And the last photo was of servants from First Christian Paducah alongside another disaster recovery team who had come to share God's **love**.

When I take the time to reflect, I can see that Advent is all around us all year long. What an amazing God we serve! Emmanuel!

*Rachel*

## FOR CYF:



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Six Month Leadership Training for High School Youth

- Learn to lead in your local Church
- Develop skills for leading in the world
- Build relationships with mentors
- Connect with young leaders across the country

[www.YouthLeadershipSymposium.com](http://www.YouthLeadershipSymposium.com)

## TWO FOR YOUNG ADULTS:



### SUMMER INTERNSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

FAITH-BASED | SOCIAL JUSTICE | SERVICE-LEARNING

We are looking for **young adult summer interns** who believe that serving others and working for justice is primary to faithful living.



Interns work to empower and equip service-learning trip groups to put their faith into action through service and justice in ways that are **relational, sustainable and dignity-affirming**. through direct service, education, justice-work, advocacy and reflection.

Learn more and apply today at [betheneighbor.org/summerstaff!](http://betheneighbor.org/summerstaff!)



[DISCIPLESPEACE.ORG/APPLY](http://DISCIPLESPEACE.ORG/APPLY)

# APPLY NOW!

Disciples Peace Fellowship is Now Accepting Applications for 2024 Summer Peace Interns!

*Be an Ambassador for Peace & Justice*

<https://www.disciplespeace.org/apply>

## FOR YOUTH MINISTERS:



### DYMN 2024

Disciples Youth Ministry Network Conference is designed for adults that serve youth and their families in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). People that attend are laity, commissioned, and ordained serving as volunteers, in part-time, or full-time positions. Some of us serve in family ministry, or children's ministry, or youth ministry, or children and youth. Join others that share a call to this missional ministry.

Feb 19-22, 2024

Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX  
David White, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, keynoting.

Multiple pricing options available.

## FOR MUSICIANS:



The Association of Disciple Musicians (ADM) is having its 2024 summer conference at Harvard Avenue Christian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, **July 22--July 26**. After missing four years of conference activities, ADM is hoping to bring a renewed spirit back to the organization with an updated and more inclusive conference schedule. Additional information can be obtained by emailing Brad Burnham at [ADMupdate@outlook.com](mailto:ADMupdate@outlook.com) or visiting the ADM website, [www.adm-doc.org](http://www.adm-doc.org).



# WEST AREA BOARD NEWS

Board Chair Jeff Mandrell has set a Special Called Board Meeting for **Sunday, December 17, 2023**, at 3:00 p.m. Central on Zoom. Please see your email for Zoom links. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with First Christian Church of Nortonville and the Christian Church in Kentucky.

# CAMP KBY NEWS

**SAVE THE DATES!**



- June 3-8 CYF Camp (grades 9-12)
- June 10-14 Junior Camp (grades 3-5)
- June 17-22 Chi Rho Camp (grades 6-8)
- June 24-28 Sailing Camp (grades 6-12)
- June 28-30 Discovery Camp (grades K-2 & adult)
- July 1-5 Camp Agape (grades 6-8 in foster care)



Invite someone to summer camp using our promotional postcard, graphics, flier, or video! Or, print one of these graphics and wrap it up with a bow to let someone special know you are giving them the gift of time at summer camp!

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

## CAMP WISHLIST

Did you know that Camp Kum-Ba-Ya has a Christmas wish list? If you'd like to give a gift to the camp this Christmas, you'll find some of our wishes on our Amazon wish list. And if you'd like to honor someone with your gift, send us an email to let us know their address so that we can send them notification of your thoughtfulness .

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/XBOO8E561ONH?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/XBOO8E561ONH?ref=wl_share)

# MORE FOR YOUR 2024 CALENDAR

## KBY ADVISORY TEAM MEETING

January 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Central on Zoom. Watch email for details.

## CAMP DIRECTORS TRAINING

February 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Central on Zoom. Watch email for details about this region-wide training

## KBY ADVISORY TEAM MEETING

January 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Central on Zoom. Watch email for details.

## KY WOMEN'S CHORAL RETREAT

February 23-25, 2024  
First Christian Church in Georgetown.

## WEST AREA BOARD MEETING

Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Central on Zoom. Please watch your email for links.

## WEST AREA WORKSHOPS

Saturday, March 9, 2024  
Cadiz Christian Church, Cadiz.

## SPRING WORK DAY AT KBY

Saturday, April 20, 2024, Gates will open at 7:30 a.m. Central for Work Day.

## CCK'S CYF SEMINAR

June 11-18, 2024, More info soon.  
<http://www.ccinky.net/ministries/ymyac/>

## WOMEN'S QUILTERS, KNITTERS & CRAFTERS RETREAT

June 24-28, 2024, at First Christian, Berea

## NATIONAL CONVOCATION 27TH BIENNIAL SESSION

July 11-14, 2024, in Greensboro, North Carolina  
[www.nationalconvocation.org](http://www.nationalconvocation.org)

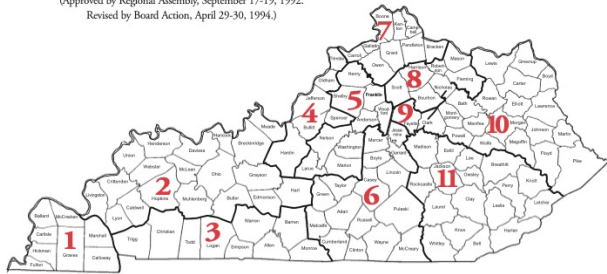
## CCK REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

August 1-3, 2024, in Mt. Sterling  
<http://www.ccinky.net>

# CLERGY NEWS

## District Boundaries

(Approved by Regional Assembly, September 17-19, 1992.  
Revised by Board Action, April 29-30, 1994.)



## DECEMBER MINISTERS MEETINGS

Our ministers are working together on a 3-part series on evangelism and hospitality. Get more details about how to connect to a specific meeting in person or on Zoom by emailing Rachel at [WestAreaMinister@twc.com](mailto:WestAreaMinister@twc.com).

### DISTRICT 1

Note: Please check your email about arrangements for the December District 1 meeting. Being so close to Christmas, we may agree to convene again in January.

### DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, December 12, at 10:00 a.m. Central  
We will meet in person at First Christian Madisonville (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

### DISTRICT 3

Thursday, December 21, at our NEW TIME!  
We'll meet at 10:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

### BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. Central  
on Zoom. (Check your email for Zoom connection information.)

## FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

Join the CCK's Clergy Caregiver Support Group for clergy sharing the joys and challenges of caregiving for aging parents, siblings, spouses, or adult children..

Thursday, December 7, 10-11 a.m. Central  
Facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver, who recently published the book "Dementia, Caregiving, and Christian Discipleship: Managing Ministry for Dementia Patients and their Caregivers."  
To receive the Zoom link, contact Marie at [craftywriter000@gmail.com](mailto:craftywriter000@gmail.com)



## BRIDGE MINISTER CELEBRATIONS



On October 2, First Christian Mayfield welcomed Rev. Dr. Rick Loader as their Bridge Minister while they begin search and call. Welcome back to the West Area, Rick! Thank you for your service.

First Christian Hopkinsville welcomed Rev. Catherine DeMoss as their Bridge Minister. Catherine will serve at least two months in this position. She also serves as an adult leader of WAYC. Thank you, Catherine! (Pictured with Director of Music Ministry Ward Carver)



## CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING



The Christmas Offering supports regional ministries. In 31 regions across the United States and Canada, ministers are nurtured and congregations are provided opportunities for work and worship. Often recognized for the ministries of camps and conferences, regions also play a critical role in the preparation and authorization of ministerial ordination. Both are key to church leadership and development. Regions partner with churches to support the work required to call a new minister. Support the work of the Christian Church in Kentucky through the Christmas Offering, collected in most churches on **December 17 and 23**.

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

## WCC'S WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Worship and study materials are now available for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity--traditionally celebrated **January 18-25**.

<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/resources-for-the-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2024>

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Information for the month ended October 31, 2023:

## West Area:

The total receipts for the month ended October 31, 2023, were \$4,991 with total expenses of \$6,460 giving us a negative cash flow of \$1,469. We ended the month with an operational cash balance of \$92,199. We have a restricted cash balance of \$9,949 which consists mainly of \$4,355 in tornado relief contributions and \$4,540 in youth activities restricted monies.

## Camp Kum-Ba-Ya:

The total operational receipts for the month ended October 31, 2023, were \$4,772 with total expenses of \$2,939 giving us a positive cash flow of \$1,833. We ended the month with an operational cash balance of \$62,020. This balance will give us a positive start to next camp season. We also had a restricted cash balance of \$98,897 which will be used mainly on camp upgrades. The large amount was due to a very successful fundraising drive.

Charlie Ramsey  
Treasurer

# HELP US END THE YEAR STRONG

## SUPPORT OUR CURRENT WORK

Help us end the year strong by giving a donation, an honorary gift, or a memorial gift to the Christian Church in KY--West Area.

Make your check payable to:

CCK-West Area  
P O Box 1332  
Madisonville, KY 42431



Or, give digitally to the West Area through the Givelify button on our "Give" tab:  
[www.westareadisciples.org/give/](http://www.westareadisciples.org/give/)



## MAKE A SUSTAINING GIFT FOR THE WEST AREA'S FUTURE

The Christian Church in Kentucky-West Area's Permanent Fund has a long history of providing financial support for important ministries and initiatives. Trailing average income draws from gifts to the Permanent Fund help ensure that our vital ministries continue to thrive for generations to come. In 2023, this draw from the earnings provides \$11,550.23 in funding for our ministries, thanks to the William Sisk Fund, the Robert J. Wyatt Fund, and the New Endowment Fund from Mission 2000. If you would like to give a sustaining gift, please reach out to the West Area Office for details.



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ministries together.