



# THE COORDINATOR

JANUARY 2024

MARCH 9, 2024

CADIZ CHRISTIAN CHURCH



# West Area Workshops

Seeking God in a Weary World • Psalm 63:1-8

On March 9, 2024, come to Cadiz Christian Church (31 Main St., Cadiz) for the West Area Workshops to share our ministry challenges, discover new ideas, be inspired by our neighboring congregations in the West Area, give thanks to God for this ministry that we share, and find refreshment for weary souls.

The Leadership Development Team has selected the theme “Seeking God in a Weary World” with Psalm 63:1-8 as the inspiration. As we gathered to discern our theme, the word *weary* kept coming to our lips. Our church leaders are weary, our youth are weary, and our communities seem weary from all that we have been through these last few years. We are tired, and yet we know that there is more need around us, and more work to be done. How do we find energy? How do we continue in our ministries when our souls are so thirsty? How can we be a movement for wholeness when we, too, are feeling that weariness?

**“I seek you; my soul  
thirsts for you... as in a  
dry and weary land  
where there is no water.”**

**-Psalm 63 (NRSVUE)**

Amazing, prophetic speakers are already on tap to offer us a good word:

Rev. Adam Bridgman  
Rev. Kevin Deibert  
Rev. Rev. Dennis Gray  
Rev. Amanda Groves  
Rev. Tracy Parker  
Tammie Sanders  
Rev. Dr. Olivia Bryan Updegrove

They will be sharing their research, ministries, and lived experiences with mental health concerns in ministry, contemplative prayer, post-pandemic youth ministry, racial reconciliation, the Narrative Project, Woman-to-Woman travels, and other ways that God uplifts weary souls.

**West Area Workshops**  
**Saturday, March 9, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Central Registration and Exhibits  
10:30-11 a.m. Opening Worship  
11:10-noon Workshop #1  
12:10-12:50 p.m. Lunch  
1-1:50 p.m. Workshop #2  
2-2:50 p.m. Workshop #3  
3-3:30 p.m. Closing Worship

**Leadership Development Team**

Melissa Cheek, Madisonville First  
David Clifford, Henderson First  
Kevin Deibert, Cadiz Christian  
Leah Eubanks, Paducah First  
Dan Grigson, Cadiz Christian  
Quena Jackson, Mayfield Second  
Vicky Jones, Cadiz Christian

**How to Register**

The deadline to register is set for February 26. The cost is \$20. Registration forms with workshop selection information will be available in mid- January.

[www.westareadisciples.org](http://www.westareadisciples.org)

# WEEK OF COMPASSION SITE LEADER TRAINING

Week of Compassion is planning a joint Leadership Training with our partners at Brethren Disaster Ministries in January 2024. The training is for people who have a heart for service, enjoy working on-site with volunteer groups, and walk alongside communities recovering from disasters in the United States.

Typically, Site Leaders serve on-site for three to 12 weeks of their choosing (or for single weeks, if local). Completing the training adds people to our list of available leaders; it does not obligate leaders to serve. Site Leaders will have opportunities to determine participation based on availability and interest for future service.

During the training, leaders will learn to support disaster recovery and become certified to lead on-site projects with Week of Compassion in one of two ways:

1. Volunteer Experience Leader – providing hospitality for volunteer teams, serving and guiding educational/faith formation components (daily reflections, conversations with local partners, etc.)
2. Recovery Project Leader - leading volunteer teams in repair/rebuild projects and liaising with construction partners and community leaders

Week of Compassion is striving to increase the accessibility of our training. Transportation to and from the hands-on training site will be covered, along with food and lodging for the week. Site Leaders receive a weekly stipend, while having opportunities to serve God and neighbor, build their skills, and learn about innovative solutions to support community resilience. Let Week of Compassion know if other accommodations would be helpful for your participation.

## 2024 Disaster Site Leadership Training

**Part 1: January 17 - 18**  
Virtual Classroom

**Part 2: January 31 - February 7**  
In-Person (Dawson Springs, KY)  
*expenses paid*



Both sessions are required to be credentialed as part of the Week of Compassion Core Crew. If needed, Week of Compassion can arrange alternate in-person training dates. Register by **January 12**.

<https://www.weekofcompassion.org/core-crew.html>



<https://www.weekofcompassion.org/2024.html>

# 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.

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



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# MORE FOR YOUR 2024 CALENDAR

## KBY ADVISORY TEAM MEETING

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

## KY REGIONAL MEN'S CHORUS

January 26-28, 2024

Crestwood Christian, Lexington

<http://www.ccinky.net/ministries/disciples-men/>

## CAMP DIRECTORS TRAINING

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

## KY WOMEN'S CHORAL RETREAT

February 23-25, 2024

First Christian 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

## 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

<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

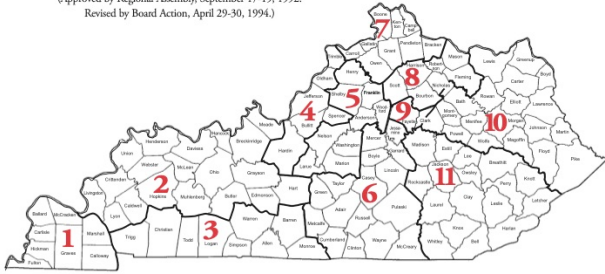
August 1-3, 2024, in Mt. Sterling

<http://www.ccinky.net>

# CLERGY NEWS

## District Boundaries

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



## JANUARY MINISTERS MEETINGS

New year, new opportunities to connect with colleagues! Join us in person or on Zoom by emailing Rachel at [WestAreaMinister@twc.com](mailto:WestAreaMinister@twc.com).

### DISTRICT 1

**Tuesday, January 23, at 12:00 p.m. Central**  
We will meet in person at First Christian Paducah (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

### DISTRICT 2

**Tuesday, January 9, 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, January 18, at 10:30 a.m. Central** on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

### BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

**Thursday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m.** 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, January 4, 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)



## MINISTER CELEBRATIONS



First Christian Dawson Springs will welcome Rev. Dr. Milton West to serve as their interim ministry beginning the first Sunday in January. They are also excited to welcome Paula West to serve as their organist and pianist. Thank you for your service, Milton and Paula!

## DYMN 2024--FEBRUARY 19-22

Disciples Youth Ministry Network Conference is designed for adults who serve youth and their families in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). People who 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 who share a call to this missional ministry at Disciples Crossing, Athens, Texas.



## TIME TO PREPARE YOUR 2024 DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Church pastors and staff, please complete and submit the 2024 West Area Congregational Info form posted on the "Quick Forms" page of our website. This information is used to update our West Area Directory and helps us connect with each other for greater partnership in ministry. Scan and email the form to [westarea@twc.com](mailto:westarea@twc.com) or mail it by **March 15**.

<http://www.westareadisciples.org/quick-forms/>

## INVESTMENT NEWS FROM DCEF

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial information for the month ended November 30, 2023:

## West Area:

The total receipts for the month ended November 30, 2023 were \$17,498 with total expenses of \$9,361 giving us a positive cash flow of \$8,137. We ended the month with an operational cash balance of \$100,789. 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 November 30, 2023 were \$1,304 with total expenses of \$18,267 giving us a negative cash flow of \$16,964. The large increase in expenditures was due to the Region billing us \$12,465 for insurance. We ended the month with an operational cash balance of \$45,056. This balance will give us a positive start to next camp season. We also had a restricted cash balance of \$98,867 which will be used mainly on camp upgrades. The large amount was due to a very successful fundraising drive.

Charlie Ramsey  
Treasurer



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# WEST AREA 2024 BOARD

## WEST AREA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair (A) Rev. Jeff Mandrell (Crofton)  
Vice-Chair (B) Dr. Paul Moore (Greenville First)  
Secretary (A) Cary Hicks (Beech Grove)  
Treasurer (B) Kellie Frederick (Madisonville First)\*

## BOARD MEMBERS

GROUP A (2-year Term: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2025)  
District 1 Elena Roberts (Murray First)  
District 2 Rev. Jim Midkiff (Beech Grove)  
District 3 Jesse McGuire (Crofton)

GROUP B (2-year Term: 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2024)  
District 1 Rev. Kristi Stuckel, (Benton First)  
District 2 Rev. David Clifford, (Henderson First)  
District 3 Alice Doss, (Millbrooke)

## TEAM/COUNCIL CHAIRS

WAYC Leader: Teddy Barrett, (Glasgow First)  
KBY Advisory Team Chair: Marci Cox,  
(Madisonville First/Potluck Church)

## CCK BOARD AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES

As approved by the Regional Assembly/Board

Regional Board First-Vice Moderator (2-year Term: 11/1/2022 to 10/31/2024; Moderator-elect to serve 2024-2026):  
Rev. Leah Eubanks (Paducah First)

Representative (2-year Term: 11/1/2022 to 10/31/2025):  
Rev. Anne Bruce (Glasgow First)  
Mike Bruce (Owensboro First)

Representative (4-year Term: 11/2023 to 10/31/2026)  
Leticia Overton (Mayfield Second)

\*Nominated to fulfill an unexpired term

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

