

# THE COORDINATOR

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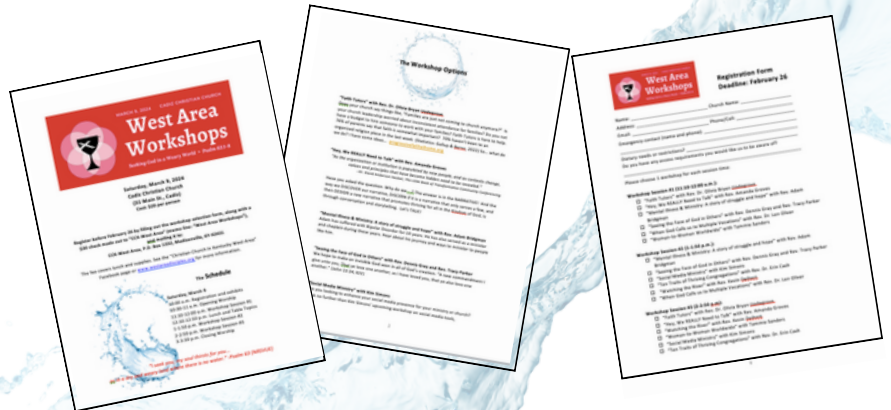
## WEST AREA WORKSHOPS

**REGISTER NOW FOR A DAY OF EQUIPPING ONE ANOTHER FOR MINISTRY**

Registration is now open for the 2024 West Area Workshops to be held on March 9 at Cadiz Christian Church (31 Main St., Cadiz).

Our theme is "Seeking God in a Weary World"--inspired by Psalm 63:1-8.

*"I seek you; my soul  
thirsts for you... as in a  
dry and weary land  
where there is no water."  
-Psalm 63:1 (NRSVUE)*



We will each get to pick three workshops from among this fantastic slate of workshops that the West Area Leadership Development Team has recruited for us:

### West Area Workshops Schedule 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

### How to Register

The fillable pdf registration form is available on the West Area homepage. There, you'll find detailed descriptions about each workshop. The deadline to register is February 26. The cost is \$20.

Please spread the word to anyone and everyone who might gain from this day with us.



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

- "Faith Tutors" with Rev. Dr. Olivia Bryan Updegrove
- "Hey, We REALLY Need to Talk" with Rev. Amanda Groves
- "Mental Illness & Ministry: A story of struggle and hope" with Rev. Adam Bridgman
- "Seeing the Face of God in Others" with Rev. Dennis Gray and Rev. Tracy Parker
- "Social Media Ministry" with Kim Simons
- "Ten Traits of Thriving Congregations" with Rev. Dr. Erin Cash
- "Watching the River" with Rev. Kevin Deibert
- "When God Calls us to Multiple Vocations" with Rev. Dr. Lon Oliver
- "Woman-to-Woman Worldwide" with Tammie Sanders



# CAMP KUM-BA-YA NEWS

**ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**



- 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)



The 2024 Camp Kum-Ba-Ya Summer Camp online registration officially opens February 1.

<http://www.campkumbaya.org/register-for-camps/>

Invite someone to summer camp using our promotional postcard, graphics, flier, or video!

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

## APPLY TO BE A COUNSELOR OR COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING

We are so thankful for our over 40 directors, counselors, and counselors-in-training who volunteered to make summer camp 2023 possible. Be a part of our 2024 team and apply today. Also, do you know youth or young adults (16 years old or older) who would make great counselors-in-training? Encourage them to apply to serve in this meaningful and life-changing ministry. CIT application forms are coming soon!



<http://www.campkumbaya.org/register-for-camps/>

**COMING SOON**

Solar  
**ECLIPSE**  
Beach Party  
Accommodations available  
Book NOW!  
April 8, 2024

Campkumbaya.org

## CAMP KBY WISHLIST

If you'd like to give a gift to the camp as we prepare for another year, 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)

**CAMP WAKON'DA-HO 2024 DATES**

YOSEMITE, KY | REGISTER AT [CCINKY.NET](http://CCINKY.NET)

<p>SPRING WORK WEEKEND</p> <p>MINI CAMP (2-3)</p> <p>CYF 1 (9-12)</p> <p>EIGHTER'S CAMP (8)</p> <p>JUNIOR CAMP (4-5)</p> <p>CAMP 101A (K-2*)</p> <p>CYF 2 (9-12)</p> <p>CHI RHO 1 (6-8)</p> <p>CHI RHO 2 (6-8)</p> <p>CAMP 101B (K-2*)</p> <p>Y'ALL CAMP (ALL AGES*)</p> <p>FALL FEST (ALL AGES*)</p>	<p>APRIL 12-14</p> <p>MAY 31-JUNE 2</p> <p>JUNE 3-8</p> <p>JUNE 9-15</p> <p>JUNE 17-21</p> <p>JUNE 21-23</p> <p>JUNE 24-29</p> <p>JULY 1-6</p> <p>JULY 8-13</p> <p>JULY 20</p> <p>AUGUST 30-SEPT 1</p> <p>OCTOBER (DATES TBD)</p>
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\*FIND DETAILS REGARDING AGE RESTRICTIONS, CHAPERONE REQUIREMENTS, AND PRICING AT [CCINKY.NET/MINISTRIES/CAMP/WAKONDA-HO](http://CCINKY.NET/MINISTRIES/CAMP/WAKONDA-HO)

# EQUIPPING DISCIPLES: WEBINARS FOR YOU FROM THE CCK

## EQUIPPING DISCIPLES



### **FEBRUARY 10: 9-10AM CENTRAL ON ZOOM** **“CREATING NEW STREAMS OF INCOME FOR YOUR CONGREGATION”** **WITH REV. RANDY JOHNSON**

Can you imagine if your congregation had an additional \$20,000-\$50,000 a year to spend on mission and ministry? This dream can easily become a reality through teaching, inviting, encouraging and mentoring a new spirit of generosity in your congregation. Come learn how many other churches have successfully done this, in ways that are non-threatening, energizing and even fun!

This webinar will be led by Randy Johnson, a former local church pastor who is now in his 23rd year of encouraging generosity through the Christian Church Foundation. In this session, you will learn how to prepare for and encourage end-of-life gifts in a stress-free and life-giving way. Participants will also learn how to lower the anxiety both of encouraging those gifts and putting their own plans in place.

[https://wmt.suran.com/tool/event\\_registration\\_v2/attendedes?guid=1534b460-9e81-11ee-8e96-2f7798f6f3b2](https://wmt.suran.com/tool/event_registration_v2/attendedes?guid=1534b460-9e81-11ee-8e96-2f7798f6f3b2)

### **FEBRUARY 24** **“RETIREMENT MADE POSSIBLE”** **WITH REV. SARAH RENFRO**

Recent trends suggest 60% of non-retirees have little or no comfort in managing their investments. Fortunately, Pension Fund invests on their members' behalf and provides the expertise, resources, and support necessary to make retirement possible for you. Join Rev. Sarah Renfro, Assistant Vice President of Client Relations at Pension Fund, for an in-depth presentation on preparing for retirement. She will walk you through challenges you might face when considering retirement at any age and offer solutions and insight on how to prepare for retirement now. She will provide an overview of Pension Fund's competitive retirement and savings products, free financial and mental wellness programs, Ministerial Relief and Assistance programs, The Gathering, and more.

### **MARCH 16** **“GENERATIONAL TRAUMA: GETTING REAL ABOUT HOW WE HEAL”** **WITH DR. IRIE LYNNE SESSION**

Join the Kentucky Region and Dr. Irie Lynne Session for the workshop “Generational Trauma: Getting Real About How We Heal,” where we will explore the impact of generational trauma, magnified by COVID-19, within our region, church and communities. This session focuses on understanding generational trauma, exploring biblical insights on trauma, offering strategies for healing, and creating supportive spaces for collective and individual recovery .

### **COMING UP NEXT...**

- [April 13 – Thriving Congregations led by Dr. Erin Cash](#)
- [May 18 – The Art of Flourishing in Ministry led by Dr. Denise Bell](#)
- [November 18 – Creating New Streams of Income – Operating Non-Profit Organizations led by Dr. Syvoskia Bray Pope](#)



# ILSLEY CHRISTIAN CELEBRATES THREE MEMBERS



Three long-standing members of Ilsley Christian Church were given special recognition this fall for their many years of membership and ministry.

Kendall Lanham has attended Ilsley Christian since birth and was baptized in 1987. Over the years he has served in several roles--including deacon, elder, trustee, and held various positions on the Board. He currently serves as the Devotional Director.

Zenobia Lanham is a charter member of Ilsley Christian Church. In 1940, Zenobia began attending Bible School and Sunday School. She helped with Bible School in the 1950s and became an official member and was baptized on July 16, 1967, just two years before Ilsley Presbyterian Church was re-organized as the Ilsley Christian Church. Zenobia held office and has been a member of the Christian Women's Fellowship throughout the years as well as served in several capacities, including being the first clerk of Ilsley Christian Church, deaconess, secretary of the Board, Sunday School teacher, and on the pulpit committee.

Addie Belle Bratcher is also a charter member of Ilsley Christian Church. In 1940, Addie Belle began attending Bible School and Sunday School. She began teaching Bible School in the 1950s and became an official member and was baptized on July 16, 1967--the same day as Zenobia! Addie Belle held office in the Christian Women's Fellowship, as well as served as deaconess, secretary and clerk of the Board, on the pulpit committee, and as a youth leader, and Sunday School and Bible School teacher and director.

What a gift these three have been, and continue to be, to the people and ministry of Ilsley Christian!

# MORE FOR YOUR 2024 CALENDAR

## 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.

## 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

## 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.)



## FEBRUARY MINISTERS MEETINGS

So maybe you don't feel you need to be at this meeting, but maybe your colleagues NEED YOU to be there. Make time for them, and join us in person or on Zoom by emailing Rachel at [WestAreaMinister@twc.com](mailto:WestAreaMinister@twc.com).

### DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, February 27, 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, February 13, 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, February 15, at 10:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

### BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, February 8, 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, February 1, 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



In January, First Christian Princeton officially welcomed Rev. Adam Bridgman to serve as their pastor. Adam is under care for recognition of ordination with the Christian Church in Kentucky's Committee on Ministry. Welcome, Adam!

## 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.



## DISCIPLES RESOURCES FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Learn more about the history of Black and African-American Disciples:  
<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/congregations/african-american-congregational-nurture/resources/disciples-african-american-history/>

Pray along with Rev. Anita Cobb a prayer for Black History Month:  
<https://newchurchministry.org/prayer-black-history-month/>

Watch the "History of Black Disciples" webinar by Dr. Scott Seay hosted by Downey Ave. Christian Church  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jq8bAyagwjc>

Listen to the "Recalling our Roots" wellness podcast:  
<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/congregations/african-american-congregational-nurture/resources/african-american-history-month/>



# NEW YEAR, NEW UPDATES

## TIME TO PREPARE YOUR 2024 WEST AREA DIRECTORY INFO.

Church staff and leaders, 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/>

## IT'S TIME FOR ALEX!

ALEX Yearbook reporting opened on January 16th. Congregations can now enter their Yearbook statistics for 2023 on the ALEX site at [alex.disciples.org](http://alex.disciples.org) through **March 4**.

Resources and answers to frequently asked questions are available on the Help Center. Congregations can also receive help with ALEX by sending an email request to [alex@disciples.org](mailto:alex@disciples.org). When requesting help with ALEX, please include the church name and location. (We do not have capacity to provide phone support at this time.)



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# 2024 WEEK OF COMPASSION



“Bringing GIFTS TO LIVE ON is what the work of Week of Compassion is all about. Gifts of every kind, from every source - those closely affected and those simply concerned, skilled and volunteer labor, on site and in prayer, providing funding, showing up to work and taking time to listen. What lasts is more than any one gift or giver alone. What holds fast is mutual sharing and true partnership, everyone bringing their best, building on a foundation of prayer and generosity. Where buildings and spirits once flattened can be renewed and lifted up, God’s gifts to us - and our gifts to others - truly live on.” --From the western Kentucky Mission Moment in the Special Offering 2024 Planning & Resource Guide.

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



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Stick a mailing label here  
to mail this to someone  
who might join in our  
ministries together.