



THE COORDINATOR

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MINISTERS RETREAT 2024 AT KBY

On Wednesday, **September 18**, we will once again be hosting a retreat just for our ministers (chaplains or pastors, active or retired) to be together at serene Camp Kum-Ba-Ya (4943 Barge Island Road, Benton). Rev. Dr. Erin Cash, Project Director of the Thriving Congregations Project at Lexington Theological Seminary, will set our theme: “The Relationship Between Rest and Risk for Congregations.”

Thriving churches and thriving pastors know that it takes collaboration and a willingness to change for real vitality to happen. But how? How do churches develop an internal culture that is willing to take risks while preventing burnout of their leaders? We will spend the day exploring that topic in the peaceful setting of KBY. Come prepared to refresh your spirit with worship, collaboration, and fun as Erin leads us in a process of discernment for our congregational health. The day will include worship, a keynote lecture, small group collaboration and sharing, Q & A, lunch, and time for you to relax; we might even add in a little bit of art!

After a light breakfast bar, we'll begin with worship at 9:30 a.m., and our program together will close in worship at 2:30 p.m. Before or after our scheduled time together, you might choose to kayak, play board games, hike, or organize a game of ping pong. Spend some alone time in a quiet spot by the lake, read, nap, or pray at the vespers area. Bring a picnic supper if you wish to stay until evening. Or maybe gather up some new ministry friends and head into town for supper at a local restaurant. Plan to be with us just for the day, or extend your stay and reserve a cabin for the night before and/or the night after at a discounted rate of \$25 per night. The time is yours, and the staff will be available to assist you.

Look for more details and registration forms on the West Area website on August 8.

<http://www.westareadisciples.org>

Registration
opens
August 8



YOUTH, APPLY TO SERVE ON WAYC!

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) to help plan and lead ministries.



The application deadline is **August 15**. An informational flyer and application may be found on the WAYC webpage. Help us spread the word about this unique opportunity. Questions? Contact the West Area Office (270) 821-1332.

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

TWO WOMEN'S FALL RETREATS

FALL RETREAT



The Christian Church in Kentucky is hosting the 2024 Kentucky Women's Fall Retreat on **October 18-20** at Barren River Lake State Park (1149 State Park Road, Lucas, Kentucky). Rev. Marilyn Williams from Covenant Christian in Cary, N. C. is the keynoter this retreat. We will begin with registration and fellowship time on Friday, the 18th, at 6 p.m. Then on Saturday, the 19th, we will start with registration at 9 a.m., and worship begins at 10 a.m. Registrants need to make their own lodging arrangements no later than September 15.

You can make your own reservation by calling (270) 646-2151, Group Code 4582 or <https://parks.ky.gov/>. Lodge Rooms are \$105.00 per night plus taxes and resort fees; Cottages are \$179.00 per night plus taxes and resort fees, and villas are \$220.00 per night plus taxes and resort fees. A registration form and fee of \$40.00 should be sent to CCK by October 1.

SILENT RETREAT

The annual Silent Retreat will take place **November 15-17** in Loretto, Kentucky. Bonnia Fouts, Educator, will facilitate this retreat. This event is limited to 17 women. Lodging, meals, and registration are included in the cost of \$190.00 per person, or \$140.00 without meals. A registration form and fee should be sent to the regional office no later than October 18.

www.ccinky.net/ministries/disciples-women/.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM 2025

Youth Leadership Symposium (YLS) is a new ministry preparing high school youth to lead in their local congregation. Every congregation can have one youth attend for free each year. Adult participants are also welcome. YLS brings youth together via zoom or local "pods" to learn about building partnerships, facing change, finding mentors, navigating congregational polity, and taking ideas and making them reality. YLS 2025 will begin in February and run through June. Three Saturday "symposiums" are required along with reading, mentor meetings, and event planning between gatherings. To complete YLS, each youth designs and leads a project in their local congregation. Those projects are shared on the YLS website so other youth and congregations can draw inspiration. Registration for the 2025 cohort is now open!

Visit www.youthleadershipsymposium.org to register, see past project reports, and more. If you would like to host a "pod" for youth in your Conference, we are setting those up now for 2025.

CLERGY NEWS

District Boundaries

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



AUGUST MINISTERS MEETINGS

Need help learning how to Zoom into a meeting? Email Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com, and she'll walk you through the steps to join us!

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, August 27, at 12 p.m. Central
We will meet in person at Paducah First Christian (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

DISTRICT 2

Will not meet in August. See you in September!

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, August 15, at 10:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, August 8, at 7 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, adult children, or other family members.

Thursday, August 8, 10-11 a.m. Central
Facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver, who 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

BOUNDARIES TRAINING



Monday and Tuesday, August 19–20,
6:30–9:30 p.m. Eastern (5:30–8:30 p.m. Central) both days online

This event fulfills the Committee on Ministry's requirement for clergy boundaries training. Registration is limited to 22 participants. Use the link to register.

<http://www.ccinky.net/boundaries-training/>

ANNUAL RETIRED MINISTERS & SPOUSES RETREAT

Historic Boone Tavern
Berea, Kentucky
October 14-16, 2024

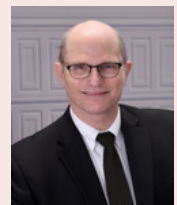
A registration deposit of \$50.00 per person is needed by **August 15**. The total cost for the retreat, including program, registration, room, and meals is \$395.00 for one person in a room, or \$575.00 for two persons in a room. Final payment of fees is due in full on or before **September 1**. A total refund is available for cancellation before **Sept. 10**. Contact Bill Schiphorst (cwilliamh2@gmail.com) for details.

MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS



Cadiz Christian Church shared a litany of farewell with Rev. Kevin and Tracy Deibert on July 14 as he completed his senior ministry and she ended her service as office staff. Kevin has accepted a call to First Christian, Sacramento, California. Blessings to you in your new call, Kevin!

We give thanks for the ministries of Dr. Milton and Paula West. He completed his interim ministry and she her music ministry at Dawson Springs First Christian on June 30. They are excited to be moving to Texas to be near their family. Thanks for your service, Milton and Paula.



(more Clergy News on page 5)

STANDING FORMS DUE

Ministers with standing with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky who wish to continue that standing are required to complete a 2025 Ministerial Standing Form-- now available online. A paper form is also available on request.

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

2024 REGIONAL ASSEMBLY



The 2024 Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky will be held **August 1-3** in Mount Sterling. All the needed information is available on the Christian Church in Kentucky website.

<http://www.ccinky.net/resources/2024-regional-assembly/>



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ALL DISCIPLES SING--NOV. 17

Through the power of music, the West Area All Disciples Sing is an annual gathering that celebrates the unity and diversity from across the West Area as we gather to praise God with our voices and instruments. If you or your church has soloists, ensembles, or choirs that would like to be a part of this meaningful night, please mark your calendars for **November 17 at 4 p.m. Central** at First Christian Owensboro (700 J.R. Miller Blvd.). More details about this year's theme and plans will be shared in late summer.

<http://www.westareadisciples.org>

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who might join in our
ministries together.