

the COORDINATOR

JANUARY 2025



West Area Workshops

First Christian Church, Henderson • March 1, 2025

WEST AREA WORKSHOPS 2025!

On **March 1, 2025**, come to Henderson First Christian Church (830 S. Green St.) for the West Area Workshops to listen to each other's challenges in ministry, discover new ideas from great leaders, be inspired by our sister churches in the West Area, and celebrate our covenant of ministry together.

The Leadership Development Team has selected the theme "I Pray They Will Be One" with John 17:18-23 as our guiding scripture.

We already have a fantastic line-up of workshop leaders on board:

Rev. Greg Alexander
Rev. Dr. Jody Blake
Rev. Nathan Brown
Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett
Kim Simons
Marsha Thornton, Jr.
Rev. James Trader,
and more to come..

They will be helping us workshop our own ministries with ideas for navigating church-size transitions, deacon training, social media, women's ministry, ministry funding, and worship planning.

Saturday, March 1, 2025

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

Dr. Larry Baker, Russellville First
Melissa Cheek, Madisonville First
Rev. David Clifford, Henderson First
Debbie Enyart, Henderson First
Gail Meyers, Henderson First
Dedra Wynn, Mayfield Second

How to Register

The deadline to register is set for **February 18**. Registration forms with workshop selection information will be available in mid- January.

www.westareadisciples.org

"I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. I pray that they also will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me."

-John 17:21 (CEB)

WEST AREA 2025 BOARD

We are so very thankful for all who have served and will serve on the West Area Board. A big "Thank you!" to Marci Cox and Cary Hicks, who are completing their time of service. And a warm welcome to our new CCK Board at-large representative, Dr. Larry Baker.

WEST AREA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair (A) Rev. Jeff Mandrell (Crofton)
Vice-Chair (B) Dr. Paul Moore (Greenville First)
Secretary (A)
Treasurer (B) Kellie Fredrick (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: 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2026)
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: Sean Mestan
(Princeton First)

CCK BOARD AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES

As approved by the Regional Assembly/Board

Regional Board Moderator (2024-2026):
Rev. Leah Eubanks (Paducah First)

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

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

Representative (3-year term: 2024-2027)
Rev. Dr. Larry Baker (Russellville First)

FOR YOUR 2025 CALENDAR

KBY ADVISORY TEAM MEETING

January 18 at 9 a.m. Central on Zoom.

KY REGIONAL MEN'S CHORUS

January 24-26 at Jeffersontown Christian
<http://www.ccinky.net/ministries/disciples-men/>

CAMP DIRECTORS TRAINING

January 25 at 9 a.m. Central
on Zoom. Watch email for details about this region-wide training

KY WOMEN'S CHORAL RETREAT

February 21-23 at First Christian Georgetown
<http://www.ccinky.net/disciples-women/>

WEST AREA BOARD MEETING

Sunday, February 23, at 3 p.m. Central on Zoom. Please watch your email for links.

WEST AREA WORKSHOPS

Saturday, March 1, at 10 a.m. Central at Henderson First Christian

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S SPRING CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 12, at Paducah First Christian
<http://www.ccinky.net/disciples-women/>

SPRING WORK DAY AT KBY

Saturday, April 26. Gates will open at 7:30 a.m. Central, and Work Day begins at 8 a.m.

REGIONAL CLERGY RETREAT

April 27-29, at Nazareth Retreat Center, Bardstown

SUMMER CAMP AT KBY

See "Camp News" page for details.
www.campkumbaya.org

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

July 12-15, in Memphis
<https://ga.disciples.org>



Registration is now open!
<https://ga.disciples.org>



CAMP NEWS

Support our campers with a gift from our Amazon wish list this Christmas! Use this QR codes to see our list of needs.



Save the dates for camp this summer at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya!

See 2025 dates and pricing from our sister camp in Yosemite, Kentucky.
<http://www.ccinky.net/camp/wakon-da-ho/>

CAMP KBY & RETREAT CENTER

- Junior Camp (gr. 3-5) June 2-6
- Sailing Camp (gr. 6-12) June 9-13
- Discovery Camp (gr. K-2) June 20-22
- Chi Rho Camp (gr. 6-8) June 23-28
- CYF Camp (gr. 9-12) June 30-July 5

FEB 1
REGISTRATION BEGINS

SAVE THE DATES www.campkumbaya.org 4943 Barge Island Rd., Benton

CAMP WAKON'DA-HO 2025 DATES

YOSEMITE, KY | REGISTER AT CCINKY.NET

SPRING WORK WEEKEND	TBD
MINI CAMP (2-3)	MAY 30-JUNE 1
CYF 1 (9-12)	JUNE 2-7
EIGHTER'S CAMP (8)	JUNE 8-14
JUNIOR CAMP (4-5)	JUNE 16-20
CAMP 101A (K-2*)	JUNE 20-22
CYF 2 (9-12)	JUNE 23-28
CHI RHO 1 (6-8)	JUNE 30-JULY 5
CHI RHO 2 (6-8)	JULY 7-12
CAMP 101B (K-2*)	JULY 19
Y' ALL CAMP (ALL AGES*)	AUGUST 29-SEPT 1

APPLY TO BE A PEACE INTERN

Disciples Peace Fellowship is accepting applications for the 2025 DPF Peace Intern Program (for late May-early August)! Visit disciplespeace.org/apply to learn more about the program and to start your application! Applications are due by **January 31, 2025**.

APPLY
to be a
PEACE INTERN
AMBASSADORS FOR PEACE & JUSTICE

DISCIPLES PEACE FELLOWSHIP DISCIPLESPEACE.ORG/APPLY

YOUTH NEWS

More details to follow in January...because who doesn't need more retreat and Wigalo in their life?



SPRING Youth Retreat

Save the date

March 7-9, 2025
For youth grades 6-12
4943 Barge Island Road, Benton
Registration begins in January!

CAMP KBY & RETREAT CENTER

GOING ON A MISSION TRIP IN 2025?

Would your church like some help with that mission trip? The Christian Church in Kentucky offers up to 10 Youth Mission Trip Partnership Grants. The form below needs to be turned in at least two months prior to your mission trip. The first 10 churches who apply are considered first.

For a domestic mission trip you can get up to \$250 and for an international mission trip you can get up to \$500. All we ask is that you send us some stories and pictures for our website and other media forms. Only 10 grants are available each year. Start planning now! You may send the form to Christian Church in Kentucky, 1125 Red Mile Road, Lexington, KY 40504.

<https://www.ccinky.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Youth-Outreach-Partner-Grant-Application.pdf>

YOUTH LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM 2025

Youth Leadership Symposium (YLS) is a new ministry preparing high school youth to lead in their local congregations. 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 youthleadershipsymposium.org to register, see past project reports, and more. Deadline is December 31.



CLERGY NEWS

District Boundaries

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



JANUARY MINISTERS MEETINGS

How about setting a New Year's resolution to connect with your colleagues? We're saving you a seat.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, January 28, at 12 p.m. Central at Paducah First Christian (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom.

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, January 14, at 10 a.m. Central We will meet in person at Madisonville First Christian (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom.

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, January 16, at 10:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, January 9, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

Caregivers: Start the year off with a safe space for sharing the challenges of your life and ministry. Join the CCK's Clergy Caregiver Support Group!

Thursday, January 2, 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

WEEK OF LAITY 2025



This year, Disciples Home Missions is providing a 2025 Laity Readiness Resource with live-linked materials to train lay leaders.

<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/congreg.../laity-week/>

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-2025>

TIME TO PREPARE YOUR 2025 DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Church staff, please complete and submit the 2025 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 and partner in ministry. Scan and email the form to westarea@twc.com or mail it by **March 15**.

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

BODY BUILDING

As you're planning a new calendar year in your evangelism ministry, consider creating a social media calendar! Plan invitations to seasonal events, special worship gatherings, annual celebrations, and learning and service opportunities. Schedule follow-up posts, too, to share photos afterwards and thank helpers and guests.. Don't forget to schedule regular invitations to worship, too!



RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES



Singing From the Back Row

2025 Regional Men's Choral Retreat
January 24-26
Jeffersontown Christian Church

Register by December 26

Register today before the Dec. 26 deadline!
<https://www.ccinky.net/disciples-men/>

Cost of registration is \$55, and the deadline to register is February 3.
<http://www.ccinky.net/disciples-women/>

Save the Date!

The Kentucky Disciples Women's Choral Retreat

Sing into Spring!

Friday, February 21 ~ Sunday, February 23, 2025
Madison Avenue Christian Church
1530 Madison Avenue Covington, KY 41011

www.ccinky.net The Kentucky Disciples Women's Choral Retreat
(859) 322-5653 - Shari @shari.caldarelli@gmail.com

DHM Youth Pastors & Volunteers Pre-Assembly Conference: BLOOMING TO PLANT

Plan to go early to the General Assembly in Memphis and attend a pre-assembly event, like this one for youth pastors and volunteers!

<https://www.discipleshomeissions.org/events/blooming-to-plant/>

OPENING OURSELVES BEYOND THE PERIMETER

SAVE THE DATE
7.11.2025
LINDENWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MEMPHIS, TN

HOTEL & REGISTRATION INFO TO FOLLOW

DISCIPLES Home Missions

God's love
visible



 2024 CHRISTMAS OFFERING



December 15-22
<https://disciplesmissionfund.org/give/>

Video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VoONcD2mnPg>



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HELP US END 2024 STRONG

Make a donation, an honorary gift, or a memorial gift to the Christian Church in Kentucky--West Area or Camp Kum-Ba-Ya:

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



Or give online to Camp Kum-Ba-Ya or the West Area through the Givelify button on our "Give" tab:

www.westareadisciples.org/give/

JOIN THE 2025 PRAYER CHAIN

See page 8-9 of the newsletter to see the West Area Prayer Chain calendar.



An Invitation to Join the West Area Prayer Chain

In 2021, the West Area connected in a powerful chain of prayer. Let's covenant to pray for one another again in 2025!

Each Sunday and the following week, the prayer chain invites to pray for one of our churches or ministries in the West Area. Our chain of prayer will begin the first Sunday after Epiphany on January 12 and take us throughout the year to the Sunday before Advent. We might list each one on our prayer lists in our newsletters and bulletins. We could raise up their names in worship, in our prayer groups, at our devotional times, or in our prayer moments at staff meetings. It's an opportunity to invite our Elders, Deacons, and other intercessors to speak the names of our sister churches and ministries in their own daily prayers.

Thanks be to God that we are able to connect across the miles in a chain of prayer with one another.

"I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers."
(Ephesians 1:16-19a)

January 12	The retired ministers of the West Area
January 19	Bardwell Christian Church, Bardwell
January 26	Morris Valley Christian Church, Bardwell
February 2	Baskett Christian Church, Baskett
February 9	Beech Grove Christian Church, Beech Grove
February 16	First Christian Church, Benton
February 23	First Christian Church, Bowling Green
March 2	First Christian Church, Cadiz
March 9	Sinking Fork Christian Church, Cerulean
March 16	Crofton Christian Church, Crofton
March 23	First Christian Church, Dawson Springs
March 30	Camp Kum-Ba-Ya

April 6	Ilseley Christian Church, Dawson Springs
April 13	First Christian Church, Earlington
April 20	The Christian Church of Elkton, Elkton
April 27	First Christian Church, Fulton
May 4	First Christian Church, Glasgow
May 11	First Christian Church, Greenville
May 18	First Christian Church, Henderson
May 25	Roaring Springs Christian Church, Herndon
June 1	First Christian Church, Hopkinsville
June 8	Liberty Christian Church, Hopkinsville
June 15	Millbrooke Christian Church, Hopkinsville
June 22	First Christian Church, Madisonville
June 29	Christian Care Communities of Hopkinsville
July 6	Potluck Church, Madisonville
July 13	First Christian Church, Mayfield
July 20	Second Christian Church, Mayfield
July 27	First Christian Church, Murray
August 3	First Christian Church, Nortonville
August 10	First Christian Church, Owensboro
August 17	First Christian Church, Paducah
August 24	Pembroke Christian Church, Pembroke
August 31	Christian Care Communities of Owensboro
September 7	First Christian Church, Princeton
September 14	First Christian Church, Providence
September 21	Berea Christian Church, Russellville
September 28	First Christian Church, Russellville
October 5	First Christian Church, Sebree
October 12	First Christian Church, Smiths Grove
October 19	Maxon Christian Church, West Paducah
October 26	Christian Care Communities of Bowling Green
November 2	Whitesville Christian Church, Whitesville
November 9	Wickliffe Christian Church, Wickliffe
November 16	The leadership and staff of the Christian Church In Kentucky
November 23	The leadership and staff of the West Area