

# the COORDINATOR

APRIL 2025

## READYING FOR SUMMER CAMP AT KBY!

### SPRING WORK DAY IS APRIL 26!

April 26 is our spring work day at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya. Each year we gather volunteers of all ages at the camp to spend a few hours preparing the campground for hosting summer activities and guests. We'll prepare the waterfront, organize closets, do spring cleaning, and use powertools to make repairs on our facility. Our camp manager, Becca Teckenbrock, also has a few special projects for us to tackle this year. Bring your tools, water bottle, and work gloves. Breakfast goodies and lunch will be provided.



**Be a Camp Counselor or CIT!**

**CAMP KBY**  
RETREAT CENTER

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

### REGISTER IN APRIL FOR CAMP!



### APPLY TO BE A COUNSELOR OR CIT

We are so thankful for our over 52 directors, counselors, and counselors-in-training who volunteered to make summer camp 2024 possible. Be a part of our 2025 team and apply today. Also, do you know youth or young adults (16 or older) who would make great counselors-in-training? Encourage them to apply to serve in this meaningful and life-changing ministry.

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



Earlybird discount ends May 1.  
<http://www.campkumbaya.org/register-for-camps/>



**REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER 2025**

- 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



**MAY 1**  
EARLYBIRD DEADLINE

270-821-1332 [www.campkumbaya.org](http://www.campkumbaya.org) 4943 Barge Island Rd., Benton

# MORE CAMP NEWS

## KUM-BA-YA TO HIRE A SUMMER ASSISTANT

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work at a camp? Considering a vocation in camping ministry? Just love being at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya? Or, know someone who has the gifts and love for outdoor ministries?

This summer, the camp will be hiring a seasonal summer assistant for our larger camps. The summer assistant will help clean and care for the facilities and grounds, assist the kitchen manager at mealtimes, and help with first aid and general safety. In early April, watch the camp's webpage and social media for more details.

<http://www.campkumbaya.org>



**Materials for  
CAMP SUNDAY!**

Help promote our camping ministries in your church using our new resources!

[www.ccinky.net/camp](http://www.ccinky.net/camp)

## CREATE YOUR OWN CAMP SUNDAY!

Select a Sunday this spring for your church to celebrate Camp Sunday. Invite children and youth to join us this summer at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya or at our sister camp, Camp Wakon' Da-Ho. You'll find bulletin inserts, postcards, videos, social media graphics, and more.

- Create a camp display in your narthex or fellowship hall
- Celebrate in worship
- Host a camp promotion night at youth group
- Send a postcard or personal note inviting a camper you love to KBY

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

## DONATE TO THE KBY CANTEEN OR GIVE FROM OUR WISH LIST

Here are three creative ways to donate to KBY:

- Collect and donate items for our canteen--like canned soft drinks, regular sized candy bars, and individual bags of chips or snacks
- Donate luau leis and canned drinks for our end-of-camp beach parties
- Purchase needed items from 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)

For information for our sister camp, go to <http://www.ccinky.net/camp/wakon-da-ho/>

**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

\*FIND DETAILS REGARDING AGE RESTRICTIONS, CHAPERONE REQUIREMENTS, AND PRICING AT [CCINKY.NET/MINISTRIES/CAMP/WAKONDA-HO](http://CCINKY.NET/MINISTRIES/CAMP/WAKONDA-HO)

# CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



## 2025 CYF SEMINAR: FACE-TO-FACE WITH OTHER FAITHS

CYF Seminar will be held June 10-17, and will travel to New York City and Washington, D.C.

CYF Seminar is a mobile classroom experience for high school students and first-year college students. The group will travel, experience diverse cultures and new adventures, and learn more about our faith and the history of religious pluralism in our country.

To register, please download the form, print, and return your filled-out copy to the regional office.

Registration form and first payment is due by April 1.

[www.ccinky.net/ymyac/](http://www.ccinky.net/ymyac/)

## THANKS FOR A GREAT SPRING RETREAT, WAYC!



Check out our photos on our Facebook page from the West Area Youth Council's Spring Youth Retreat 2025. It was a great, great weekend! <https://www.facebook.com/KentuckyKBY/>

- Number of youth and adults attending: 72
- Number of West Area churches participating: 10
- Gallons of painted rocks laid on the labyrinth : 15
- Gatherings for communion around the Lord's Table: 3
- Number of cinnamon rolls consumed: We lost count. 😊

# CONFERENCES, ASSEMBLIES, AND MORE

## NATIONAL FAITH + CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM



Calling Congregants of All Ages!

You're Invited to the  
National Faith + Climate Forum 2025!  
March 27, 2025  
11:00 am - 4:30 pm CT  
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
510 Hopkinsville Street  
Princeton



Join faith leaders and community members for a live watch party of the National Faith + Climate Forum 2025. Experience a day of powerful discussions, engaging workshops, and community building as we explore the intersection of faith and environmental care.

Come and be part of a movement towards sustainable congregational practices and robust community resilience. Let's inspire and support each other in acts of faith that care for creation.

Registration is easy, free, and filled with purpose:

1. Go to <https://nationalfaithandclimateforum.org> or scan the QR code above.
2. Fill out the required registration fields.
3. Select the "Attend in person at a designated host location" ticket type.
4. Select Princeton, KY.
5. Submit your registration and look out for a confirmation email with your registration details!

## Kentucky Disciples Women's Ministries 2025 Spring Conferences

### *Come, Holy Spirit Come! John 14:15-17*

**April 12** at Paducah First Christian Church, messenger Rev. Dr. Debra Reid, Disciples Home Missions' Interim Executive Director of the Office of Disciples Women.

Last day to register is **April 5**. Registration is \$30. Please fill out a registration form, and submit it to the Christian Church in Kentucky, 1125 Red Mile Road, Lexington, KY 40504. Or, register online.

We are offering three workshops, and lunch will be provided. Please note special dietary needs on your registration form. As part of the IDWM service project in response to gender-based violence, bring women's hygiene products or gifts cards for a local shelter.

<http://www.ccinky.net/disciples-women/>



# PREPARE FOR THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGISTER BEFORE APRIL 1 FOR THE EARLY BIRD PRICING



<https://ga.disciples.org>

## Are You Ready to Go BEYOND?

Join us at the 2025 General Assembly on July 12-15, 2025, in Memphis, TN.

With the theme BEYOND, rooted in Ephesians 3:20-21, we'll unite for:

- Uplifting worship
- Dynamic workshops
- Thought-provoking Keynote Speakers
- Meaningful mission projects
- Fun and fellowship for all ages



Register today for early bird pricing!

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ► [bit.ly/2025GARegistration](https://bit.ly/2025GARegistration)

The General Assembly is a four-day gathering in response to God's covenant of love that calls us to come together to go BEYOND. It is a time for us to step into the vastness of God's imagination across the life of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Mark your calendars to join us July 12-15, for worship, workshops, Bible study, opportunities to explore Memphis, mission projects, and the sacred work of the church for children, youth, young adults, and adults across the life of the church.

## NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE!



The Office of General Minister and President, in collaboration with the Proclamation Project, has released two 6-week congregational resources to help you and your congregation explore the General Assembly's themes and scriptures through Bible study, preaching, and worship.

What's included?

- Preaching Resource: Scriptural reflections, sermon starters, liturgy suggestions, poetry, and visual art.
- Bible Study: Scriptural reflections, discussion questions, and accompanying poetry and art.

Download the resources and start preparing to go BEYOND today!

<https://ga.disciples.org/congregational-resources/>



Friday, July 11 – 10:00am-5:00pm



### HELP BUILD HOPE

Frame a house for a disaster-impacted family, part of Week of Compassion's long-term tornado recovery in Kentucky.

build host site: The BLVD  
(Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Memphis)



Plan to come early to help frame a home for our Kentucky neighbors!

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



Thank you to the West Area Leadership Development Team, our leaders, exhibitors, and all of the volunteers from **First Christian Church of Henderson** for making the 2025 West Area Workshops such a sweet day!

# CLERGY NEWS

The application deadline is Thursday, March 27th.

## District Boundaries

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



## APRIL MINISTERS MEETINGS

### DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, April 22, at 12 p.m. Central at Paducah First Christian (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom.

### DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, April 8, at 10 a.m. Central  
We will meet in person at Madisonville First Christian (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom.

### DISTRICT 3

Thursday, April 17, at 10:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

### BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

## DISCIPLES INTERIMS INTERIM MINISTRY BASICS

APRIL 28-JUNE 23, 2025



LOOKING FOR A NEW ADVENTURE?  
WANT TO SERVE A CONGREGATION  
THAT IS BETWEEN SETTLED PASTORS  
AND HELP THEM EFFECT POSITIVE  
CHANGE?  
BRING YOUR GIFTS AND DEVELOP  
YOUR SKILLS FOR THIS ADVENTURE IN  
SPECIALIZED MINISTRY.

**TRAIN.SUPPORT.CONNECT.**

CONTACT [DISCIPLESINTERIMS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DISCIPLESINTERIMS@GMAIL.COM) FOR MORE INFO

## 2025 WEST AREA DIRECTORY INFORMATION AND ALEX REPORT BOTH DUE NOW

Church staff, please complete and submit the 2025 West Area Congregational Info form posted on the "Quick Forms" page of our website:

<http://www.westareadisciples.org/quick-forms/>.  
Scan and email the form to [westarea@twc.com](mailto:westarea@twc.com).  
Or use our new online form:  
<https://forms.gle/fJ7zSipEKzmayydz7>

And, ALEX Yearbook report deadline is extended to April 11. Get help here:

<https://ccdoc-ogmp.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/72000348023>



## FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

Caregivers: The CCK's Clergy Caregiver Support group is a safe space for you to share your questions and concerns. Join us!

Thursday, April 3, 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](mailto:craftywriter000@gmail.com)

Space is limited to 40 clergy, so register now! Registration deadline is April 20.

## PRAYER CHAIN

Pray the West Area Prayer Chain with us.

April 6 Ilsley Christian Church,  
Dawson Springs  
April 13 First Christian Church, Earlington  
April 20 The Christian Church of Elkton  
April 27 First Christian Church, Fulton

## BOARD SECRETARY

We are grateful to welcome June Vander Molen from Murray First Christian to the West Area Executive Committee. June will serve as our Board Secretary for 2025. Thanks for serving with us, June!

## NEW GMAIL EMAIL

Rachel and Teri are transitioning to Gmail email addresses, joining Becca who already uses a Gmail account. Please change our work email addresses in your contacts list:

[teri.westarea@gmail.com](mailto:teri.westarea@gmail.com) (Teri Arp, West Area Office Manager)  
[westareaminister@gmail.com](mailto:westareaminister@gmail.com) (Rachel Nance Woehler, West Area Reg. Minister)

## FROM THE TREASURER

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2025

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KY--WEST AREA

Total Receipts	\$11,641.43
Total Expenses	\$9,915.55
Positive Cash Flow for February	\$1,725.88
Total Operations Balance as of 2/28/25	\$24,071.93
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 2/28/25	\$4,891.05
<b>Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 2/28/25</b>	<b>\$28,962.98</b>
DCEF 12 Month Term Note Investment Balance as of 12/31/24	\$20,100.75
DCEF 36 Month Term Note Investment Balance as of 12/31/24	\$50,278.96
<b>Total DCEF Term Note Investment Balances as of 12/31/24</b>	<b>\$70,379.71</b>

### CAMP KUM-BA-YA

Total Receipts	\$2,430.10
Total Expenses	\$7,986.42
Negative Cash Flow for February	-\$5,556.32
Total Operations Balance as of 2/28/25	\$8,558.57
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 2/28/25	\$88,853.62
<b>Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 2/28/25</b>	<b>\$97,412.19</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Kellie Jo Fredrick  
2025-26 Treasurer



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New Gmail addresses!





## 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)

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

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