

# the COORDINATOR

OCTOBER 2024

## KBY WORK DAY--OCT. 26

### PREPARING FOR WINTER GUESTS

Join us **Saturday, October 26**, for Fall Work Day at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya (4943 Barge Island Rd., Benton). Gates will open at 7:30 a.m., and work will begin at 8 a.m. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. All ages and skill levels are welcome, so invite your friends, family, and churches to join us. We encourage you to wear close-toed shoes and bring your work gloves, tool boxes, leaf blowers, weed eaters, chainsaws, pressure washers, or just good olde elbow grease to help get our camp ready for the winter season guests.

Some of the projects we will tackle:

- Pouring an accessible concrete sidewalk to the fishing dock
- Mulching for flower beds at bathhouses
- Washing and changing mattress covers
- Installing solar lights along the trails
- Putting the screws in the bed rails
- Winterizing the swimming area
- Rehanging the staff cabin doors
- Painting the bathroom stalls
- Organizing the craft closets
- Repairing clothes lines
- Leaf-blowing trails
- Painting doors and more.

### GIVE FROM WISH LIST

Can't make it to Work Day? You can still help the camping ministry this fall by purchasing needed items from our Amazon wish list.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wish-list/lr/XBOO8E561ONH?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wish-list/lr/XBOO8E561ONH?ref=wl_share)



# EMERGENCY RESPONSE SEMINAR

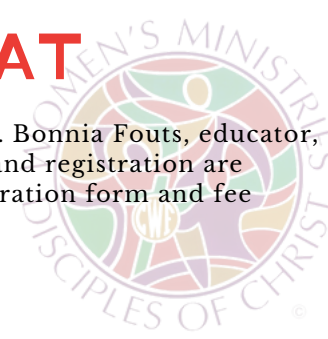
Week of Compassion will be presenting an emergency response awareness and preparedness seminar on **October 26**, 8:45 a.m.-noon Eastern in the fellowship hall of Berea First Christian Church (206 Chestnut Street, Berea). The seminar will be led by Rev. Caroline Hamilton-Arnold, associate director for domestic disaster response. This event is open to all, especially representatives from congregations or response agencies who would like to see the process in action. The seminar will focus on faith-based institutional disaster preparedness assessments. There is no fee. Please register by **October 23**.

[www.signupgenius.com/go/904054AACAF28A2F85-50027097-emergency?useFullSite=true#/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054AACAF28A2F85-50027097-emergency?useFullSite=true#/)

# WOMEN'S 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**.

[ccinky.net/ministries/disciples-women/](http://ccinky.net/ministries/disciples-women/)



*Come with Thanksgiving*  
PSALM 95:1-7

**All Disciples Sing  
& West Area Annual Meeting**  
Sunday, November 17 at 4pm  
First Christian Church  
700 J. R. Miller Blvd.  
Owensboro



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

# ALL DISCIPLES SING 2024

Join us for the 26th West Area All Disciples Sing & Annual Meeting at 4 p.m. Central on **Sunday, November 17**, at First Christian Church in Owensboro.

The West Area All Disciples Sing & Annual Meeting is more than just a musical gathering; it is a chance for West Area churches to connect, share, and strengthen our bonds. We hope that the All Disciples Sing will feature a diverse lineup of choirs and musicians from across our congregations, each bringing their unique style, talents, and spirit to the celebration. Based on Psalm 95:1-7a, this year's theme is "Come with Thanksgiving." We'll collect our annual offering for Camp Kum-Ba-Ya. First Christian Owensboro will host a cookie reception following worship.

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

Churches, confirm your participation by Oct 27 via the Google form on our homepage. 

# YOUTH NEWS

## REGIONAL YOUTH EVENT IN LOUISVILLE--NOVEMBER 22-24

Join us **November 22-24** at Beargrass Christian Church, 4100 Shelbyville Rd., Louisville, for a weekend of faith, fun, fellowship and food for all 6th-12th graders. We are excited that our new Regional Youth Committee is learning and hosting this event that will include keynotes, worship, service projects, small groups, and lots of fun. The Rev. Jay Deskins will be keynoting for us and leading us to think differently as we Fall into Faith!

Registration will start at 8:30 p.m. Eastern, and we will finish after the 9 a.m. worship at Beargrass on Sunday morning. In between we will play games, worship, be challenged by keynotes, and participate in service projects around Louisville. We are excited that this event is planned and led by 17 youth from around the region.

We are asking that churches use the online registration link below. Each church is asked to bring 1 adult for every 6 youth. Packing list and schedules will be emailed out before the event. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Mike McColl at [mjmfcc@gmail.com](mailto:mjmfcc@gmail.com)

<https://forms.gle/JKjVtUhsCwJtotgR9>



## 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 [youthleadershipsymposium.org](https://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.)



## OCT. MINISTERS MEETINGS

Great conversation partners, prayer partners, and ministry partners await you. Join us in October.

### DISTRICT 1

**Tuesday, October 22, at 12 p.m. Central**  
We will meet in person at Paducah First Christian (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom.

### DISTRICT 2

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

### DISTRICT 3

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

### BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

**Thursday, October 10, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom.** (Check your email for 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, October 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)

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY--OCTOBER 6



Celebrate Communion around the world. Resources now available!

[www.globalministries.org/resource/world-communion-sunday-resources/](http://www.globalministries.org/resource/world-communion-sunday-resources/)

## BOUNDARIES TRAINING DATES

Boundaries training is conducted online.

- **Saturday, October 12, 8:30 a.m.-2:30p.m. Central**
- **Monday, November 11 and Tuesday, November 12, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Central each night**

[www.ccinky.net/boundaries-training/](http://www.ccinky.net/boundaries-training/)

## BODY BUILDING

Are you keeping your worship time and place a secret? Check your website and social media to see that the time and location of your worship are easily visible to guests.

Add time and location to your Facebook "About" page. Test your website on a mobile device to see how this information looks to guests. Update your sign or banners with the correct time. Don't let your church be "the best-kept secret."



# The Small Thriving Church

The Fall 2024 Thriving Together Workshop centers around churches who typically worship 75 or less each week. This series is for clergy and lay leaders to attend together. When you register, you will need to register as a team; plan to attend all three sessions

**October 8, 15, and 22 — 7:00 p.m. ET / 6:00 p.m. CT / 5:00 p.m. MT / 4:00 p.m. PT**

**Each session is 90 minutes via Zoom. Registration is required but free.**

Three great workshops! Online and FREE!



## October 8 — Defining Thriving in the Small Church

**Rev. Dr. Erin Cash and Elder Gene Caston**

Often smaller congregations think they are not thriving because their budgets are tight and their pews aren't filled, but thriving has little to do with the number of people in worship or the number of dollars in the offering plate. Session

One of this series will help us define what thriving looks like in the local church. We will also discuss how this functions uniquely in the African-American context.



## October 15 — Measuring What Matters

**Rev. Dr. Stephanie Moon and Rev. Michael Zachary**

The second week will help the small church realize the resources it *already* has at its disposal by employing Asset Mapping. Recognizing your assets can help the church begin to switch from a mindset of scarcity to one of abundance. Then, we will explore ways to measure your

effectiveness. Why measure the way another church does? Is counting money and attendance the most important metric of success? Is that serving your unique congregation? You decide what your church will highlight, report on, and share with others.

An invitation to West Area churches from LTS. Get your team together and register TODAY! You don't want to miss this.



## October 22 — Expecting Too Much From Our Pastor—Celebrating Our Many Gifts

**Rev. Dr. Kristen Bentley and Rev. Dr. Lon Oliver**

In this session, we call on pastors and lay people to consider the gifts and graces that support the mission and ministry of their faith communities. How does your community celebrate the gifts God has given for building up the church while

supporting the pastor's leadership and calling? With these gifts in mind, we examine realistic expectations for 21st-century ministers. Honoring and using the gifts of the laity allows pastors to be faithful servant-leaders.

Thriving Together is a project of the Thriving Congregations Project at Lexington Theological Seminary, a Lilly Endowment, Inc. funded initiative.

Please visit <https://bit.ly/ThrivingTogetherFall2024> to register for this series, or simply scan the code!



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## WEEK OF MINISTRY WITH PENSION FUND--OCTOBER 6-12

This year, as we focus on truly understanding what it means to find wellbeing, Pension Fund is offering pastors a chance to be prayed with and for, a chance to focus on their mental health, and a chance to improve their financial wellness. All-encompassing wellness is hard to accomplish on your own, and it is Pension Fund's hope that they can offer support and guidance on your journey during Week of Ministry.

Throughout the week of **October 6-12**, Pension Fund will be offering some tangible ways that ministers can begin focusing on their wellness as well as a chance for our pastors to take a wellness pledge. Pastors, this pledge is one way you can begin working toward your own wellbeing. Pastors who submit the wellness pledge by **Saturday, October 14**, during Week of Ministry will have a chance to win a wellness gift from Pension Fund.



[Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering materials now available https://reconciliationministry.org](https://reconciliationministry.org)

## FROM THE TREASURER

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2024

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KENTUCKY-- WEST AREA

Total Receipts	\$3,890.25
Total Expenses	\$11,676.51
Negative Cash Flow for August	-\$7,786.26
Total Operations Balance as of 8/31/24	\$85,731.76
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 8/31/24	\$9,445.35
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 8/31/24	\$95,177.11

### CAMP KUM-BA-YA

Total Receipts	\$10,169.51
Total Expenses	\$7,939.96
Positive Cash Flow for August	\$2,229.55
Total Operations Balance as of 8/31/24	\$42,419.08
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 8/31/24	\$90,694.18
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 8/31/24	\$133,113.26

Respectfully submitted,  
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Treasurer



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