

the COORDINATOR

MARCH 2025

TWO DEADLINES: SUNDAY AND MONDAY!

"I Pray They Will Be One" John 17:21



West Area Workshops

First Christian Church, Henderson • March 1, 2025

We've extended the registration deadline for the West Area Workshops to **Sunday February 23**. So, register today for the amazing workshops held at Henderson First Christian Church (830 S. Green St.) on Saturday, March 1. The cost is \$20, including lunch.

Saturday, March 1, 2025

- 10:00 a.m. CT Registration & 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

Online registration and the paper registration form is available on the West Area homepage.

www.westareadisciples.org



Register Now!
SPRING
Youth Retreat

March 7-9, 2025
4943 Barge Island Road, Benton
For youth grades 6-12
Register through your church by 2/24



The West Area Youth Council (WAYC) has planned a wonderful retreat at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya for all youth grades 6-12 and adult sponsors on **March 7-9**.

Registration is \$50, with sponsorship from WAYC. Please see your youth leaders for more details and register through your church by **February 24**. More details (including the youth-to-adult ratio, packing list, and schedule) are available in the registration packet at www.westareadisciples.org.



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(Disciples of Christ)
In Kentucky
West Area
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National Convocation CC(DOC)

2025 Calendar

WINTER

FEBRUARY

So, WHERE ARE WE GOING?
A strategic conversation inviting your input about the Vision & Mission of the NCCC

- 2/18/2025 via ZOOM @ 12:00PM CST/10:00AM PST
- 2/20/2025 via ZOOM @ 7:30PM CST/5:30PM PST

APRIL

SPRING

The SEVEN LAST WORDS PANEL DISCUSSION

Clergy and lay leaders will share their reflections on the 7 Last Words of Christ relevance today.

- 4/15/2025 via FACEBOOK LIVE @ 7-9PM CST/5-7PM PST

SUMMER

JULY

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025
Memphis, TN

- Friday, 7/11 Pre-Assembly WELCOME BBQ
- Sunday, 7/13 NCCC Fellowship DINNER CONCERT

For more details and registration, visit www.ga.disciples.org

OCTOBER

FALL

FOUNDATIONS Conference

Online conference featuring speakers on topics to reinforce the basic elements for ministry thriving and impact.

- 10/18/2025 via ZOOM @ 1:00PM-4:00PM CST/11:00AM-2:00PM

www.nationalconvocation.org



JOIN THE 2025 PRAYER CHAIN

Pray the West Area Prayer Chain calendar.

- March 2 Cadiz Christian Church
- March 9 Sinking Fork Christian Church, Cerulean
- March 16 Crofton Christian Church
- March 23 First Christian Church of Dawson Springs
- March 30. Camp Kum-Ba-Ya

JULY 12-15
BEYOND
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
EPHESIANS 3:20-21

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



Special Offering materials available at
<https://www.weekofcompassion.org/2025.htm>

Kentucky Disciples Women's Ministries 2025 Spring Conferences

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

We are elated and excited to fellowship with you this year at one or both of our Spring Conferences!

March 22, 2025, at Crestwood Christian Church (DOC) Lexington, messenger Rev. Sarah Renfro
Last day to register March 15, 2025

April 12, 2025, at First Christian Church (DOC) Paducah, messenger Dr. Debra Reid
Last day to register April 5, 2025

Registration is \$30, please fill out a registration form and submit to the Christian Church in Kentucky (CCK), 1125 Red Mile Rd., Lexington, KY 40504. Please feel free to register online at www.ccinky.net – drop down box – “Women’s Ministries” or print/copy the registration form and mail it in.



CAMP NEWS



APPLY TO BE A 2025 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 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



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

JOIN IN THE REGION-WIDE CELEBRATION OF CAMP SUNDAY!

Plan now to celebrate Camp Sunday on **March 16** in your church and 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 here to...

- create a camp display in the narthex or Fellowship Hall
- celebrate in worship
- host a camp promotion night at youth group, and
- send a postcard or personal note inviting a camper you love to KBY.

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

And, for Camp Wakon' Da-Ho promotional information, go to www.ccinky.net/camp



CAMP SUNDAY!
March 16

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

www.ccinky.net/camp

CAMP WAKONDA-HO
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Sister Church of Camp KBY)
Jeffersonville, OH

CAMP KBY
RETREAT CENTER

CAMP NEWS CONTINUED



GIVE FROM OUR WISH LIST OR DONATE TO CANTEEN

Here are two creative ways individuals and groups can donate to Camp Kum-Ba-Ya:

- Collect and donate items for our canteen--like canned soft drinks, regular sized candy bars, and individual bags of chips or snacks.
- Purchase needed items from our Amazon wish list.
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/XBOO8E561ONH?ref=wl_share

Register today for Camp Kim-Ba-Ya. Earlybird discount ends May 1.

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

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



 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  4943 Barge Island Rd., Benton

Let's get our beach ready for another summer of camping!

Spring Work Day
 April 26, 2025
 4943 Barge Island Rd.
 Benton, Kentucky
 Work begins at 8:00AM



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

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

EQUIPPING DISCIPLES



A WEBINAR FOR SMALL CHURCHES STRIVING TO MINISTER TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Small Congregation... Great Home for Children
Small-Rural Church Series
Thursday, March 13 via Zoom
7:00 PM EST/6:00 PM CST

Join West Area pastors Antonio Sherrill (Second Christian Church) and Brain Hedges (Whitesville Christian Church) as they share what God is “up to” in their congregations and invite you to consider youth and children’s ministry anew. Small Congregations do indeed make a wonderful home for Children and Youth! In this workshop, you will learn about youth and children’s ministry in the settings of smaller congregations and rural congregations and gain practical insight for what your own congregation might offer to the community.

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

GOING ON A MISSION OR SERVICE LEARNING TRIP?

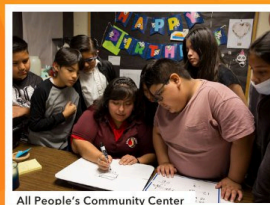
Would your church like some help with that mission trip? The Christian Church in Kentucky offers up to 10 Youth Mission Trip Partnership Grants. The form below needs to be turned in at least two months prior to your mission trip. The first 10 churches who apply are considered first, and at last check, a couple still remain! So act fast!

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. 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>

NBA Mission & Ministry Grants



Supporting Disciples ministries for older adults and educational programs for at-risk youth and young adults.

Apply at NBACares.org/MM-Grants

Applications due March 26, 2025



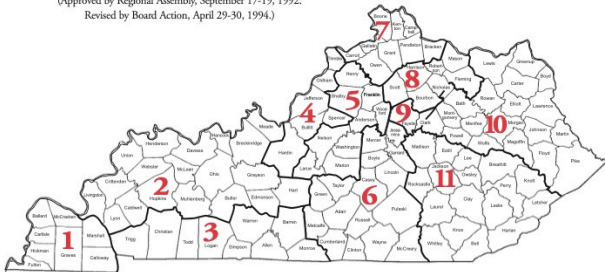
National Benevolent Association
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Is your youth ministry working with at-risk youth? If so, explore this wonderful grant opportunity. Call Rachel to learn more about West Area churches that have received these grants in recent years..

CLERGY NEWS

District Boundaries

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



MARCH MINISTERS MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, March 25, at 12 p.m. Central at Paducah First Christian (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom.

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, March 11, at 10 a.m. Central
We will meet in person at Madisonville First Christian (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom.

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, March 20, at 10:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, March 13, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

Caregivers: The CCK's Clergy Caregiver Support group is for you. Come share your ups and downs with us.

Thursday, March 6, 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



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 FOR MORE INFO

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. Scan and email the form to westarea@twc.com or mail it by March 15. Or use our new online form:

<https://forms.gle/fj7zSipEKzmayydz7>

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

ALEX REPORTING

ALEX Yearbook reporting opens February 24 for congregations to enter their statistics for 2024 on the ALEX site.

<https://disciples.org/alex/>



CLERGY RETREAT

RESURRECTING YOUR MINISTRY

APRIL 27-29, 2025
NAZARETH RETREAT CENTER
BARDSTOWN, KY



Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
In Kentucky



BODY BUILDING

Lent prepares us for the season of Easter. As we're planning to host guests in our churches for Lenten meals and Easter egg hunts, how might your church be sensitive to food allergies and other dietary restrictions? Will you have gluten-free, nut-free, meat-free, and sugar-free alternatives available? How might the foods we serve be a sign of our hospitality and care?



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 (Teri Arp, West Area Office Manager)

westareaminister@gmail.com (Rachel Nance Woehler, West Area Regional Minister)



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New gmail addresses!

FROM THE TREASURER

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE
MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2025

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KENTUCKY-- WEST AREA

Total Receipts	\$3,215.25
Total Expenses	\$13,142.45
Negative Cash Flow for December	-\$9,927.20
Total Operations Balance as of 1/31/25	\$24,396.56
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 1/31/25	\$7,412.94
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 1/31/25	\$31,809.50

CAMP KUM-BA-YA

Total Receipts	\$97.67
Total Expenses	\$10,601.85
Negative Cash Flow for December	-\$10,504.18
Total Operations Balance as of 1/31/25	\$11,704.10
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 1/31/25	\$88,508.62
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 1/31/25	\$100,212.72

Respectfully submitted,
Kellie Jo Fredrick
Treasurer



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	Cadiz 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