



REGISTER TODAY FOR 2019 SUMMER CAMPING PROGRAM



It's time to start registering for 2019 summer camps. Register online at kansasdisciples.org or download a registration form and mail with payment to

the Topeka Regional office. Plan to attend one of 15 camp sessions for all age and interest groups.

All camps are at the Disciples Center at Tawakoni, near Augusta, unless otherwise stated.

Campers at these camps are immersed in a faith-forming environment in which the songs, games, and activities become part of faith development. They experience a life that is caught up with and dependent on God's ongoing activity in the world.

Diverse camp experiences lead to growth in self-confidence, leadership, and social skills.



Campers learn to work cooperatively, utilizing the strengths of each individual.

They often feel more open to be themselves and such open and honest relationships carry on past the commencement of camp, and they aren't formed only between campers. Many times they find a friend and mentor in their camp counselor.

Early bird registration deadline is April 30. Scholarships are available. Applications are due by March 31. Check with your church office for details.



Camp fee includes lodging, meals, snacks, program expense including a nurse, and maintenance costs plus \$10 to the camp maintenance fund. All campers receive a theme T-shirt and water bottle.

WEEK OF COMPASSION SPECIAL DAY OFFERING—FEB 17 & 24



When we use our imaginations the way that God does, we can begin to envision a world:

- where no child goes unfed, unhoused, or unloved
- where no one ever fears abuse or violence
- where clean water is not a dream but a reality for all
- where small farmers do their work with dignity and are paid a fair wage for their labors
- where agricultural practices enrich and renew the land rather than deplete it

- where survivors of natural disasters have the resources they need, now and for years to come
- where vulnerable immigrants are welcomed in Christ's name.

Can YOU imagine these things?

Through your gifts to Week of Compassion what we can imagine becomes ever more a reality for more and more people. Through your gifts God is doing **More than we can imagine!**

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May 3 or May 4

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2019 Summer Camp Schedule
Camp Registration & Health Form

Get your Forms in!

KBC Grant Applications
April 30

Reconciliation Grant
Applications
April 30

Church Yearbook Forms
March 15

PRAYER 4 PARTNERS

From the Region:

- Emporia First CC
Lorraine Bailey,
Transitional Minister
- Chanute First CC
Pastor Tom Eastman
Associate Cody Haviland
- Augusta First CC
(In Search)
- Gorham Community Church
Karen & Rob Harvester
Co-Pastors
- Colby First CC
(In Search)

From Our Partner Regions:

- Aurora First CC,
Aurora, NE
- Pauls Valley First CC,
Pauls Valley, OK

From the General Church:

In Kansas in 2018, Week of Compassion responded to Keeping Families Together Emergency Support, Tornado Relief, Storm Relief. Prayerfully consider giving to the Week of Compassion Special Day Offering.

From our Global Mission Partners in East Asia and the Pacific:

- Judy Chan: Hong Kong Christian Council
- Deborah Clemens: Ohwa College, Micronesia
- Eleaza Fernandez: United Church of Christ in the Philippines

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR REGIONAL MINISTER

By Renee Bridwell, Regional Minister

In 2017, our region began a 3-5 year transitional period, with the collaborative, mutually-accountable leadership of your three Regional Ministers.

The Regional Board convened a Vision Team to start this transition. Church consultant Dick Hamm was engaged to guide the Team in research and to build the framework, including last winter's Listening Conferences.

Then it was 2018 and the Team's work was on hiatus while your regional ministers were away from daily responsibilities: Steve's medical leave, sabbaticals for Ken and I.

Suddenly it's 2019, and we're into the third year of transition! The Vision Team has resumed its work to clarify our mission in simple, powerful words. *Watch for clues and a roll-out soon!*

Next, they will envision ways to accomplish this, considering all that we heard in the Listening Conferences.

One outcome will be recommendations to the Regional Board about effective staffing to effectively connect and equip our congregations and members for mission and discipleship. Kansas is fortunate to have long-serving staff, with the strength of institutional memory and well-established networks. The flip-side of a long-serving staff is that eventually people retire, and we need to plan for this. At the end of 2019 (*more or less*), I will retire after serving almost 12 years with you. Early notice gives the Vision Team and the Regional Board extra time to decide what's next, and the freedom to dream about new possibilities. It's time for new things to emerge, and I'm excited to see what's next!



COMMUNICATION CORNER: YOUR FONT CHOICE MATTERS

Just like with colors, we have feelings and associations we link to specific fonts. In other words, it's not just what you say, but how you say it. While working on a project, it's important to know which font matches your intended tone and purpose.

Serif fonts like Baskerville or Times New Roman portray tradition, sophistication and a formal tone. They elicit feelings of stability, timelessness, and respectability.

San serif fonts such as Helvetica or Verdana are modern, humanist and neutral. They elicit emotions of simplicity,

straightforwardness and easy readability.

Slab Serifs like Clarendon or Silverfake are bold and contemporary and elicit emotions of importance, attention-grabbing, and are impactful.

Script fonts such as Edwardian Script or Mistral are elegant, classic, stylish and formal. They elicit emotions of femininity, elegance, and lavish.

Understanding font psychology, and how different typefaces provoke different emotions, is key to figuring out which one you need to communicate the right message.

2019 TAWAKONI GALA & AUCTION



The annual Tawakoni Gala and Auction is right around the corner on Saturday, Feb. 16 beginning with 10:30 a.m. social time and silent auction, then 12:15 dinner.

Proceeds will benefit the Pool Bathhouse and fence project and pay off the new Caretaker's House. Proceeds beyond those needs will go toward

the Cabin 3, Jones Lodge project.

Tickets are \$45 per person or \$300 for a table of 8; children under 6 eat free. Register and pay online at kansasdiscalples.org or download a registration form and mail with payment to the Topeka Regional office.



SPRING YOUTH RETREAT TO FEATURE ANDY BECK

Kansas youth – both middle-school and high school students – are all invited to Tawakoni for the annual spring retreat March 1-3.



Rev. Andy Beck, senior minister of Hillside Christian Church in Kansas City, MO will be our speaker. He is known for his prophetic preaching. Youth will

enjoy his sense of humor and his energy. Andy has been a popular youth speaker and the Kansas youth will enjoy him greatly! The annual retreat, under the direction of

the KCYF Cabinet, will begin with registration at 7 pm. Eat before arrival as dinner is not provided. Adult sponsors are essential for this event, so please send one sponsor for every 6 youth.

The retreat will include five keynotes, time for music and worship, fun times of games and fellowship and an mission project for the campground.

Register and pay online at www.kansasdisciples.org or download a registration form and mail with payment to the Topeka Regional Office.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE EVENTS

Kansas Disciples Women SpiritFest 2.0

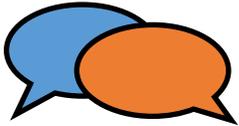
April 6: First CC, Salina
April 7: Hillside CC, Wichita
April 13: First CC, Independence

Please come see what new experiences are in store for you! Cost of \$15 includes program materials and a light meal.

Clergy Retreat Featuring GMP Terri Hord Owens

April 23-25
Disciples Center at Tawakoni

Take advantage of an opportunity to rest after the busy Easter holiday while getting to visit with our General Minister and President. The cost is \$70 for two nights lodging at the camp and four meals, or \$50 without lodging.



ART OF CHURCH COMMUNICATION WORKSHOPS

One way that your church can become a better steward of what you have is by aligning church communication and church vision. Learn how at the 2019 Art of Church Communication workshops.

Workshops will be Tuesday mornings, 9:30-12:30, in March at Tawakoni. Both in-person and video options are available.

They are not just for church office staff. Anyone interested in church communication ministry, regardless of skill level, is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Cost is \$25 per workshop or save today by signing up for all 4 workshops for \$75 when you register before Feb 15.

Things are better with friends! Register with two or more friends from your church for \$65 per person when you register for all 4 workshops.

A minimum of 6 paid registrations is required to hold workshops.

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CRISTINE WARRING KEYNOTES 2019 SPIRITUALITY RETREAT

Come discover what your spiritual gifts are, and how to use them in our quest for a purposeful life at the 2019 Spirituality Retreat March 7-9 at the Heartland Center for Spirituality, Great Bend.



Cristine Warring, pastor at Girard First Christian Church, will lead the discussion to discover your gifts from God, and how you can use those

gifts to love others as God has loved us.

Cost is \$135 per person. Register and pay online at www.kansasdisciples.org or download a form and mail with payment to the Topeka regional office.

This retreat is open to all people who want a chance to get away and focus some time on their relationship with God and God's will for their life.

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2018 GIVING STATEMENTS

Did you donate to the Kansas regional ministries? Did you receive your 2018 giving statement? Statements were sent out January 4. If you haven't received your statement, contact the Topeka Regional Office, cckbookkeeper@gmail.com or 1-800-737-8130.

NEWS FROM THE GENERAL CHURCH

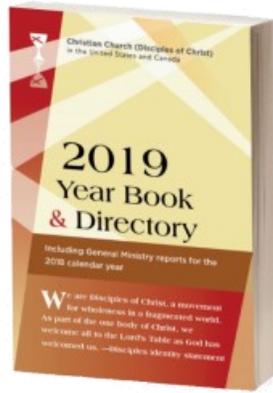
IT'S YEARBOOK TIME!

The Year Book serves numerous administrative functions, compiling General Board reports and General Assembly resolutions, and serving as the official record of congregations receiving 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status through the Internal Revenue Service.

The data collected is invaluable for regional and general ministries. Regions benefit from Year Book data, using the information provided to analyze regional health and vitality.

General ministries use Year Book data to update their own records and mailing lists of Disciples congregations. Being listed in the Year Book is also a prerequisite for a congregation to participate in many general ministries' programs.

To have your information included in the annual Year Book, submit a report by March 15. You will need your congregation's PIN. If you need assistance with your PIN, call Topeka regional office at 785-266-2914. The report can be submitted online at www.disciples.org/yearbook or send a paper copy of your report to the Year Book office.



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JULY 20-24, 2019
Des Moines, IA

Abide in Me

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Fè youn ak mwen • 내 안에 거하라
John 15: 1-5

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
in the United States and Canada

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

CHOIR CHAIRS AND PEW AVAILABLE

Douglas First CC has 17 choir chairs and a 10.5 foot long pew they are giving away to a needy congregation. Contact the church office at 316-746-2221 for details.



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SEK AREA YOUTH EXPLOSION



Over 65 youth and adult sponsors from the First Christian Churches in Girard, Columbus and Parsons gathered for the South East Kansas Area Youth Explosion hosted by Parsons First CC. They spent the evening playing 9 Square, eating,

laughing through energizers, discussing current topics affecting their lives and leaving with a belly full of ice cream.

TRANSITIONS:

Garden City First CC welcomes Intentional Interim Minister **Phillip Hayes** and his wife Dorothy beginning February 3.

NEXT KANSAS MESSENGER

Remember the *Kansas Messenger* is now available on the first Tuesday of each month. Email your article submissions to messenger@kansasdiciples.org by:

Monday, February 18