

the Kentucky Christian

September 2025

Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering –
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September 28 & October 5, 2025



Sunday, September 28th - Sunday, October 5th

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Beyond Brokenness - Building Beloved Community

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2 Corinthians 5:17-20



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A WORD FROM THE REGIONAL MINISTER



Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II, Regional Minister

Are We Reconciled?

¹¹ Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience....¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:^[a] The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be

reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:11, 17-20 NIV

Reconciliation is difficult as it requires acknowledgement of causing enmity, and forgiveness for what has occurred. Let me share my struggle as of late: are we actually reconciled, being reconciled, or even working toward reconciliation? The deeper question is: as children of the Most-High God, do we understand that we are called to be ministers of reconciliation and ambassadors for Christ? In a culture that highlights only biblical texts that fits its itching ears and contextualizes the rest, can we agree that the ethic of love supersedes our itching ears? This may be a scary thought, but it's been weighing heavily on my heart and spirit.

The dictionary defines reconciliation as the restoration of friendly relations and/or action of making one view or belief compatible with another. Biblically, reconciliation is the restoration of creation into the right relationship with the Creator. I was reminded recently that reconciliation is challenging, as we explored the life of Jacob at the Men's Spiritual Retreat. Jacob was fearful and running from his brother Esau, as he had wronged him by stealing his birthright. But the bible suggests that they were reconciled. The biblical account reveals some marks of reconciliation, acknowledgment of wrong-doing, as well as forgiveness, grace, and mercy. Is it possible that remembering our past and acknowledging historic wrongs is at the heart of our current social, cultural, political and religious divide? I think it is! Let's talk.

The difficulty of reconciliation had my hope of reconciliation on life support, as my eyes were focused on the end goal, as opposed to the journey of reconciliation. God reminded and restored my hope through the prophet Isaiah:

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling^[a] together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Isaiah 11:6-9 (NIV)

THERE IS HOPE as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US & Canada is a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world...welcoming all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us, making reconciliation a top priority as part of its merger and restructure since 1969.

THERE IS HOPE as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky is moving in our call to be ministers of reconciliation, becoming a Pro-Reconciling/Anti-Racist region, and sharing stories as we see the face of God in each other.

THERE IS HOPE as we are all able to participate in the work of reconciliation through our stewardship of time, talent, and our treasure through the Special Offering lifted up this season for the assistance of programing, training, and advocacy for reconciliation.



Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II visited East Second Street Christian Church on May 11. He is pictured here with Elder Sherman Greene and Rev. Dikiea Elery.

THERE IS HOPE as I close with this prayer adapted from Black Liturgies by Cole Arthur Riley for the Opening Convocation at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

God of the table, meet us as and wherever we gather. Help us to make space to delight in the sacred community we've been given. For every time we're together, let us look up and truly see one another's faces. Allow the sacredness of our moments together to be realized. Remind us that it's not our work and our presence alone that is holy, but our work and presence shared-holiness in community, saving each other again and again. May you open our eyes to recognize your divine spark among and within every one of us. And may this table be the site of true welcome and belonging, where all are invited into worship and community. Amen.

It remains an honor and a privilege to have been called to serve clergy, laity, and the nearly 200 congregations that make up the Christian Church in Kentucky during a very challenging and yet exciting period in our history.



Rev. David Conway was installed at Shelbyville Christian Church on June 8. Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II represented the region.



Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II and Rev. Dr. Charisse L. Gillett worshipped with First Christian Church, Ashland on June 22. They can be seen here with Rev. Dr. Jacque Compton.



Rev. Kyle McDougall was installed at Erlanger Christian Church on June 29. Pictured here are Rev. Josh Snyder, Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II, Rev. Kyle McDougall, and Rev. Trish Standifur.



The Ordination of Rev. Kevin Patterson was recognized at First Christian Church, Paducah on August 24. Pictured are Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II, Rev. Josh Snyder, Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler, Rev. Kevin Patterson, and Rev. Jamie Eubanks.



Rev. Stephanie Wallace was ordained on July 27 at Crestwood Christian Church. Pictured here are Carter Wallace, Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II, Rev. Phil Cook, Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson, Rev. Josh Snyder, Scott Wallace, Clara Wallace, Rev. Trish Standifur, Rev. Stephanie Wallace, Rev. Dean Phelps, Rev. Deb Phelps, Rev. Bill McDonald, and Rev. Dr. Charisse L. Gillett.



Kentucky Disciples Men gathered at St. Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, Indiana, July 25-27 for the 2025 Men's Spiritual Life Retreat.



On June 1, Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett worshipped at First Christian Church, Hopkinsville. He is seen here with Mike Foster.



The Prodigal's House (Disciples of Christ) celebrated their 19th Anniversary on July 6. Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II can be seen here with Rev. Aaron Crumbie.



Rev. Timothy Abell was installed at Second Christian Church, Lawrenceburg on August 10. Pictured here are Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II, Rev. Darrell Hayden, Rev. Timothy Abell, Rev. Jim Wheeler, and Rev. Mark Anderson.



On August 17, Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II worshipped at Central Christian Church. Pictured with him here are Ms. Melissa Holland, Rev. Brandon Gilvin, Rev. Dr. Nancy Jo Kemper, and Rev. Paul Tche, President of Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry.



Pastor Missy Wallace was commissioned at Crestwood Christian Church in Lexington on August 17. Pictured here are Rev. Kelly Hale, Rev. Josh Snyder, Rev. Vicki Ray, Rev. Molly Smothers, Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson, Rev. Chris Cash, Rev. Dr. Mike Gatton, Rev. Steph Wallace, Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II, Pastor Missy Wallace, and Rev. Marsha Samms.



Kentucky Disciples were well-represented at the 2025 General Assembly. Pictured here are Rev. Ben and Miranda Reece, Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II, Rev. Josh Snyder, Rev. Dr. Lon Oliver, Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson, Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler, and Moderator Leah Eubanks.



On August 29, Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II visited Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary for the Opening Convocation and Installation of Dr. Perzavia Praylow. He is pictured here with Dr. Denise Bell, Dr. Deborrah J. Mumford, Dr. Perzavia Praylow, and Dr. Charisse Gillett.



Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II visited Millville Christian Church on June 15, and is pictured here with Rev. Ray Holdren.



Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II worshipped with First Christian Church, Frankfort on August 10, in celebration of Rev. Elizabeth King's installation. He is seen here with Rev. Elizabeth King and Mr. Jason Stuart.



The 2025 Kentucky Christian Missionary Convention gathered July 18-20 at High Street Christian Church in Mt. Sterling.



On August 3, Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II visited the Chautauqua Association of the Disciples of Christ in Chautauqua, New York. He is seen here with Rev. Dr. Charisse L. Gillett and Rev. Megan Huston.



Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II worshipped with First Christian Church, Shelbyville on May 18, seen here with Amy Bramblett.



August 1, Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II visited the Piedmont District Convention of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Reidsville, North Carolina. He is seen here with Bishop Valerie Melvin and Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning.



Beyond Brokenness – Building Beloved Community

Rev. Josh Snyder

Associate Regional Minister & Liaison to Reconciliation Ministry

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. writes in his autobiography, “Hate is just as injurious to the hater as it is to the hated. Like an unchecked cancer, hate corrodes the personality and eats away its vital unity. Many of our inner conflicts are rooted in hate. This is why psychiatrists say, ‘Love or perish.’ Hate is too great a burden to bear.”

These are powerful words that point us to the truth of reconciliation: the journey to reconciliation begins in the heart of each individual person; reconciliation is the journey from hate towards compassion.

Hate divides, separating us from our neighbors. Hate blinds, restricting us from seeing the sanctity of all God’s children. Hate lies, telling us the person sitting across from us is our enemy. Hate hurts, causing us and those around us moral injury.

Compassion, on the other hand, blesses. Compassion unites, bonding us to those who are different. Compassion unveils, enabling us to see the beauty of diversity. Compassion conveys, telling us the truth that all are worthy of love. Compassion heals, restoring us to wholeness.

How do we move from hate to compassion?

One, practice empathy. Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of one another. Empathy is the word which goes along with the phrase “walk a mile in someone else’s shoes.” When we practice empathy, we place ourselves in the situation someone else is enduring. When we see what they see, hear what they hear, and feel what they feel, our hearts open. When we practice empathy, we understand, making room for love.

Two, engage in faithful conversation. Speaking with others from a different background gives us a deeper vision of what humanity is. Speaking faithfully, part of which means listening, prevents us from entering echo chambers in which we only hear the things we already believe. When we speak and listen faithfully, we break through division, making room for love.

Three, forgive. Though not always the case, hate can be rooted in past hurts. Forgiveness is an intentional decision to let go of resentment and anger. The memory of the act that hurt or offended you might always be with you, but forgiveness can lessen the pain and anger that lingers. When we forgive, we let go of hate and resentment, making room for love.

And four, embrace love. Sometimes, hate can be born of feeling unloved. For those who feel this way, leaning into love can drive away those feelings of hate. It may be the love of a friend, or even a pet, but accepting love when it is offered can change the heart. When we embrace love, we drive out hate, making room for even more love.

When hate is driven out and room is made for love, then reconciliation can occur. When we love, we are much more likely to desire and seek unity with everyone, especially those who we view as different. Only when we love can we have true reconciliation.

*How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in peace!
It is like the finest oils poured on the head, sweet-smelling oils flowing down to cover the beard,
Flowing down the beard of Aaron, flowing down the collar of his robe.
It is like the gentle rain of Mount Hermon that falls on the hills of Zion.
Yes, from this place, the Eternal spoke the command,
from there He gave His blessing—life forever.*

Psalm 133

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Ultimately, the journey from hate to compassion is a personal transformation that opens the path to true reconciliation. By practicing empathy, engaging in meaningful dialogue, forgiving past wrongs, and embracing love, each person can contribute to a more united and healing world. Dr. King's wisdom reminds us that the choice to move toward compassion is not only necessary for others, but essential for our own well-being and wholeness. As we nurture love within ourselves, we help build a future rooted in understanding, dignity, and peace for all.

The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering is received each year in congregations on the last Sunday in September and the first Sunday in October (in solidarity with World Communion Sunday). Funds generated by this special emphasis are used throughout the year to provide grants to ministries and congregations actively developing and implementing programs that promote our Church's Pro-Reconciliation and Anti-Racist identity. These programs and efforts seek to reveal, re-educate, and remove systemic and structural barriers in our communities that serve to deny the image of God and human thriving based on race.

Your gifts to Reconciliation Ministry strengthens our Church's witness to God's unending love for all of humanity. With your generosity, leaders, communities, and our congregations are being equipped to witness to God's love and justice in all times and in every season. The time is always ripe to stand up for justice to ensure that all of God's children are treated equitably. Thank you for joining us on this journey through your generosity.

The 2025 Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering will be accepted in many congregations September 28 and October 5. To learn more or give online, visit reconciliationministry.org/give.

Join the Kentucky Reconciliation Ministry Team for our Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Training, *Seeing the Face of God in Each Other*, October 27-28, 6:00pm-9:00pm both days. To learn more about the Kentucky Reconciliation Ministry or register for this training, visit www.ccinky.net/reconciliation-ministry/.

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OUTDOOR MINISTRIES



Successful Outdoor Ministry Season for 2025 for the Christian Church in Kentucky

*Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler West Area Regional Minister and
Rev. Steven Straub, Camp Wakon' Da-Ho Executive Director*

Summer 2025 was a wonderful time for Outdoor Ministry in Kentucky as both of our campgrounds, Camp Kum-Ba-Ya in Benton and Camp Wakon'Da-Ho in Yosemite welcomed campers from around the state.

At both camps, the theme was "Another Way," from InsideOut curriculum. Through small groups, keynote speakers, worship, and other activities, campers learned that God always invites us to reimagine who we are and how we do things. Bible lessons included Saul and Ananias, John the Baptist, the daughter of Zelophehad, and more.

Camp KBY continues to expand its welcome to all. In May, Terry Hart and his grandson (First Christian Church, Murray) delivered a load of lumber. John Yakel and the talented Ramp Building Team from First Christian Church, Glasgow took it from there, constructing the fifth ramp that they have built for one of our main buildings. And Dan McKeel (First Christian Church, Murray) delivered 10 new wooden benches to the camp. We are so grateful for the gifts of these disciples committed to realizing God's wide-open welcome in practical ways.

Camp WKDH also expanded its welcome to all. The long-awaited new bathhouse opened this summer. The Men's Group from First Christian Church, Lawrenceburg helped rebuild some shelters to make them more accessible to all campers. There are now concrete paths to the bathhouse and pool, to provide easier access to those facilities. And we give thanks to Hayden Durham from Beargrass Christian Church in Louisville, who built ten new campfire benches for his Eagle Scout project last spring.

Camp KBY had a fantastic summer with 182 campers registered, with nine campers registering for two camps. Two of the camps were filled to capacity (limited by the number the camp can host in our dining hall). Camp manager, Becca Teckenbrock and the directors built amazing teams of counselors, and the children, youth, and adult campers were a joy to host.

Camp WKDH also had a wonderful summer with over 470 campers in attendance, starting with Mini Camp in June and finishing with Y'all Camp over Labor Day weekend. In particular, Eighter's camp, a specialty camp operated in cooperation with Just Say Know Ministry, had close to 40 campers in attendance, a near-record high. We give thanks to Camp Manager Linda Lee, other summer employees, directors, and counselors for all their hard work to make the camping season go so smoothly.

A KBY Advisory Team sub-committee will be meeting this fall to plan for our next round of repairs and improvements needed as they prepare for **our Fall Work Day November 8**. Please bring your work gloves and join us for a day of organizing, cleaning, and repairing the buildings and grounds. Work begins at 8:00am Central.

The WKDH site team will meet in September to review policies and summer evaluations as well as plan for needed repairs and improvements. Several work days are being planned throughout the year. Check the CCK electronic newsletters for updates ([CLICK HERE to join the mailing list](#)).

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Camp Kum-Ba-Ya



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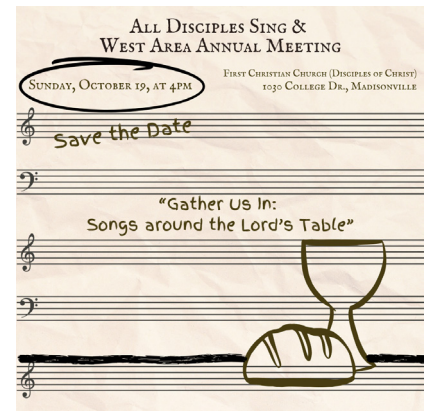
Camp Wakon' Da-Ho





Gather us in, all peoples together

*Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
West Area Regional Minister*

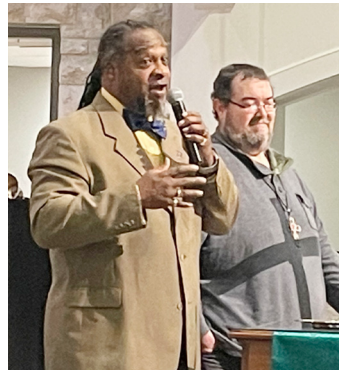


Do you think that the disciples were good singers? I wonder who had the best voice? I wonder who had a good enough voice to sing solo, and I wonder who sang so-low you couldn't hear them. Did they just burst into song because they were compelled to have a song of inspiration for the journey ahead? Did they remember that song in their heart for the rest of their lives? Songs do, after all, hold memories for us.

On **October 19 at 4 p.m. Central**, we'll be gathering once again to worship at the **All Disciples Sing**—this year at **First Christian Church, Madisonville**. Our 2025 is “Gather Us In: Songs Around the Lord’s Table.” Please consider this your invitation to join us—to be among the Disciples singing around the Table, as musicians from our West Area churches lead us in worship.



Rev. Dr. Rick Loader, Interim Minister at First Christian Church, Mayfield sharing his gift.



Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II and Rev. Jeff Mandrell (West Area Board Chair and Minister of Crofton Christian Church), sharing worship at All Disciples Sing 2024.

Inspired by the hymn of the same name by Marty Haugen (Chalice Hymnal #284), “Gather Us In” invites us to gather (“all peoples together”) to find community and belonging where we receive the “wine and the water” and “bread of new birth.” What hymns are meaningful for your church as you prepare to gather around the table? What hymns of communion have helped you find deeper meanings in the Lord’s Supper? What song do you feel compelled to sing as you depart from the table?

Thanks be to God for the gifts of music and of the table, and for the Disciples who first taught us that the two belong together.

(Reprinted from the [West Area Coordinator](#) September 2025, p. 1.)



We are so grateful for the Choir of First Christian Church, Owensboro.



All Disciples Sing 2024 was blessed by the music of the folks from First Christian Church, Dawson Springs. Pictured here are Interim Minister Rev. Leah Eubanks, Children and Youth Director Sarah Beth Brewer, and Director of Music Gavin Sewell.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



Updates from the Kentucky Women's Ministries

Marsha Thornton, Jr.
Director of Women's Ministries

Happy Fall, Ladies of Kentucky!

Women's Ministries have had a whirlwind of a summer. We started with the fantastic Quilter's/Knitter's Retreat at the end of June, where we had 49 ladies in attendance. We crafted, worshipped, had field trips, and a whole lot of fellowship. If you enjoy crafting, please consider joining this amazing retreat next year.

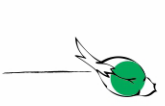
We then continued the fun in July with the General Assembly in Memphis, TN! The ladies of Kentucky donated a basket for a silent auction, as we came together to celebrate 150 years of Women's Ministry; recognizing some of the work we have accomplished while acknowledging that there is still plenty of work to do. We danced, we ate, and, of course, we fellowshiped!

We're now coming into the fourth quarter with Fall Retreat, and we cannot wait to gather once more. We are hosting this year's Fall Retreat on October 24-26, 2025, at Barren River Lake State Park in Lucas, Kentucky. A registration form and fee of \$40.00 should be sent to the CCK office by October 12, 2025. To learn more or register for the retreat, visit www.ccinky.net/disciples-women/.

Are you a musician attending this year's Fall Retreat? Please contact me directly if you are interested in sharing a solo, or if your women's group would like to share a song (or two)! This year, we want to highlight all the amazing gifts within our region. To learn more, contact me at marsha@ccinky.net.

Remember that as the Holy Spirit is working within YOU, YOU can then accomplish any and all things.

In His service!



Save the Date!



 The Kentucky Disciples
 Women's Choral Retreat

Sing into Spring!



Friday, February 27 ~ Sunday, March 1, 2026
Jeffersontown Christian Church
 10631 Taylorsville Road Louisville, KY 40299



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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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A Note from the Women of the Kentucky Christian Missionary Convention

Lola Garr

KWC KCMC Representative

Greetings! As we transition from summer to fall, I wanted to share a recap of our summer activities and provide some updates on upcoming events.

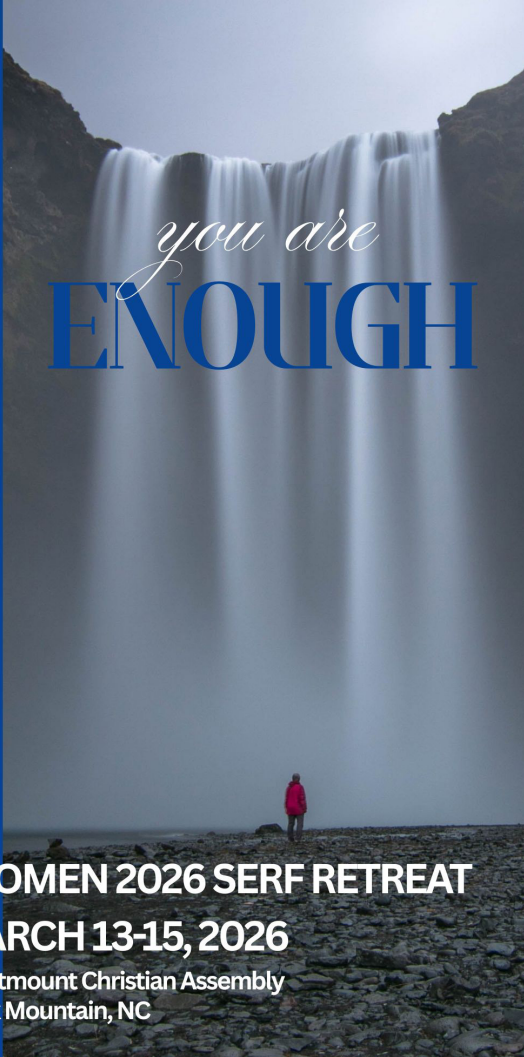
This year, the Kentucky Christian Missionary Convention was held at High Street Christian Church. Under new leadership of President Marcius Garr and team, we welcomed Pastor Mason, who delivered an inspiring message on evangelism from the scripture Luke 15, reminding us that evangelism starts in the pews, you don't have to have the gift of evangelism, and it's all our responsibility.

Additionally, Dr. Syvoskia Pope led a thought-provoking session on "Black Women in Ministry," emphasizing the importance of affirming one another, while encouraging us to actively chase after God, and pursue Him in all that we do. We were delighted to see many new pastors and churches in attendance. Looking ahead, we are excited about next year's convention, which will take place on the third weekend in July at East Second Street Christian Church, with Pastor Dikiea Elery as our host.

We are also preparing for SERF, scheduled for March 13-15 at Christmount Christian Assembly in Black Mountain, NC. This year's theme is "You are Enough," based on 2 Corinthians 9:8. Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Marcia Whitney. More information will be released soon. Our hope is that Kentucky Disciples Women will show up in large numbers, possibly travelling together if we have enough ladies who want to attend.

Stay tuned for more updates and thank you for your continued support and participation!

Stay Blessed!



you are
ENOUGH

SAVE THE DATE!
Join Disciples Women
from the Southeast
Regional Fellowship
(SERF) for "You Are
Enough," inspired by
2 Corinthians 9:8 and
featuring Keynote
Rev. Dr. Marcia Whitney
Mount Shoop. More
information and
registration coming
soon.

DISCIPLES WOMEN 2026 SERF RETREAT



MARCH 13-15, 2026
Christmount Christian Assembly
Black Mountain, NC

NEW CHURCH MINISTRY



Updates from New Church Ministry

Rev. Chloe Specht
Minister to New Church Ministry

Thank you for your generous giving to the Pentecost Special Offering! We're so grateful for the ways that the whole region uplifts our new congregations. If you haven't gotten the chance to contribute to Pentecost Offering yet, you can still donate and support New Church Ministry — both the general church ministry and our regional ministry here in Kentucky!

Giving to Pentecost Offering supports new churches in our region during some of the most formative and crucial years of their ministry. It empowers churches to have a strong launch into the world and sets them up for success for many years ahead. In our region, new congregations spend about a decade in the New Church Process before “graduating” from that process and becoming a fully chartered congregation.

This fall we're thrilled to celebrate another congregation that is becoming fully chartered — New Life in Christ Christian Church! New Life in Christ is a congregation that meets in Diersen House, a facility in Louisville for women finishing their time in incarceration. Each week on Tuesday night, residents and members of the larger community gather around the cafeteria tables of the dining room to worship together. Faith communities from across Kentucky partner with New Life in Christ to collaborate in leading worship; often contributing prayers, sermons, and music.

New Life in Christ often completes service projects together, sowing so much good into their community. They also support the women in Diersen House by offering life skills classes that equip residents to return to their lives post-incarceration, easing their transition. New Life in Christ is a robust, thriving ministry who has done incredible work in their relatively brief 12 years of life. They live into their name well — helping one another become deeply rooted in abundant new life in Jesus Christ.

It was a joy to celebrate the chartering of this incredible faith community on September 9th as they reached this milestone surrounded by the pastors who have led the congregation, regional staff members, New Church teammates, and supporters from the community who have watched them grow for years. Congratulations, New Life in Christ Christian Church! May your future decades of ministry be as strong and impactful as your first decade.

As always, our New Church Ministry Team in Kentucky is open for clergy and lay leaders to join us and help support the work of New Church Ministry across the region. If you are interested in joining our team or if you are feeling a holy nudge to start a new church, send Rev. Chloe an email (chloe@ccinky.net). There's always room at the New Church table!



On September 9th, Regional Staff celebrated as New Life in Christ Christian Church became a fully chartered congregation. Pictured here are Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II, Rev. Chloe Specht, Rev. Carol Wieger (New Life in Christ CC), Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler, Rev. Steven Straub, and Marsha Thornton, Jr.

Boundaries Training for Clergy Upcoming Events:

- **Social Media Boundaries Webinar** – Tuesday, October 14, 2025 via Zoom from 7:00pm-8:30pm EST
Cost: \$15
Healthy Boundaries Trainings are now being offered in shorter form webinars! Take this 1.5 hour module to count towards 25% of the total required training for ministerial standing. Join Rev. Josh Snyder and Rev. Chloe Specht for a boundaries training session about social media ethics. In this training, you'll explore how to create and maintain professional boundaries around your personal social media presence as well as your church's social media presence.
[REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Best Financial Practices Webinar** – Tuesday, October 21, 2025 via Zoom from 7:00pm-8:30pm EST
Cost: \$15
Healthy Boundaries Trainings are now being offered in shorter form webinars! Take this 1.5 hour module to count towards 25% of the total required training for ministerial standing. Good policies (and practices) not only protect people and assets within the church, but they are foundational for a congregation to flourish. During the webinar we will look at the following questions: What financial policies should we have and why? What are the risks of not having a separation of duties when it comes to finances? How do we build an environment of trust and why does that matter?
[REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Full Boundaries Training** – Monday and Tuesday, November 10-11, 2025 via Zoom from 6:00pm-9:00pm EST both days
Cost: \$30
This event fulfills the Committee on Ministry's requirement for Clergy Boundaries training.
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Seeing the Face of God in Each Other Training:

Seeing the Face of God in Each Other is the curriculum used by the Christian Church in Kentucky to foster conversations and transformation regarding race, racism, and reconciliation. Our goal is to encourage pastors, and congregations, to see each other the way God sees each of us, as precious children, made in God's own image. This fulfills the Committee on Ministry requirement for clergy pro-reconciliation, anti-racism training. For those seeking ordination, those seeking to maintain their standing, and for those who are interested in the ministry of the Reconciliation team – this will be a blessed opportunity to meet those needs.

Upcoming Training Dates: October 27-28, 2025 from 6:00pm-9:00pm EST both days. [REGISTER HERE](#)

2025 Youth Fall Retreat:

When: Friday, November 21-Sunday, November 23

Where: Camp Loucon, 8044 Anneta Rd, Leitchfield, KY

Who: All 6th to 12th graders (Need one adult for every 7 youth of the same gender)

What: A weekend filled with games, worship, workshops, activities, Keynotes, great food, and a whole lot of fun and laughter.

Cost: \$100 per person (youth and adults). This covers lodging, meals, and activities.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

2026 Men's Choral Retreat:

The 2026 Regional Men's Choral Retreat will take place January 23-25, 2026 at First Christian Church, Glasgow. Registration is \$65 – lodging and apparel not included. We will be singing at Sunday morning worship at FCC, Glasgow.

To learn more and register, visit www.ccinky.net/disciples-men/. Contact Rick Jouett at RHJOUETT@aol.com with any questions.

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Regional Ministerial Changes

- **Rev. Timothy Abell** began as Pastor of **Second Christian Church, Lawrenceburg** on April 20.
- **Rev. Elizabeth King** began as Pastor of **First Christian Church, Frankfort** on June 1.
- **Rev. Don Chase** began as Interim Minister of **Dry Ridge Christian Church** on July 20.
- **Rev. Nancy Jo Kemper** began as Interim Minister of Congregational and Community Care at **Central Christian Church** in July.
- In July, **First Christian Church, Earlington** sold their building and began the process of closing their visible ministry. Rev. Kim Hudson led them in a closing worship.
- **Rev. Judi Ring** began as Pastor of **First Christian Church, Paris** on August 10.
- **Rev. Brenton Yadon** began as Interim Minister of **Twin Pines Christian Church** on August 17.
- **Rev. Jan Ehrmantraut** began as Interim Minister of **Antioch Christian Church** on September 1.
- **Rev. John Opsata** began as Pastor of **Burgin Christian Church** on September 1.
- **Rev. Bob Silvanik** will begin as Interim Minister at **Crestwood Christian Church, Crestwood** on September 28.

