

If Not Now, When ★ If Not You, Who?

Ohio Regional Ministry Center Financial Campaign



This year, **2024**, is the **75th anniversary** of Camp Christian, a vital, essential place, **“holy ground”** in the life of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Ohio. Since the first camps in 1950, Camp Christian has grown from a rustic summer camp facility to be **The Christian Church in Ohio Regional Ministry Center**. Today, with the Regional Church offices at Camp, it has become a year-round event center hosting retreats, conferences, summer camps, Regional meetings, and more, focused on discipleship, spiritual growth, church vitality, and community building among Ohio Disciples congregations and beyond.



In this 75th anniversary year, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Ohio and Camp Christian have come to a crossroads in their history. The 60+ year old pools at Camp Christian reached the end of their usable lives and a new pool has been proposed to replace them; and the Christian Church in Ohio has an urgent need for seed money for additional ministry staff.

The Regional Church is poised on the precipice of **new and expanding ministries** following staff transitions and the COVID pandemic. Rev. Allen V. Harris and Jennie Stoddart Bernard, our dynamic staff, alongside the dedicated ministry of our volunteer Regional Elders, work tirelessly to keep the church moving forward. Yet, this team needs to expand to meet the needs of the 145 congregations within the Region. **Adding additional staff** will enable the church to support year-round programming at Camp Christian, support volunteer summer camp directors, help local congregations strengthen their ministries and explore new ministry opportunities.



A new **accessible** swimming pool will again become the focus of afternoon free time activities at summer camps, and will help Camp Christian continue to be an attractive option for families facing a multitude of summer camp opportunities for their children. Summer church camps, especially, have become more important than ever for children and youth from churches with fewer Christian spiritual formation opportunities, and for unchurched children who come with their friends.

At this crossroads of both the Christian Church in Ohio and Camp Christian, a bold vision is called for!



A Financial Campaign of \$2.5 million will fund:

- ★ **A new pool at Camp Christian (\$1.6 million)**
- ★ **Full-time Conference Center Director for 3 years (\$200,000 with benefits)**
- ★ **Facilities (and accessibility) Improvements for Camp and Regional Church office (\$100,000)**
- ★ **Three to Four half-time program positions for Regional Ministries for 3 years (\$300,000)**
 - *New Church and Church Renewal* • *Search and Call Assistant* • *Bookkeeper/Technology Innovation* • *Associate for Nurture (education, continuing ed, children, youth, young adults)*
- ★ **Mission Projects outside the Regional Church (\$150,000)**
 - *Cleveland Christian Home* • *Hiram Farm* • *Disciples Overseas Ministries (\$50,000 each)*
- ★ **Campaign Expenses (Consultant, Director, Travel, Promotional, Additional Expenses) (\$150,000)**

Any unspent Campaign Expenses will be directed to our mission projects

With these funds the Christian Church in Ohio will be able to continue to offer a **strong summer camping program**, and expand **non-church use of camp facilities** to create a more sustainable future. Additionally, will be able to **strengthen and support local church ministries** and begin the process of **helping churches reach the unchurched** in their communities.



HOW WILL YOU SUPPORT THIS BOLD VISION FOR THE FUTURE?

