



SIXTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MARTIN LUTHER CAMP CORPORATION

2022 Report of 2021 Activity

A Church-wide Ministry

of the Metropolitan New York, New Jersey & Northeast Pennsylvania Synods

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



The Mission of Koinonia

“Koinonia is where God transforms and prepares people in an outdoor environment to love and serve one another.”

The mission statement of Koinonia is quoted above. For many years it has guided the vision, programming and activities of Koinonia. It remains as a solid confession that God directs all that occurs. The mission statement says that God is at work to change the people that live and work and visit at Koinonia. The mission statement leads to the expectation that those who come to Koinonia *will be* “transformed and prepared” to do what God in Christ Jesus calls us to do, namely, “to love and serve one another.” That this work of God takes place “in an outdoor environment” suggests that God resides in all of creation and in all communities. Wherever we are in God’s created world, wherever we live our lives, we will be about loving and serving and actively seeking the good for all of God’s people regardless of creed or religion, race or culture, poor or rich, wise or foolish. God’s transformative work extends to the whole world. Koinonia is a place to encounter God and to be moved beyond the confines of our individual orbits. Koinonia’s mission is to help each learn, share and practice God’s transforming power in Jesus Christ.

Martin Luther Camp Corporation – Koinonia

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2021 Staff

Title & Dates of Employment

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| Dr. Kathleen Kristin Ruen – Interim Executive Director | 12/1/20 – 4/14/21 |
| Executive Director | 4/15/21 – ongoing |
| Melissa McEvoy – Program Director | 5/10/21 -6/17/21 |
| Diana Dowling – Facilities and Hospitality Assistant | 7/5/21 – 9/24/21 |
| Ryan Fish – Facilities and Hospitality Assistant | 7/5/21 – 9/24/21 |
| Matt Baumhardt – Retreat Director | 7/13/21 – ongoing |
| Jeannine Fogler - Day Camp Director | 7/17/21 – 8/13/21 |
| Derek Brunelle - Swim Instructor | 7/17/21 – 8/13/21 |
| Lyla McAdams – Counselor | 7/17/21 – 7/30/21 |
| Liam Tomasi – Lifeguard | 7/17/21 – 8/13/21 |
| Grace Brunelle – Assistant Counselor | 7/17/21 – 8/13/21 |
| Jackson Brunelle – Assistant Counselor | 7/17/21 – 8/13/21 |
| Jean Sandberg – Office Manager & Register | 7/21/21 – ongoing |

Martin Luther Camp Corporation – Koinonia

Annual Meeting Agenda – February 27, 2022

3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Emanuel Lutheran Church – Pleasantville, NY

Zoom and YouTube

3:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Opening Worship led by Metro New York Synod Bishop Paul Egensteiner

Greetings from Executive Director of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, Don Johnson

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of February 28, 2021 Corporation Meeting

Board President's Report

Executive Director's Report

Strategic Plan Goals Report

Facilities/Property Team Report

Worship/Program Team Report

Outreach/Marketing Team Report

Capital Campaign Report

Treasurer's Report

Resolution to adopt proposed 2022 Budget

Nominations Report, Introduction and Election of Proposed Board Slate

Installation of the 2022 Board

General Q&A

Resolution to Adjourn

Closing Devotion

Martin Luther Camp Corporation – Koinonia Minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting– February 28, 2021

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by the Chair, the Rev. Robert Wollenburg.
2. Thanks were extended to Immanuel Pleasantville and Pastor Kevin O'Hara for hosting. Pastor O'Hara extended greetings on behalf of the congregation. It was announced that the meeting was being recorded. The following were announced:
Chaplain: Paul Johnsen
Secretary: Paul Schmiede
Parliamentarian: Matt O'Rear
3. The agenda was announced as per Article 6.3 of Koinonia's constitution. Discussion was announced to take place at the end of all presentations, questions to be submitted by way of Zoom Chat. Voting would be done by way of the Zoom Polling feature. The newly elected board was asked to meet after the meeting was concluded.
4. Opening worship was led by Paul Johnsen, drawing on the mountaintop experience of the Transfiguration, Psalm 103, and Isaiah 43:19.
5. The question of a quorum was raised—Later confirmed to be present with 32 voting members. (5:05 p.m.)
6. Bishop Paul Egensteiner addressed the assembly quoting from Psalm 127, and giving thanks for God's guidance in the work done to date and praying for the presence of God as the camp moves forward. He extended his thanks to the Interim Board and to Robert Wollenburg, for their hard work.
7. Don Johnsen was introduced as the head of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries and spoke about the collegiality of ELCA camps across the nation, emphasizing that LOM was "all of us helping each other."
8. The Agenda was presented (see page 8 of the Annual Report) **M/S/P to accept.**
9. The Minutes of last year's Annual Meeting were accepted pending any corrections to be sent by comment or Chat later.
10. Matt O'Rear spoke about the Strategic Plan and Vision Statement. (see pages 14/15 of the Annual Report). He explained that the Mission Statement still stands both as a statement of direction and a statement of values. He spoke about the values of sustainability, diversity, collaboration, and responsibility. Robert Wollenburg then spoke about worship-centeredness as a value as well, discussion how Koinonia was centered in the Christian life.

11. President's Report: Robert Wollenburg delivered the President's Report (see pages 7-9 of the Annual Report). He extended special thanks to all who worked so diligently to accomplish the renovations at Koinonia: The Transitional Board, the neighborhood volunteers, Trinity Church Rocky Pint, Bob Bliefernich for his bookkeeping and assistance in finding skilled tradespeople, Dr Ruen, the contractors (paid in full!), the intermediaries in the loan process, the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA (esp. Don Halberg), the ELCA Credit Union, Carol Safschinsky for her work as treasurer, and all Koinonia's supporters and attendees. He summarized the Board's transitional work and gave a status report on the work of restoring Koinonia to date, noting the excellent work of the Interim Director and reviewing what is in process and happening, including the election at this meeting of the new Board of Directors who will be 12 in number. Finally he extended his personal thanks to Rev. Don Hoehn, Don Johnson, Anthony Briggs, Sarah Loeffler, Jeff Barrow, Marjorie Fiedler, Dave Brunkow, and more.

12. Executive Director's Report: Dr. Ruen introduced herself to the assembly with some family pictures portraying her time at Koinonia as a child and young person. She then presented her report as interim director (see page 10 of the Annual Report). She spoke about the challenges that Koinonia had faced and was facing, discussing learning to trust one another, dealing with the issues of code enforcement, and facing issues of future programming. She noted the success of the Christmas Appeal which produces \$62,439, some 214 donors, 181 of whom were either new or returning. She then offered a timeline for the coming year:
 Spring: March 1 starting staff searches; March 15: Spring Appeal; April 11: Outdoor Worship.
 Summer: Fully open by Memorial Day weekend; July August, "Come to the Water: a six week family camp; and on Labor Day, a grand opening celebration.
 Fall: A full schedule of retreats etc.
 She spoke briefly about her meeting with the Nurses Association and about COVID issues, and encourages all to pray invite, give, book, invite and give!

13. Facilities Report (see pages 12 and 13 of the Annual Report): Bob Bliefernich reports on the work restoring the buildings, the completion of mold abatement, the addition of dehumidifier and heat pumps to prevent future mold occurrence needed spring work on Caritas House, various roof repairs, and his hope that the purchase of a zero turn mower could be accomplished at a cost of \$3000.00

14. Treasurer's Report (see pages 16-24 of the Annual Report): Carol Safschinsky reported on annual donations of \$114,719.10, and a total income of \$135,460.10. She reported an end of the year profit of \$10,411.53. The bad debt from a credit card has been privately assumed but still shows on the books. Cash on hand at the start of 2020 was \$132,157, Cash in was \$393,965; Cash out was \$309,297. Ending cash as of 12/31/2020 was \$216,825. The MIF had used approximately \$76,000.
M/S/P to accept the treasurer's report as a body.

15. Proposed Budget for 2021 (see pages 25,26,27 of the Annual Report): Mark Wilson presented the proposed budget for 2021. Assuming a second quarter opening, the proposed budget projects an income of \$708,937. Staff expenses are projected at \$192,300. Office expenses are projected at \$62,100. Property expenses are projected at \$454,497.
M/S/P to accept the budget as presented.

16. Nominations Report (See page 11 of the Annual Report): Barbara Meberg presented the slate of candidates for the new board. There were 12 nominees. Ms. Kelly Kandler had to withdraw and was replaced with Ms. Patricia Rose. Those nominated were: Dr. Anthony Geraci; Mr. Mark Wilson; Rev. Robert Wollenburg; Mr. Jose Afanador Jr; Ms. Carol Bliefernich; Ms. Katie Cunningham; Ms. Shirley Erland; Mr. Gerry Falco; Ms. Patricia Rose; Rev. Christoph Schulze; and Mr. JD Struckmann. The goals of the Search team was to find skills, diversity, and commitment. Following the installation of the new Board, a resolution was introduced to elect all candidates.

M/S/P that the nominated candidates serve as the new Board of Koinonia.

17. Dr. Anthony Geraci gave a presentation on current state of the COVID pandemic, including comments on its effect on the opening of Koinonia. A PDF of his comments is attached.
18. A new Capital Campaign was introduced with its goal of raising \$1,000,000. David Brunkow has been retained to assist with the development of the campaign. The funds raised will be used in two ways: Brick and mortar construction and staff programming. The new logo for the campaign was unveiled! **Koinonia NEXT**. (Networking, Environmental, Xenial, and Transformative.

M/S/P to endorse the new capital campaign.

19. The general question and answer period followed:
- a. What is the loan rate? Ans: 4.375% only on what is actually used;
 - b. What about mod and rain gutters? Ans: No gutters. French drains take the drain water. There are n backup generators.
 - c. Are we looking to work outside of MNYS? Ans: Yes with the Atlantic District of the LCMS, the New Jersey Synod, and the NE Penn. Synod as well as other Christian denominations.
 - d. What will our worship practices be? Ans: This topic has not yet been discussed by the board, but they will treat all guests with respect and provide separate worship sites when that it necessary.
 - e. Can we donate using ZELLE? Ans: This is still in need of exploration.
 - f. Is there a list of congregational members? Ans: Yes. It's on the website.
 - g. There followed a quick discussion of what heat pumps actually are.

20. M/S/P to adjourn.

21. Closing prayers were led by Pastor Eric Olsen using a song and prayer from the Community of Taize.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul D. Schmiede, Interim Board Secretary

Martin Luther Camp Corporation – Koinonia Board President Report

Dear Friends in Christ,

- Members of the Martin Lutheran Camp Corporation, and
- Friends of Koinonia,

For the past couple of years, it has been my “duty and delight” to serve as president of the Board of Directors. I will be going off the Board after the February 27, 2022 Corporation meeting, but I will not be going away. I have full faith that Koinonia now has the leadership, resources, and infrastructure to boldly enter its 6th decade of ministry.

My support of and work with Koinonia will continue. I am committed to helping where and when I am able. I will serve alongside the new Board, the Board committees and teams, our committed volunteers, our Executive Director, and all of you. There is much to do now and into the future. God’s call to serve is not a term call, but life-long.

Some of you know about your life-long passion for Koinonia. From the beginning you have supported and worked for Koinonia. I believe you will continue till the end of your life. I won’t mention you by name now for fear of speaking too soon and shortening your years. But seriously, you are remembered and you will be remembered.

Others of you are new to Koinonia’s ministry, and we are glad to see more of you! Your dedication we also recognize, and we pray that you will continue to be involved. Koinonia needs you. God needs you for this important work. So, bring your friends and families to Koinonia. Do what you can when you can. No one can do this ministry alone. Plus, we need you to carry this ministry beyond to future generations.

While preparing this report I thought of everyone past and present who have made Koinonia possible, and a sense of thankfulness overwhelmed me. Then the hymn “Now Thank We All Our God” came to mind. It is one my favorites.

“NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD.”

We ALL thank God. We are thankful that Koinonia is open again! In 2018 the Camp closed and remained closed for three years. By May of 2020, less than two years after closing, we finally had enough clearance letters, certificates, Department of Health permissions, town permits and safety measures in place to think about reopening. We also had enough of YOUR support to think about reopening. If you read our newsletters, you know we still had a long way to go.

Finally, over the third weekend in May of 2021 the Conference Center was ready for guests. The Board of Directors arrived first. We were the test case, so to speak. Everything went well and we used our time to work on visioning, strategic plan goals, and the formation of working committees and teams.

Over the Memorial Day weekend, we had another nice group of guests. Everything was going fine. We were building momentum and experience.

During the summer and fall of 2021 we had people and groups coming and going. It felt busy at Koinonia. Covid was on the wane. A children's summer camp with the Lutheran church in nearby Port Jervis was exciting. Family groups were using the cabins. People were on the Lake boating and fishing, and a couple of swimmers enjoyed the waters. Hikers were in the woods. Sunday morning worship in Chapel of the Pines was a constant, led by different pastors. One Sunday, church members working on the Lutheran Witness Along the Delaware, a church merger project, gathered for worship in the Pines with others for a "Community Day." The fellowship meal in the Rafters afterwards was wonderful and joyful. I was working on the road again. Things were clicking.

Then we had a slowdown. Covid came back. We were not getting the Conference Center bookings we needed and had to lay off staff. The Caritas house renovations were not coming together as fast as we anticipated. We had to put new shingles on the Conference Center and Caritas. The good thing is that with your support and support from the Metropolitan New York Synod and our national Lutheran church organization, the Mission Investment Fund, Koinonia was able to make many repairs and improvements. Maybe God was telling us to not complain and practice giving thanks.

That slowdown was a few months ago and we are again looking ahead to the future. We are working our strategic plan. We are building our capacity to mount a million-dollar capital campaign. The Worship and Program Team has robust plans in place for an exciting year. At this Annual 2022 Corporation meeting the Finance Team is proposing an operational budget equal to and more than before Koinonia closed.

Now, thank WE ALL our God.

"WITH HEARTS AND HANDS AND VOICES."

It has taken many hearts and hands and voices to bring Koinonia back. I am not going to mention everyone by name for fear of leaving some one out. But let us especially remember that small group of individuals and churches who worked and contributed to keep faith and hope alive amidst the uncertain days before reopening.

This "small group" was composed mainly of "the locals," friends living nearby the Camp who have supported and worked to keep Koinonia's ministry alive for decades! This small group included others as well, such as you who made financial contributions, you who worked with your hands and feet. In 2019 the Advisory Team, appointed by the Bishop, listened and surveyed and proposed goals for reopening. In 2020 you adopted those goals and the Transition Board worked to meet the goals.

Altogether, YOU, THE MANY, kept the Camp intact, paid the bills, did small improvements, and refused to give up. It was not an easy time. There were pressures to close the Camp. I can tell you myself about a man who wanted to purchase Koinonia. He was serious and definite. We were equally serious and definite when we said no. Uncertainly surrounded Koinonia's future but so did God's faith and hope and love, and that is what carried the day!

So, when Koinonia's day came, your hearts and hands and voices came together in a big way! Past board members, present board members, volunteers, donors, Bishops, the Metropolitan New York

Synod Council, pastors, consultants experienced camp directors near and far, the Mission Investment Fund, the Jeanine Heller Foundation, St. Peter's Lutheran Huntington Long Island Mission Fund, and YOU the Corporation owners of Koinonia bent your backs, opened your pockets, poured out your hearts and voiced your commitment to Koinonia's future.

Koinonia's monthly newsletter shared good news with you throughout 2021. None of it could have happened without you, the Corporation owners of Koinonia. This is not an exaggeration. Let me explain why.

The February 2020 Annual Meeting was a turning point. After a lot of listening and talking, you accepted the advice of the Advisory Team. You trusted that the mold could be professionally remediated for a fraction of the previous estimate. You elected, authorized and enabled a special one-year Transition Board of Directors to spend and borrow money for restoration work. The action you took at the 2020 Annual Meeting made all the difference. You said yes and that was a God-given turning point.

Now, thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices.

"WHO WONDROUS THINGS HATH DONE

IN WHOM THIS WORLD REJOICES"

To recount the wondrous things done at Koinonia since February of 2020 I want to begin with the professional, paid, staff Koinonia has. Koinonia is open because of a wonderful staff. The staff has made an incredible difference. We rejoice to have them. We thank God for them. They are hard workers, trustworthy, dependable, smart, and fun to work with. They have enabled the Board of Directors to do the work of oversight and planning and visioning and make it all a reality.

Our Executive Director is at the top of the list. Dr. Kathleen Ruen has years of leadership experience, including in various LOM camps. She has used her skills, knowledge, and a network of relationships at Koinonia to build a strong current ministry program and lay the ground for future growth. In a short time, people are again talking about Koinonia as an exciting place to work and destination for retreats, as a place "where God transforms people in an outdoor setting to love and serve one another," as our Mission Statement says.

Ms. Jeanine Folger, seasonal children's camp director, led the camp activities in Port Jervis, NY, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Tuitions, grants from churches and the city of Port Jervis, and volunteers enabled a dozen children to experience full days of learning Bible stories, receiving swimming lessons and making friends. Jeanine's previous experience at leading children camps at Koinonia and her credentials as a nurse made the summer camp a success!

Ms. Jean Sandberg is the office voice at Koinonia. When you call, Jean will answer. Jean has served at Koinonia both as staff and volunteer in the past. She knows operational ins and outs and her valuable insights have smoothed the daily activities of what has become a busy nerve center. Jean not only answers the phone. She also takes reservations and advises guests in advance of their stay, assists with banking tasks, takes monthly water samples from around Camp and delivers them to Sullivan County Labs, and helps as needed at the Conference Center.

Matt Baumhardt is the newest member of Koinonia's staff. Matt and Lora and their child, Emery, come from a LOM camp in Texas, and arrived in July. Matt is Koinonia's "general" practitioner with "specialties" in many areas. He does QuickBooks in the office. He cooks in the Conference Center. He cuts trees in the woods. He fishes in the Lake. He fixes in the buildings. He manages contractors. He plows snow off roads. He prevents pipes from freezing. He catches mice. He does "wondrous (and sundry) things" around Koinonia.

God has done a wondrous thing to give Koinonia an excellent staff. Their leadership, their commitment, their hard work are keys to Koinonia's success.

Recounting wondrous things done for Koinonia, we also need to mention "the locals," as they are affectionately known. They all live within minutes of Koinonia. Their proximity and dedication has often "saved the day" when an emergency occurs, when cold weather arrives, when staff and other volunteers are not available, when something needs to be done that might otherwise be neglected. They are Koinonia's unpaid professional staff.

Carol and Bob Bliefernich are mainstays. Bob has been doing volunteer bookkeeping for years. Carol, his spouse, has served in the past as Board president and currently as a Board member, and in general keeps an eye on things (a keen eye, it should be said).

Art Kolbjorsen has served on the Board in the past. He is best known for keeping the many fire pits and fireplaces supplied with wood cut and split from the property. Art jumps in when lawns need to be cut, when bathrooms need a repair, when roads need patching, when pipes need to be fixed. Art steps up to get done what needs to be done!

Dan Grady is often working with Art, because cutting down trees is not a job for one man only, because electrical repairs are not always so simple, because plumbing repairs are often tricky.

Sue and Tom Vorstadt are locals that have an eye for seeing what will improve Koinonia's "curb appeal." Sue and Tom's improvements made the entrance to the Chapel of the Pines feel like one is walking into a sacred space. Sue and Tom recruited volunteer crews that cleaned up the maintenance area, did a first clean of the conference center, and organized the office during 2021. When flowers are on the altar on Sunday morning, those flowers are from their gardens.

Rev. Paul Johnsen, with his wife Linda, have scheduled Sunday morning worship leaders, and led worship when others could not. They have enlisted other locals, such as Bob and Anita Giddings, to make sure weekly preparations for worship are in place. Paul has been reaching out to member congregations to re-engage their support for Koinonia.

These neighborhood folks have gotten up at all times of the day and night "to get it done." You will not always know the wondrous things they have done, but whatever it was, they did it.

Let us thank them heartily, and with the joy of Christ Jesus rejoice in the wondrous things God has done through Koinonia's "loyal locals"!

“WHO FROM OUR MOTHERS ARMS HATH BLESSED US ON OUR WAY,
WITH COUNTLESS GIFTS OF LOVE, AND STILL IS OURS TODAY.”

You who were part of Koinonia at the beginning know better than anyone the challenge faced by the first staff and Board to turn vision into reality. Whatever hardships they suffered or victories they celebrated, surely it is true to say our predecessors were a blessing that sent Koinonia on its way to today.

It was not a certain future in the beginning nor in the middle. The persistence and the leadership of executive directors like Jerry Manlove, Bob Nervig, Chris Christopher, Jeff Barrow, Steve Lee and Lisa Spitler, Paul and Carol and Tom, Gary Schaefer and Joanne Knutson kept Koinonia’s ministry alive and a blessing to people in and outside of Lutheran church circles.

To remember the difficult times is one thing. To remember the countless gifts of love and the arms that have wrapped themselves around Koinonia to make it thrive and grow is to remember that God has blessed Koinonia all along the way. Today, Koinonia is ours. God is still blessing us on our way, a way that leads forward to the future.

A STRATEGIC VISION:

Koinonia will be a flourishing outdoor community that cultivates transformation and ripples peace and reconciliation to the world.

With the help of Keith Johnson, this past year the Board of Directors has been working on a strategic plan that will serve us as a guide. There are three parts to the plan:

1. THREE STRATEGIC GOALS:

- a. “Increase operating revenue to balance budget in 2021 and 2022.” Under this goal are objectives with specific dollar amounts that total \$550,000 for 2022, not including revenue from a capital campaign. For 2021 the objective was to raise \$100,000 “in additional” (after May of 2021) income, and this goal was met.
- b. “Reestablish connections to member congregations and other potential partners by reaching the following goals/objectives in 2022.” The objectives are to increase social media followers by 1,000% and to visit all (100%) of Member congregations.
- c. “Launch a one-million-dollar capital campaign with a stretch goal of \$1.5 million.” (This annual report will contain a separate report on the capital campaign.)

2. SIX GUIDING VALUES: Koinonia will be

- a. Spiritually centered
- b. Sustainable
- c. Collaborative
- d. Inclusive
- e. Reconciling
- f. Ecologically Active

The goals and values are simple, direct, and clear. To develop strategies and programs that will achieve these goals and objectives will not be so easy. The Staff will have to work hard. The Board will have to work hard. For you who want Koinonia to be a blessing with countless gifts of love, you will have to work hard.

With the peace of Christ,

Bob

Rev. Robert G. Wollenburg, President
Koinonia Board of Directors

Now Thank We All Our God

- 1 Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Executive Director Report

I am happy to report that Koinonia is well. Koinonia has gotten some wonderful physical care, emotional support, and spiritual food in 2021, and is getting steadier and stronger every day. In May I exclaimed to the Board during our retreat, "I feel like we birthed a camp!" Like a young child, the camp now needs tender and consistent devotion to grow and thrive. Your gifts of time, treasure and prayer have made a difference in the rebirth, health, and future of Koinonia. Thank you!

This was a year of building relationships. Koinonia began to make some strong connections to member churches. In addition, by participating in the Lutheran Witness Along the Delaware, Koinonia joined with three local Lutheran Churches, and collaborated on a four-week day camp in Port Jervis. Through time and conversation, Koinonia and the local community built up new and existing bonds of friendship.

It was a year of building leadership. By the end of 2021, Koinonia's three teams (Facilities/Property, Worship/Programming, and Outreach/Marketing) had talented and passionate members and were working alongside staff on needed work and planning for 2022. Here are three of the teams' main accomplishments:

- Creating an exciting Program of Events for 2022
- Editing our old mailing list from 4,200 to 3,600
- Undertaking a major renovation of the Caritas House

It was a year of building the board. Keith Johnson, a board coach from LOM, worked with us throughout the year, helping new and old board members understand their roles and responsibilities. The board became healthy, enjoyed each other's company, and together began to plan Koinonia's future. Board Chair Pastor Bob Wollenburg was an incredible steady leader and guide throughout the entire year.

It was a year of building faith. Worship was a central part of all gatherings and programs. Our faith was tested every day at Koinonia, and always, everything worked out according to God's will and in God's time. Of course, not all our building was easy or successful. In late September, we unfortunately had to terminate the positions of two hourly workers who lived on site with their children. As of this report, the family is still living in the back apartment. I ask for your continued prayers for the family, for Koinonia, and for the staff as we all navigate this sensitive transition. Koinonia will make mistakes as we grow, will learn from them, and with God's grace, will only grow stronger.

To witness and participate in the miracle of Koinonia's development this year has been indescribable. Although I set out an ambitious plan for 2021, I had no idea what it would actually feel like to host our first group in the conference center, welcome children to our day camp, work alongside dedicated staff, volunteers, and board members, visit member churches, thank the many who gave financial support, and watch staff, teams, and committee members take responsibility and ownership of Koinonia.

At Advent II, I looked across the Conference Center Great Room at a multigenerational group of people laughing, crafting, singing, dancing, praying, sleeping, and playing board games. The camp was full of people and full of spirit. Koinonia is not just open again. Koinonia is back. It is an honor, a privilege, and a joy to continue to bring my God-given abilities to the Koinonia Community. I look forward to presenting what is coming next for Koinonia at the Annual Meeting.

God Bless,

Dr. Kathleen Kristin Ruen, Executive Director

Martin Luther Camp Corporation – Koinonia Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committee Report
February 4, 2022

This year we have 3 slots to fill on the Board of Directors. We'd like to express our deep gratitude to the members who are stepping down, all of whom also served or advised the Transition Board of 2020 as well. Thank you to Carol Bliefenich, Dr. Anthony Geraci and the Rev. Bob Wollenberg for their dedication to Koinonia!!

The Nominating Committee presents the following candidates for this year's Board election slate:

The Rev. Jim O'Hanlon (St. Paul's Rye Brook)
Ms. Kelly Kandler (Advent Lutheran)
The Rev. Christopher Mietlowski (Assistant to the Bishop, MNYS)

We are so pleased and excited for the gifts they bring to the Board's work!

Respectfully submitted,
S. Deacon Barbara Meberg
Nominating Committee Secretary

Other members of the Nominations Team: Executive Director Dr. Kathleen Ruen and Board President
Rev. Robert Wollenburg, Chair

Martin Luther Camp Corporation – Koinonia

Property/Facilities Team Report

2021 Year End Report

February 12, 2022

The 2021 team members were Bob Bliefernich, Tom Vorstadt, Matt Baumhardt, Gerard Falco, Bob Wollenburg, Don Elliott, and Kathleen Ruen

The Property/Facilities Team is responsible for overseeing the ongoing maintenance, protection and improvement of buildings and grounds. This Team is led by the Executive Director and related staff. Its responsibilities include:

- Help prioritize needs and allocate funds
- Projecting future work and researching contractors for larger projects
- Planning, promoting and attending volunteer work project weekends

Thanks to an influx of generous gifts, contributions, and a loan from the Mission Investment Fund, we were able to address many needed maintenance issues and add some improvements to the camp's infrastructure, thus increasing the value of the camp.

Following the extensive mold remediation project at the Conference Center that was completed last year through the work of contractors and generous volunteers, the most important concern this year was making sure the building's envelope remained secure from moisture. This involved installing a new roofing system and painting which was completed in the fall. The sewer lines were cleaned. A new electric well pump supplying water to the building was installed and the accompanying electrical system was updated to assure reliable service for guests and staff. Dehumidifiers were installed in the 100 and 200 wings and an HVAC system was installed throughout the entire building. The fire alarm system was upgraded and there was an extensive upgrade of the Wi-Fi system to match the current needs of guests. New blower motors were required for the commercial hood system in the kitchen and repairs were made to some of the appliances to keep up with and maintain Department of Health standards. The outdoor fire pit was also upgraded. One concern to be addressed before the next cold season is the longstanding plumbing for the public bathrooms. The fixtures are located on the exterior of the structure and are vulnerable to freezing.

A new roof was also installed at Caritas and a window was replaced. The interior underwent extensive repairs. The kitchen and bathroom plumbing systems were repaired and upgraded, A new water heater and a monitoring dehumidifier were installed. A new electric generator has been delivered and waiting to be installed. New kitchen appliances and cabinets were installed as well as new carpeting and laminate flooring. New interior spiral stairs were installed as a matter of safety and to save space. On the exterior, driveway improvements were made, and problematic trees were removed.

Roof repairs were needed at Asdal to address leaking around the chimney area. Interior repairs to the kitchen and bathroom were made. These included new sheetrock, flooring, and painting. The electrical

system required updating and a monitoring dehumidifier were added. The exterior deck also underwent repairs.

A chimney repair was needed at the Lakeside House as were repairs to bathroom. Updating of the plumbing and electrical systems were required as well and an investment was also made for a monitoring dehumidifier to guard against mold.

New plumbing upgrades were made in the Office building and a monitoring dehumidifier was installed. At the campground location, water leaks were addressed, and the water supply has been reconnected. Ten sites have been opened. A propane heater was installed but requires installation. An electric heater is temporarily in place to avoid freezing.

The Two-Family house repairs included sealing of the roof around the chimney and repairs to the plumbing and electrical system. The nearby pump house received a new propane tank and propane heater which presently requires installation.

The floating bridge was pulled out in October. Some sections are in good shape but other sections of the 260-foot span will need to be replaced in the future. This will be an expensive project in that each ten-foot section will likely cost in excess of one-thousand dollars. Accordingly, a thirty-thousand-dollar capitol campaign has been initiated to address the issue.

There have been discussions regarding the future restoration of the Shower House. However, further study is required before any decisions can be made.

At the overall campsite, we are happy and grateful to report that a new tractor and mower have been donated and a box scraper is on loan from Rev. Robert Wollenburg. This equipment will help greatly in maintaining the grounds. There is some concern about the roadway conditions during excess rain situations. This may require unclogging portions of the drainage system in the future. The trails are in good condition as they continue to be utilized by hikers and ATV activity, though the crossing bridge will require some attention in the Spring. Tree work is presently being undertaken at the camp entrance by volunteers. Rodent infestation is a concern during the cold season. For this reason and exterminator has been retained to monitor the situation.

Respectfully Submitted: Gerald Falco

Martin Luther Camp Corporation – Koinonia Worship/Program Team Report

2021 Year End Report

February 12, 2022

The team members were Carol Bliefernich, JD Struckmann, Lorraine Keller, Paul Johnsen, Bonita Bavetta, Jean Sandberg, Bob Wollenburg, Matt Baumhardt, and Kathleen Ruen

The Program/Worship Team is comprised of board members and volunteers who are most familiar with the nature and content of the camp's programs. This is led by Executive Director and related staff. Its responsibilities include:

- Help assess and evaluate existing programs/worship
- Advising on new program/worship development
- Encouraging attendance at worship and program events
- Discuss and make recommendations on program/worship priorities

The Worship/Program Team had its first meeting on August 2nd and met every month thereafter. From the start the team worked together to brainstorm and problem solve programming for 2021 and prepare a rich relevant schedule for 2022. The team gave feedback for new programs like Community Day and the Grand Re-Opening of Koinonia on Labor Day. It also provided guidance for traditional gatherings like Thanksgiving and the Advent weekends. With feedback from the Worship/Program Team, a 2022 Program schedule was created with weekend and weeklong retreats that would draw in folks of many ages and interests. As congregations are recovering from the effects of the Pandemic on their church communities, these "open to all" programs will give opportunities to provide transformational experiences to church members even if they cannot yet bring their whole congregation. This team has done a wonderful job in four months, and you will see its effects when you come to camp and when you hear about our 2022 program schedule.

Respectfully submitted: Dr. Kathleen Kristin Ruen

Martin Luther Camp Corporation – Koinonia Outreach/Marketing Team Report

2021 Year End Report:

February 12, 2022

The team members were Ellen Ottstadt, Shirley Erland, Esther Schulze, Karen Layland, Matt Baumhardt, and Kathleen Ruen

The Outreach/Marketing Team is responsible for all aspects of promoting the camp. Led by the Executive Director and related staff, this team will design a campaign to promote Koinonia within the Synod and Diocese, as well as to appropriate prospective clients outside those two entities. Its responsibilities include:

- Help design and create written materials, audio-visual aids, social media, and webs pages
- Outreach to member congregations and local community
- Advise on creating advertising for retreats, events, and summer programming
- Help design, organize, and attend events that expand our community reach

The Outreach/Marketing Team was the final team to form in 2021, with its first meeting on October 27th. Its first task was to spearhead a hand stuffed and stamped Christmas appeal letter to a mailing list of over 4,000 addresses, so as to receive returns for change of address and/or unable to forward pieces. Ellen Ottstadt took charge of getting the process started printing the letter and providing labels and envelopes, and local volunteers finished the job. This effort resulted in trimming our mailing list by nearly 600 addresses. This team has skills in social media strategy, press release writing, design, and making phone calls. They are poised to use their various skills by collaborating with the Strategic Plan Goal 2 team on outreach to Member Congregations; promoting 2022 Programming through social media, website, and constant contact; and finding ways to attract new groups of people to come to camp who would benefit from Koinonia's mission and ministry. During the annual meeting you will learn more of the Outreach/Marketing Teams plans for 2022.

Respectfully submitted: Dr. Kathleen Kristin Ruen

Martin Luther Camp Corporation – Koinonia Financials- Treasurer's Report and 2022 Budget Assumptions

Finance Committee- Mark Wilson, Treasurer, Bob Bliefernich, Carol Safchinsky, Hazel Goldstein, Bob Wollenburg, Kathleen Ruen

BACKGROUND TO 2021 BUDGET:

As noted at the 2020 Annual Meeting, the year ending December 31, 2021 was budgeted to be a transitional year for Koinonia as it continued the rebuilding of its physical plant, as well as, relaunching its programming in accordance with its mission. This was all planned to take place during the covid-19 pandemic after a multi-year shutdown due to mold contamination, deterioration of the facilities and financial management errors. At this time during early 2021, the distribution of covid-19 vaccines was just commencing and words such as "delta" and "omicron" were not yet in the NYC metro lexicon. The 2021 budget was designed to be flexible with low fixed costs to address these unknowns. Koinonia's dedicated volunteers were counted on to continue with their selfless devotion to rebuilding and relaunching the Camp. A review of actual 2021 results versus the 2021 Budget follows:

UNAUDITED QUASI CASH FLOW – 2021 ACTUAL RESULTS VERSUS 2021 BUDGET:

Please note: The Quasi cash flow format is simply the income statement with two main additions: (i) MIF loan drawdowns are reflected as "income" and (ii) property & equipment capital expenditures are reflected as "property related expenses". The 2021 Budget was prepared on this basis given the significance of these items to Koinonia's cash flow during the rebuilding process.

Total income of \$691,225 was only 2.5% below the budgeted income of \$708,937. However, the variation between components was significant as donations of \$407,165 exceeded the budget of \$235,000 by over 70% primarily due to capital campaign donations. The 2021 Budget assumed that Koinonia would draw down the remaining MIF loan facility of \$223,937 whereas only \$177,849 was drawn down. The ongoing Covid crisis and hesitancy by congregations to book the conference center severely impacted rental income which at \$80,530 was materially under the 2021 Budget of \$250,000.

Staff related expenses of \$192,009 were equal to the 2021 Budget with slightly higher insurance costs offset by lower food & kitchen costs. Koinonia ended 2021 with three employees on the payroll.

Office expenses of \$52,138 were 16% under the 2021 Budget of \$62,100 primarily due to the lack of spending on legal and accounting services.

Properly related expenses of \$421,584 were 7% under the 2021 Budget of \$454,497 primarily due to lower overall spending on maintenance, repairs, rehab & capital. Within those categories, there was also a significant remix in spending as the replacement of the conference center roof (approximately \$120,000) was accelerated from the expected 2022 to 2024 timeframe to the summer of 2021. This spending was primarily offset by: (i) the deferral of several Caritas rehab & repairs to 2022; (ii) the

deferral of the campground shower house rehab & repairs to 2022; and (iii) the postponement of any spending on the 5 sided building which remains closed.

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION – COMPARISON OF DECEMBER 31, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020:

Total cash & equivalents increased from \$156,986 to \$197,767 primarily due to strong donations to the capital campaign. Brokerage and all other checking & savings accounts decreased as low rental income required tight operating spending controls during the fourth quarter.

Fixed assets are stated at historical cost – not market value. Fixed assets increased from \$1,020,277 to \$1,140,511 primarily due to spending capitalized at the conference center of \$81,331 and additions to vehicles & equipment of \$15,900. Depreciation was not recorded. During 2022, a more critical review of property related spending from 2020 will be performed to clarify the allocation between GAAP expenses and capital assets.

ELCA endowment fund assets (net of seedtime loans) increased from \$57,021 to \$68,159 due to valuation adjustments – no additional loans were taken during 2021.

Accounts payable of \$33,231 at December 31, 2021 is primarily comprised of the following items: (i) \$13,500 for deferred consulting fees related to the capital campaign; (ii) \$5,800 for the Caritas house generator scheduled to be installed when weather permits during late winter / early spring; and (iii) \$4,060 for carpeting.

Higher payroll taxes & other simply reflect the additional employees. Increased rental deposits reflect increased rental activity. The reserve for the legacy bad debt remains unchanged.

The MIF construction loan increased from \$76,063 to \$253,912 as the proceeds were utilized to finance the property related spending noted above. The remaining availability of \$46,088 is expected to be drawn down during 2022 to finance property related spending at the Caritas house and the campground. The truck loan is being paid down as scheduled.

UNAUDITED QUASI CASH FLOW – 2022 BUDGET:

As described elsewhere in this Annual Report, 2022 is viewed as a year where Koinonia can truly relaunch its mission after spending most of 2020 and 2021 successfully remediating and rehabilitating its facilities while conducting a “soft 2021 relaunch” during the covid-19 pandemic. Accordingly, income and expense plans for 2022 represent such a relaunch as we (hopefully) exit the covid-19 pandemic.

Total income is budgeted to increase over 12% to \$777,588 despite a \$131,761 lower draw from the MIF loan facility. To accomplish this net 12% income increase, the 2022 Budget reflects aggressive overall donation increases of 31.4% to \$535,000 and rent increases of 89.4% to \$152,500. The official launch of the capital campaign and vigorous new fundraising efforts are designed to achieve the donation goals. The rent volume increases are supported by scheduled programming to attract guests for multi night

stays. In addition, a detailed metro New York marketing / outreach plan is in the works for congregations.

Total staff related expenses are budgeted to increase 119% to \$420,258 as Koinonia implements an ambitious staffing plan to both drive achievement of the income targets noted above, as well as, provide programming and services to the planned higher volume of guests. Additional staffing will consist of a mix of seasonal, part-time and full-time employees.

Total office expenses are budgeted to increase 96% to \$102,000 primarily due to legal/accounting expenses, higher summer camp expenses and contracting for a marketing/web designer.

Total property related expenses are budgeted to decrease 39% to \$255,750 as Koinonia becomes less “crisis/emergency driven” with respect to maintenance, repairs, rehabilitation and capital expenditures. For 2022, the spending focus is budgeted to shift from the conference center to the outbuildings, infrastructure and grounds. Interest on the MIF loans is budgeted to increase with higher average outstanding borrowings coupled with principal payments commencing during the fourth quarter of 2022.

THE BOTTOM LINE:

The Koinonia 2022 Annual Budget represents the Board’s and management team’s best estimates of the expected income and expenses during 2022. Obviously, in this time of the covid-19 pandemic, we will maintain our operations in accordance with all applicable rules, regulations and laws. We recognize that changes in such rules, regulations and laws, as well as, economic challenges due to the covid-19 pandemic may cause income shortfalls to numbers stated in this budget, which, in turn, will cause us to need to reduce expenses from those depicted in this budget. There can be no assurance that we will be able to fully offset any income shortfalls with expense cuts.

THE “INVISIBLE, UNPAID STAFF”:

Koinonia survives, indeed it thrives, in large part due to an army of volunteers that cheerfully (usually) take on all sorts of tasks and projects that would cost many thousands of dollars if performed by outside contractors. With respect to the finance function of Koinonia, that volunteer army is the Finance Committee which is comprised of Carol Safchinsky, Hazel Goldstein and Bob Bliefernich. Their tireless efforts in closing the books, reviewing actual results versus the budget, reviewing & approving proposed expenditures, obtaining & applying the MIF loan, enforcing financial controls and providing prudent financial guidance to Koinonia have been key factors in the recovery of Koinonia during the past two years. They truly care that Koinonia fulfills its Mission.

Respectfully submitted: Mark Wilson, Treasurer

MARTIN LUTHER CAMP CORP.
UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AT DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2021

| ASSETS | 12/31/2020 | 12/31/2021 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash & equivalents: | | |
| Capital Campaign checking | \$ 19,566 | \$ 84,642 |
| MIF Loan Reserve & Draw | 40,948 | 34,851 |
| Brokerage account | 21,534 | 11,537 |
| All other checking & savings | <u>74,938</u> | <u>66,737</u> |
| | <u>156,986</u> | <u>197,767</u> |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Buildings | 742,646 | 843,480 |
| Furniture & equip. net of dep. | 70,320 | 73,820 |
| Land | 180,363 | 180,363 |
| Vehicles, net of dep. | <u>26,948</u> | <u>42,848</u> |
| | <u>1,020,277</u> | <u>1,140,511</u> |
| Other assets: | | |
| ELCA Endowment Fund | 302,021 | 313,159 |
| Less, Seedtime loan | <u>(245,000)</u> | <u>(245,000)</u> |
| | <u>57,021</u> | <u>68,159</u> |
| | <u>\$ 1,234,284</u> | <u>\$ 1,406,437</u> |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ - | \$ 33,231 |
| Payroll - taxes & other | 481 | 3,655 |
| Rental deposits | 1,250 | 8,045 |
| Reserve for legacy bad debt | <u>10,191</u> | <u>10,191</u> |
| | <u>11,922</u> | <u>55,122</u> |
| Non-current liabilities: | | |
| MIF Construction loan | 76,063 | 253,912 |
| Truck loan | <u>7,948</u> | <u>1,310</u> |
| | <u>84,011</u> | <u>255,222</u> |
| Total liabilities | 95,933 | 310,344 |
| Total Equity | <u>1,138,351</u> | <u>1,096,093</u> |
| | <u>\$ 1,234,284</u> | <u>\$ 1,406,437</u> |

MARTIN LUTHER CAMP CORPORATION
 UNAUDITED RESULTS FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31,
 QUASI CASH FLOW FORMAT

| | 2021 Budget | 2021 Actual | 2022 Budget |
|--|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| Donations | \$ 90,000 | \$ 67,567 | \$ 75,000 |
| Memorial Donations | - | 49,985 | 65,000 |
| Capital Campaign | 79,000 | 179,720 | 250,000 |
| Common Ground Campaign | 30,000 | 62,088 | 20,000 |
| Spring / Summer Appeal | - | 6,445 | 60,000 |
| Christmas Campaign | 36,000 | 41,360 | 65,000 |
| TOTAL DONATIONS | 235,000 | 407,165 | 535,000 |
| Loan Advances | 223,937 | 177,849 | 46,088 |
| Total Rental Income | 250,000 | 80,530 | 152,500 |
| CC Rental & meals | 200,000 | 54,197 | 102,500 |
| Separate buildings | 33,200 | 24,383 | 46,000 |
| Campground and rafters Rental | 16,800 | 1,948 | 4,000 |
| Campership, Summer day camp, store, etc. | - | 25,681 | 44,000 |
| Total Income | 708,937 | 691,225 | 777,588 |
| STAFF RELATED EXPENSES | | | |
| Insurance | 30,000 | 36,547 | 35,000 |
| Total Outdoor Staff (Prog, Camp) | - | - | 35,000 |
| Total Admin, kitch, Maint Staff | 136,000 | 119,560 | 271,842 |
| Exec Director, bus mgr & Hosp team | 87,369 | - | 133,092 |
| Cook, kitchen staff, Cleaning, Facilities | 48,631 | - | 55,000 |
| Marketing, program dir., develop dir | - | - | 83,750 |
| Payroll taxes & benefits | - | 17,804 | 54,016 |
| Supply pastor | - | 150 | 2,400 |
| Food and Kitchen | 17,000 | 10,435 | 18,000 |
| Vehicle Expenses | 9,300 | 7,513 | 4,000 |
| Total Staff related expenses | 192,300 | 192,009 | 420,258 |
| OFFICE EXPENSES | | | |
| Copier, tech, ads, board expenses | 13,900 | 11,639 | 15,000 |
| Legal/Accounting | 7,200 | 648 | 11,500 |
| Operations Exp | 23,000 | 21,240 | 25,000 |
| Summer camp expense | - | 1,328 | 25,000 |
| Consulting: marketing web designer | - | - | 12,000 |
| GSB Payment Plan | 18,000 | 17,283 | 13,500 |
| Total Office Exp | 62,100 | 52,138 | 102,000 |
| PROPERTY RELATED EXPENSES | | | |
| Maintenance | 71,500 | 8,513 | 15,000 |
| Repairs, rehab & capital - CC | 130,587 | 234,812 | 7,500 |
| Repairs, rehab & capital - all other | 146,413 | 111,592 | 146,200 |
| Unexpected Expenses | 21,300 | - | 5,000 |
| Utilities (electric, propane, sanitation) | 72,800 | 63,319 | 56,300 |
| MIF Loan Interest & Principal payments | 11,204 | 6,035 | 26,000 |
| L.O.M & Seedtime payments | - | - | 2,000 |
| Bank charges, truck interest, net of misc (income) | 693 | (2,687) | (2,250) |
| Total property related expenses | 454,497 | 421,584 | 255,750 |
| Total Expenses | 708,898 | 665,731 | 778,008 |
| Financial Gain/Loss | \$ 39 | \$ 25,494 | \$ (420) |

Martin Luther Camp Corporation – Koinonia

Recognition of Volunteers

We have made our best effort to recognize volunteering, which at Koinonia includes everything from chopping wood to chairing the Board. If your name is not listed please reach out to the Executive Director at kkruen@koinonianany.org. Thank you for your incredible generosity.

Anita and Bob Giddings
Liz Hoffman
Ellen Ottstadt
Ruth and Rolf Wahl
Linda and Paul Johnson
Sue Lincoln
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Lorraine Tuccillo
Janet and Gene Austin
Jay Ratto
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Lorraine Keller
Esther Schulze
Bonita Bavetta
Jose Alfador
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Joseph Riscica Jr
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Richard Doyle
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Robert Pratti
Anthony Grieco
Rev. Marc Stutzel

Martin Luther Camp Corporation – Koinonia Recognition of Contractors and Community Helpers

We have made our best effort to recognize the many contractors who helped Koinonia open in 2021, and local community helpers who support the camp and community in many ways. If your business or organization is not listed, please reach out to the Executive Director at kkruen@koinonianany.org. Thank you for your labor, expertise and for keeping the camp safe.

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John Troxler
Wyss Electrical
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Keith Johnson
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Pecks Manager
Fire Dept
Jeff Bank
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Police

Martin Luther Camp Corporation – Koinonia Recognition of Capital Campaign Donations

We have made our best effort to recognize all Capital Campaign Donations, which began with the generosity of the Transitional Board of Directors in 2020. If you or your church or your foundation is not listed below, please reach out to the Executive Director at kkruen@koinonianany.org. Because of you, we have an excellent head start toward our million-dollar goal. Thank you!

\$100,000 and above

The Lorraine Heller Foundation

\$50,000 and above

Barbara and Paul Meberg

\$20,000 to \$50,000

Linda Hansen

\$15,000-\$20,000

Karol and Robert Wollenburg

\$5,000 - \$15,000

Mark Wilson

Steve Manlove

Steven and Mitzi Elkes

Kim and Tom Kearns

\$2,500 - \$5,000

Harry Chapmann III

Katie Cunningham

Shirley Erland

Jay Ratto

Kathleen and Gary Koran

\$1,000 - \$2,500

Carole and Chuck Helvig

Carol and Bob Bliefernich

Kathleen Ruen and E.J. McAdams

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Kathy Waddell

\$500 - \$1,000

Joanne Hansen

In Kind- \$3,842.12

Martin Luther Camp Corporation – Koinonia

Recognition of Common Ground Donations

We have made our best effort to recognize all Common Ground Donations, which are unrestricted gifts of \$250 or more. Common Ground donations are used for general operating expenses. If you are not listed below, please reach out to the Executive Director at kkruen@koinoniany.org. Because of these gifts, Koinonia was able to share its mission through innovative onsite program retreats and a month-long summer day camp in Port Jervis. Thank you!

Guarantors

(\$10,000+)

Barbara and Paul Meberg

Benefactors

(\$5,000-\$9,999)

Beverly and Bob Isaksen

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Judith and Mark Pohl

Patrons

(\$2,500 - \$4,999)

Kate Jacobsen Caughlan

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Diamond

(\$1,000 - \$2,499)

Carol and Bob Bliefernich

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Katherine Cunningham

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Anna and Richard Tonon

Carol and Robert Viske

Karol and Robert Wollenburg

Martin Luther Camp Corporation – Koinonia

Recognition of Common Ground Donations Continued

Gold

(\$500 - \$999)

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Joyce and Paul Albert
Pamela and Clifford Asdal
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Members

(\$250 - \$499)

Patricia and James Aussicker
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Ingrid Bonapace
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Martin Luther Camp Corporation – Koinonia Congregational Donors

We have made our best effort to recognize all Congregational Donations, Member and Non-Member Congregations alike. Congregational donations, similar to Common Ground donations, are unrestricted gifts that are used for general operating expenses. If your congregation is not listed, please reach out to the Executive Director at kkruen@koinonianyny.org. Thank you for supporting your camp as a congregation!

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We have made our best effort to recognize all Donations made in Memory of or in honor of an individual. These gifts can also be designated as Capital Campaign gifts, Congregational gifts, or go toward Common Ground membership. If your gift is not listed, please reach out to the Executive Director at kkruen@koinonianany.org. We are honored to use these special gifts toward Koinonia's current ministry. Thank you. We honor you in your honoring of those dear to your hearts.

In Memory of Alex & David Wirth

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In Memory of Arnold Vilonen

In Memory of Eddie Lincoln

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In Memory of Carol Jansen

In Memory of Harold Gray

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In Memory of Jack Essenberg

In Memory of Jerry Manlove

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In Memory of John Asdal

In Memory of John Bliefernich

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In Memory of Mr. Bill Solberg

In Memory of Nancy Helland Nelson

In Memory of Patricia and Richard Carroll

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In Memory of Robert Nurvig

In Memory of Russell A. Hansen

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In Memory of Russell A.Hansen and in honor of his family

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In the name of Rev Kari Smail, Rev Dan Smail, and Carole and Chuck Helvig

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Honor Stones (to be placed on a path in the Chapel of Pines)

In Memory of Kristin Helm

In Honor of Carol and Bob Bliefernich

In Memory of Fred H. Bliefernich

In Memory of John E. Bliefernich

In Memory of Karen Slattery and Robert Slattery

Theresa and Steven Helm

Kathleen Ruen

Carol and Bob Bliefernich

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Responsibilities of the Koinonia Representatives Martin Luther Camp Corp.

1. Attend the Annual Meeting

Each Corporation Member (congregation or school) should provide three voting Representatives, a pastor or two lay persons to the Annual Meeting. Visitors are also Welcome. The Annual Meeting is an informative and vitally necessary meeting for the corporation. Announcements of the exact time and place of the meeting will be mailed to the Member (congregation or school) one month prior to the meeting. The Annual Report, including proposed budget, is mailed to the Member two weeks prior to the meeting. Each Member should contact the Koinonia office with the names and addresses of its representatives prior to these mailing dates.

2. Koinonia Sunday

Representatives are asked to host a Koinonia Sunday in their congregation or school. Arrange for a presenter to visit from Koinonia, or plan to give a presentation yourself. Brochures, program calendars, flyers, newsletters and other information is available from the Koinonia office. Make yourself available at coffee hour after or between services to answer questions. Your most important responsibility is to be informed for your congregation or school.

3. Bulletins and Monthly Newsletters

Publicize upcoming events in your Sunday bulletins or monthly newsletter at the appropriate time (usually one month prior to the event). Always include your name and where you can be reached for further information, as well as Koinonia's phone number and website.

4. Fellowship Meal and Other Events

Plan a pot luck supper, a congregational retreat, youth event, slide show or other social event to further publicize Koinonia. The BEST publicity is to bring a group to Koinonia, then let them spread the good news at home!

5. Financial Support

Koinonia always appreciates and depends on financial support of its Members as well as individuals. Members are asked to make an annual pledge. Many congregations and schools have found fundraisers to be productive and community building experiences for the support of Koinonia. The Thrivent Choice Dollar program is a wonderful way to support Koinonia. Check with your local Thrivent representative for more information about this program and other funding opportunities that may be available through Thrivent.

Koinonia Extends A Special Thanks...

For generous offerings,

To those who have given gifts in kind,

And to those who have given of their time and talents...

...all of which enable us to continue our ministry of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We apologize if we have omitted anyone. Please let the Koinonia office know if there are any errors.



(Koinonia Port Jervis Day Camp walking from the River to St. Peter's Church, with Bishop Paul Egensteiner)