

Weekly Newsletter

Leadership Council Question & Answer

Written by Rev. Tracy Siegman

Question received about the Leadership Council and teams: When ministry teams are created, will the leadership council cease to exist, or will the council members, who are supposed to be point people for worship, outreach, property, etc be on the teams? Is there a plan for when council members will begin being the point people?

Answer: The Leadership Council will be working to become point people for various ministries like worship, outreach, property, etc. and do more visioning work at meetings. When new members join the Council in January, it will be the ideal time to choose what areas of ministries they wish to be point person on.

The Leadership Council was never meant to be primarily responsible for ministry but to be point people. The Leadership Council was meant to consider ministry proposals against our mission statement, bless the ministry and offer resources. However, there has not yet been many ministry proposals to the Leadership Council.

The congregation may need the structure of teams to brainstorm, plan and propose ministries. The ministry teams (Team Welcome, Team Love, Team Grace) will gather to determine how they want to live out the mission of welcome, love or grace. The teams can feed ideas to the Leadership Council so that the Leadership Council can celebrate the team work and provide resources as requested. Leadership Council members can serve on the teams, but will not necessarily be the "leader" of those teams.

The Leadership Council members on a team or any team member can share about the progress of ministries to or request additional resources from the Leadership Council. The teams will not become committee-like taking on the responsibilities for worship, outreach or property. Any team's ideas may include outreach projects or worship ideas or property projects if that team feels it will promote their designated mission of welcome, love or grace.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Description of how the Leadership Council and Ministry Teams will co-exist.
- World AIDS Day event on December 1st
- The Witness Tree event from Nov 1-11 in Florence.
- Don't forget to vote on November 8th!
- Leadership Council Meeting Notes



Women's Fall Retreat 2022

Thanks to Sterling Staggs for this incredible photo of First Christian Church's representing members at the Women's Fall Retreat 2022 earlier this season!



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- World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day Co-Hosts:

- First Christian Church
- Cincinnati Men's Chorus
- New Spirit MCC
- The Early Intervention Program—EIP
- Caracole

World AIDS Day

Description taken from the Facebook Event tagged in article

December 1st is World AIDS Day, where communities across the globe come together to bring attention to the HIV epidemic.

Join us and partner organizations for a special memorial event at First Christian Church on Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 PM to unite with others to prevent HIV, support people with HIV, and remember those who have lost their lives to an AIDS-related illness.

The evening will feature a quilt signing, music written or performed by HIV/AIDS activists, and readings/reflections from people who are living with or have been affected by HIV.

By honoring this day, we contribute to the effort to end HIV and make the world a healthier place.

Gather with us in person at First Christian Church or join the livestream on December 1st on [Facebook](#).

The event will be linked to our church's Facebook page and shared by the church's page as well.

Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky Area Annual Gathering



An evening to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV and to remember those who have died from AIDS.

Thursday, December 1 @ 7:00 PM
First Christian Church • 14 W Fifth Street, Covington, KY 41014



Vote November 8th!

Taken from Green Chalice News

The future of our climate is on the ballot! According to the Environmental Voter Project, over 12 million environmentalists skipped the 2018 midterm elections. Let's do better on November 8th!

Please vote this midterm and
help others do the same.
Contact 20 people and
encourage them to vote!

Voting Resources:

ecoAmerica's Get Out the Vote Resources

KentuckyElection.org



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The Witness Tree

A Press Release from the City of Florence, KY

The City of Florence, in partnership with Florence Christian Church, will be hosting "The Witness Tree" Event. The event will be held beginning November 1st, 2022 and run through November 11th, 2022 daily at 8:00 AM on the campus of the Florence Government Center at the Boone County Veteran's Memorial. The program is anticipated to last approximately fifteen minutes each day.

The Witness Tree program is designed to raise awareness of those invisible wounds that veterans are battling after they return to civilian life and raise awareness of the estimated 22 veterans who commit suicide each day in our nation. The daily ceremony will include placing 22 dog tags on a tree, readings, meditative though, and reflection. At the end of the eleven days, 222 dog tags will hang in honor of those veterans. Visitors are invited to attend and hang military dog tags on the designated tree on the campus of the Florence Government Center.

Additional resources will be available for participants.

WHAT: The Witness Tree Event

WHEN: November 1-11, 2022 8:00 AM daily

WHERE: Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Blvd (Boone County Veterans' Memorial)

Next Leadership Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **November 20th at 7:00 PM** via Zoom.

As a reminder, **all members are welcome to join** the meeting and encouraged to speak up during discussions.

To join, be on the lookout for an email with the meeting link in the coming weeks. Please contact the church if your email address needs to be updated.

Leadership Council Meeting Notes 10/17

Notes are abbreviated for the newsletter. To view the full agenda, [click here](#).

⇒ Shower Ministry

- We will refocus our energy on replenishing the food pantry starting immediately. Ensure we have it added to Ministry Updates, emails, and newsletter communications.

⇒ Holy Cow! Meeting Data

- Tracy will draft a targeted email with a high-level summary of the results, which Alex will send.

⇒ Porta John 3:16 Ministry

- Alex will call Rumpke to get a cost analysis between three cleanings per week or another porta potty with two weekly cleanings for each. Tracy will call the city to get a permit for a second porta potty.
- Tracy and Alex have been working on plans for activities at the Regional Meeting table to get involvement and donations from attendees.

⇒ Leadership Council / Congregational Meeting Follow Up

- Tracy will include additional information in the targeted email regarding the Holy Cow! data.

⇒ Budget Draft

- Tracy will create a side-by-side budget comparison with last year's vs. this year's.
- Tracy will reach out to folks from Elders/Trustees/etc. as well as Sheri in order for the budget to be appropriately approved.

⇒ Property

- Tracy and Sterling will meet to discuss if Property should be part of the Leadership Council scope.

⇒ Weddings Ministry

- Alex, Lisa, and Tracy will meet to discuss how to get this moving forward. We will make sure marketing includes the fact that alcohol is not allowed on the premises.

⇒ Regional Assembly Representatives

- Tracy will follow up to confirm with each person.

Recurring Events:

Sundays 10:45 AM

Morning Worship

Join us in-person or from home during our live stream!

Tuesdays 2:00 PM

Women's Bible Study

Join the weekly Zoom call for a prayer and Bible study session! Contact the church office for the Zoom link if interested.

Saturdays 5:00 PM

Community Dinner

We prepare and serve a community dinner weekly and always need volunteers! Contact the church office if you're interested!

Upcoming Events

⇒ **Friday, October 28th**

FCC Book Club

The book club will be meeting via Zoom to discuss "The Hotel Nantucket" by Elin Hilderbrand. Contact the church office to be added to the book club's email list.

⇒ **Thursday—Saturday, November 3rd—5th**

Biennial Regional Assembly

The Christian Church in Kentucky will gather in Georgetown this fall. The Assembly team is planning for a feast of workshops, fellowship, worship, and prayer. They are also preparing a digital assembly experience for those who cannot make it to Georgetown.

⇒ **Thursday, December 1st**

7:00 PM

World AIDS Day

Join us online or in person at First Christian Church to honor those who have been lost to or impacted by the HIV / AIDS epidemic.

Thank you for reading this week's newsletter!

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