

The Virginia Christian

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Christmas Offering Materials and Video

Our Christmas Special Offering materials are available on our [CCINVA.org](https://www.ccinva.org) website and here is the 2022 version of my annual thank you and Christmas offering video. There really has been a lot of Joy and Good News this year!

<https://youtu.be/XleeDN1JEX8>

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A message from Ministries Across Generations

Hi Region! Ministries Across Generations is aware that you are busy at this time of year.

If you need Advent/Christmas/Epiphany videos to share with your children and families, check out the updated Children Worship & Wonder story videos!

https://youtu.be/_Ts9i7RgK7s

We also have some fun “at home” Advent ideas. https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfHqk4jzqgxTEoQ_VXSKpJ9xlX_-jPxm7



Clergy Standing Form:

We have released the Clergy Standing Form early this year. However, remember that it is not due until January 31, 2023. The form has been shortened this year and as Bill tries not to ask ministers to do extra things during Advent, please remember it is not due until the end of January. So, please fill it out before Advent or after the first of the year. Current requirements are boundary training every 5 years. Requirements starting next year when filling out the 2024 form will be anti-racism training every 5 years along with the boundary training every 5 years. Go here to fill out the form: <https://www.ccinva.org/standing>

If you have any questions, please contact the Regional office at 434-846-3400.

Make Note of Camp Day Changes for 2023:

After detailed discussion the Program & Events Task Force of the Camp & Conference Ministry has made the decision to make a change to the schedule for camps next summer. Most camps will now begin on Monday afternoons, instead of Sunday, and will conclude on Saturday mornings instead of Friday. Parents from the eastern part of our region have expressed their concern about having to pick up campers on Friday morning. In some situations, it requires them to have to take off work Thursday and Friday, in order to travel six+ hours to pick up their campers on Friday morning. A Saturday pick up, will allow them to only have to take Friday off. This will also allow more ministers to be available for staff; it will not require them to either take a Sunday from the pulpit or to arrive after the week of camp has begun. With this schedule, counselors/staff for each camp will arrive on Sunday afternoons, instead of Saturday as before.

A number of other regions are doing the Monday-through Saturday schedule; it is worth a try for Virginia. Make note of this change and share with our churches/parents/ and campers. Also know that all changes are subject for evaluation at the end of the summer but it was felt that this change would be conducive to many in our region.



Camp and Conference Visioning Request

A team of camp and conference leaders from across the region have begun meeting to imagine a new expansive way of leading this ministry. We are still working on things but, in short, we will be expanding beyond any one location or age group. We will be more flexible to adapt and grow. What we need from you and the churches/ministry groups is **"What do our churches need that can best be experienced in a camp or conference way?"** We are dreaming wide and hope you will help us be more.



NEW: Virginia Youth Council Forming!

Applications for Newly Forming Virginia Youth Council: If you know youth in your church or family who are in 9-12th grade, please recommend they take advantage of this opportunity. Virginia youth have a chance to participate with other youth councils in this pilot program across the whole church. See more at <https://www.youthleadershipsymposium.org/> Our "POD" will be hosted at the University of Lynchburg. Please share in your newsletters and other communications. It has already been asked if more than one from a congregation can apply and serve and so I want to answer that question with a YES for this initial reforming year! Application link: <https://forms.gle/ap1Q5bwvdsZ3QTQi9>

Apply Now to be a DPF Peace Intern!

Disciples Peace Fellowship is now accepting applications for the Summer 2023 Peace Intern Program. This paid, 12-week internship is a life changing experience for young adults (age 21 and older) where you get to live out your faith while serving as an ambassador for peace and justice. Visit disciplespeace.org/apply to learn more and start your application. Or email DPF Mission Director Brian Frederick-Gray at missiondirector@disciplespeace.org with any questions you might have.

