



4 May, 2020

Dear Camper,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you today to inform you of a very difficult decision that was made by the Camp Council for the Christian Church in the Upper Midwest. This council oversees the camping ministry at the Christian Conference Center. After much study, discernment, prayer, feedback from directors, and input from parents, the Council has decided to cancel the 2020 camping season at the CCC. Your safety, as well as the safety of our counselors and staff, has to be our highest priority as an organization. We ultimately decided that with the quickly changing dynamics of the Covid-19 outbreak and the way we live life together at camp, we cannot guarantee that safety this summer. This is a heartbreaking decision for all of us in leadership here at the Christian Conference Center. It is our greatest joy to serve our campers! You are the reason we do what we do.

While we can't be together in the way we had hoped, we still want to connect with you in some way this summer. We are exploring bringing summer camp to you and your family through Camp Crates and new CCC t-shirts that would be delivered to your door. Also, we are hoping to bring you Camp on the Road, where camp leaders would travel to different parts of our region (if it becomes safe) to hold campfires with small groups. Finally, if large gatherings are permitted by late summer, our first priority will be to allow our camp seniors to come to the CCC and to have some final time with friends and mentors here on Holy Ground. While we realize none of this can replace a full week or weekend with God, friends and counselors on Holy Ground, we do hope to be able to lift your spirits in some way this summer with reminders of the CCC.

If you could, please take a moment to reply to this email and let us know how you would like us to process your cancellation. There are 3 choices for every camper: a) hold over your registration fee for the 2021 season, b) donate your fee to CCC operations costs for the 2020 season, or c) receive a full refund. Simply reply with which option you prefer and someone on our staff will follow up with you.

As Christians, we are encouraged to have faith. We must have faith that this troubling season in our world will come to an end. We can remember the promise from scripture that darkness never has the final word for people of faith. We are living in a Good Friday moment, but new life will come again someday! I look forward to a time when we can gather together again on our Holy Ground.

Peace,

Rev. Tiff Williams  
Associate Regional Minister  
Christian Conference Center Camp Director