

## REGIONAL UPDATE

May 1, 2020



Dear Regional Family:

Over the last month, your Regional staff has been holding conversations with Regional leaders and camp directors to determine if moving forward with summer camp at Camp Caroline seemed feasible. There are still many unanswered questions about the corona virus, and our children and youth are too precious for us to take any unnecessary risks. After prayerful consideration, we sadly announce that canceling our summer camp season for 2020 is the safest practice for our region.

Refunds for deposits and fees paid for our summer camps are available. Please reach out to Lisa Tedder via email [lisa@ncdisciples.org](mailto:lisa@ncdisciples.org) to manage the cancellation process.

Understanding that canceling the summer camp season means a significant financial loss, we invite you to consider participating in the Remaining Generous appeal, by allowing your camp registration to be a gift in honor of your youth to assist with Camp Caroline operations. Checks should be made payable to the Christian Church in NC with a memo: Remaining Generous and mail to P. O. Box 1568, Wilson, NC, 27894, or you may donate online at [ncdisciples.org](http://ncdisciples.org) by clicking the donate button on the menu bar and selecting Remaining Generous gift.

Details about the remainder of Camp Caroline's summer and fall schedule, as well as volunteer opportunities are currently under advisement and will be shared with you very soon.

This news does not come without personal lament. Scripture tells us of the importance of making room for lament. So, I concur with Pastor Andrew Shue, Senior Minister, FCC, Greenville who writes, *"grieve the situation and grieve the missed opportunities. Grieve with those who have lost loved ones to COVID-19 and pray for those battling on the front lines. Grieve for those who are struggling with the economic impact this is having on their households. And finally, grieve because we are all directly impacted by the trauma of this event. As we grieve, we make space for the God of the Resurrection. God will continue to do new things! We will look for the light and see where God leads us! May we all pray that God will help inspire us with the creativity to look for new ways to foster community."*

Luke Miles, Youth Director, and Casey Perry, Camp Caroline Manager, invite us all to Facebook Live, Saturday, May 2, at 1:30 pm for a community celebration of camp ministries as we wait for God to show us the way forward.

Respectfully,  
*+Valerie J. Melvin,*  
Regional Minister