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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Summer season brings relief from pandemic stress

“This summer was profound,” said an advisor as she prepared to load her kids in the van on the last morning of their session. Pick any year of Christikon ministry and it’s likely you’d find at least one story that fits that statement. Put it on the tail end of the 2020 season, however, and it’s hard not to find a story that’s deep, powerful.

Note the sentiment shared in this issue by Rich Reid from South Dakota.

I suddenly realized how difficult the first four months of living under the shadow of COVID had been. The constant stress that had lurked into every aspect of my life in my semi-quarantined existence suddenly came out of me in a few quiet sobs as I was greeted with hugs by Mark.

Or this from a 7th-grade guest, who found me at the end of the last night’s campfire, tears streaming down her cheeks:

Thank you so much for having camp. I didn’t know I needed it as much as I did—this year has been so hard....

Stories like this came out every week, from every corner. COVID’s health implications are serious enough, but the hidden cost of living with pandemic are also steep and harder to calculate. Yes, some are what we might call “first-world” problems: sports seasons and concerts and graduations canceled, school moved online, forced relocation from dorm to home, etc. Not life-threatening, but disruptive and stressful nonetheless.

Other changes are more difficult: loss of employment or business, being forced back into an unhealthy living environment, isolation, loneliness, increased anxiety and depression. Again, tough to measure exactly, but arguably also casualties of C-19.



Two backpackers help each other cross a stream in the backcountry around Christikon this summer.



Reid’s reference of the “constant stress... lurking in every aspect of life” captures the insidious nature of this virus, and for us highlighted the importance of doing anything and everything we could to offer

Benefit auction update

Our auction team is beginning the planning for the 2021 Benefit Auction. We hope to be back at the Billings Depot but are also making arrangements to have an online presence as well. As we continue the planning process we will keep you in the loop. Thank you for holding your items for us and we value your support as we navigate these unprecedented times.

Peace.
Benefit Auction Committee.

ministry this summer.

As we look ahead to our new fiscal year and the 2021 season, we do so, as always,

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with hope. Hope that comes from looking back at the last months and seeing all the ways God was at work in this ministry, in our lives, carrying us when we could not carry ourselves. Hope that comes from God's promise throughout scripture that, no matter the circumstances, we will never go through life alone. Hope that comes from the cross, the promise that our sin, our pain, our hell, even our death cannot separate us from the love of God through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

For Christikon, looking to the future with hope means:

- Preparing and positioning ourselves for a full camp season.
- Talking with congregations, donors, friends about the power of Christikon's ministry, and inviting them to be part of it.
- Assessing Capital Campaign status and working to implement Phase II.
- Planning for Lodge and Canteen deck replacement.
- Toward year's end talking with former staff about another summer, determining new staff needs, beginning to write summer program, etc.
- In short, doing all the things necessary to be ready for ministry in 2021.



Darren and Noah Paulsen build Christikon's new gaga pit in the meadow.

The intentional Christian community Christikon provides is needed, perhaps now even more than ever. We're thankful for all the ways God was at work in and through us this summer, and trust God will

continue guiding us to where God wants and needs us to be. Thanks as always for the ways you support camp, and blessings as we move through the end of the year.

— Mark

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER

Christikon still meeting community after 70 years

By Amanda Liggett

It's been a joy to serve on the board of directors for the past ten years. The people are wonderful, and I even enjoy the drive.

Christikon is a place of blessing, and I'm so excited for my boys – now four and one – to grow up as part of that community. We sing some of the dinner prayers at home, and Ben already knows them by heart.

When I think of Christikon, I think of the dedication and vision of the people who created the camp. To take those first steps must have been daunting, especially with the investment involved. They were determined to carve out a place for young people to encounter the love of God in a special community and in the quiet of nature.



Amanda Liggett and her family, Derek, Ben and Sam. Amanda served 10 years on the board.

My husband's grandpa John will turn 101 this month. He rode his motorcycle up the Boulder Road roughly seventy years

ago as his congregation's representative to look at the Lazy Day Guest Ranch and help decide whether it should be purchased and made into a camp of the church. Did he or any of them have any idea if it would still be operating in 2020? They probably very much hoped so.

Today we face new challenges, as a board and a camp and a church, but the need is still the same: to see the grandeur of God's creation, to be welcomed as beloved brothers and sisters, and most of all to know Jesus. Seventy years from now, I am confident that Christikon will continue to be a holy place, and that each new generation of leadership will have the vision and courage to continue to invest in its future.

Camp offers in-person connection during pandemic

By Rich Reid

For me, in my 14 years of hiking with mountaineers groups at Christikon, the wilderness experience has been the ultimate social distancing where I find respite from information overload, social media, lack of personal time, endless work emails and the general sensory overstimulation so common in our lives.

The wilderness is our avenue of escape from the struggle of day to day life as we separate ourselves from those distractions to take a deeper, more personal dive into our faith.

In those years I have come to Christikon for just that reason and over that time have helped bring over 170 others along to share that experience.

But in 2020 the experience for me, and I'm sure others, was markedly different in a way that caught me off guard. In the period of time between March and July most of us had lived in relative isolation. Whether working or schooling from home, unable to participate in group activities, absent of face to face interaction with others, we became isolated and sometimes felt like minimum security prisoners in our homes.

I was certainly surprised, but so thankful, that the leadership at Christikon decided to continue their camp programs this summer.

For most of us the trip to Montana was our first deep foray into the outside world and first chance to have meaningful interaction with others without the aid of a computer screen. Surprisingly, the place where we typically go to for isolation was now a place that was less isolated than the one we left behind!

I didn't realize how much we would be impacted by having the opportunity to



A backpack group worships on the trail this summer while wearing masks.



Reid takes in the view from Chalice Peak. Camp is usually a chance to experience isolation, but in the middle of a pandemic, camp instead offered opportunity to connect.

participate in daily group worship for the first time in four months coupled with the wilderness experience and being in the presence of a larger community of faith.

But what this year meant to me didn't really register until we came back into camp. I suddenly realized how difficult the first four months of living under the shadow of COVID had been. That constant

stress that had lurked into every aspect of our lives in our semi quarantined existence suddenly came out of me in a few quiet sobs as I was greeted with hugs by Mark and the staff. I came home knowing that this burden, like others, is illuminated by the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness of COVID will not overcome it.

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*"For all the saints who from their labors rest....your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed."
We join with others in remembering and giving thanks for those listed here:*

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OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER

Lives are changed when we gather at Christikon

By Will Sappington

I join with a chorus of many others when I say Christikon holds a special place in my heart. I served on staff in 2001 and 2005 under the direction of Bob Quam. In the spring of 2001 I had finished a year of seminary and had no idea that a summer serving at camp would be as foundational for my ministry as any class I would take. My experiences serving at Christikon continue to make me a better pastor daily. I met the love of my life and many dear (and increasingly old) friends at camp. Christikon connections are responsible for my first job in ministry as a youth director.



WILL SAPPINGTON

This place means a lot to me.

In 2011 I was asked to serve on the board and I could not say “yes” fast enough. It has been an honor to be a small part of advancing Christikon’s mission.

I have served with phenomenal board members over the last nine years. (For a sizable donation to Christikon I will list my favorites.) The board’s passion for the campers and staff inspired me from my first meeting and continues to do so.

There is so much that goes into the relatively short season up at camp and every moment of that work is worth it when we get to hear the stories from the campers and counselors. Lives are changed when we gather at Christikon.

Directors always get praise and deservedly so. I’ve had the opportunity to serve two great directors in Bob Quam and Mark Donald, but there’s been a constant behind the scenes during my board tenure. Kerry Ellertson is an amazing gift to Christikon. Thank you, Kerry, for making me a better board member and for your love for this special ministry.

Thank you for your support. The Capital Campaign has been a success and I look forward to seeing the phases reach completion. Nothing would happen at the end of that bumpy road south of Big Timber without you. Your prayers and generosity make all the difference. It has been my honor to hike this trail with you.

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