

# Koinonia Good News Letter – FORWARD TO THE FUTURE!

From the Transition Board President,  
Rev. Robert Wollenburg and  
Executive Director, Dr. Kathleen Kristin Ruen

Dear Friends,

The snow is melting and the spring rains are falling across Koinonia. New life will soon be emerging from under the leaves - ferns unfurling and green leaves opening to the sun. Similarly, Koinonia is changing; preparing to open for guests and getting to work on planning for the future.



Meditation Trail Bench

The Annual Meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> was well attended on two virtual platforms. All reports were approved, new board members were voted in, the Capital Campaign: Koinonia Next, “Forward to the Future,” was unveiled and approved, and questions were answered.

(info on the first board meeting and board members, etc.)

Since the camp was essentially closed for two years, the buildings need to be brought to a level where they will meet Department of Health, and Code Enforcer guidelines. With a final full electrical inspection and Code Enforcer walk-through, the Office/Staff House, Asdal House, 1/2 Family, and Lakeside will be open. We pray that by the April 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting a resolution to open the camp will be passed.

Volunteers have been active in several areas. Jean Sandberg has been investigating the process of water testing and has been working closely with the Department of Health. Jeannine Fogler helps in the office one day a week, and has been working on the Witness along the Delaware by collaborating with St. Peter’s in Port Jervis to set up a summer day camp. Anita Giddings hand addressed almost 300 envelopes for the Spring Appeal.

We are setting up Committees, that are run by members of the board, and teams, run by the Executive Director. The purpose of committees and teams is to advise and make recommendations to the Board, which will then be executed by the Executive Director and the staff. Let us know if you would like to serve on the following committees and teams:

- Strategic Planning Committee
- Finance Committee
  
- Program/Worship Team
- Outreach/Marketing Team
- Property Team

Koinonia will be bringing on more staff in the next two months and will be putting out advertisements in the next few weeks that we hope you will help share. Planning for work weekends has begun, and we will let you know when and how you can be involved. We hope that when you come to camp you will be amazed at all the good work that has been happening.

When you receive our Spring Appeal in the mail or on email, we hope that you will consider, if you are able, a generous donation to the camp. Your support will help us in making our final preparations for opening, so we can welcome you back.

Our expectation is that we will be fully open for the summer for small groups and individuals, and in the fall for large retreats. You can email the office at [Register@koinoniany.org](mailto:Register@koinoniany.org) or call us to begin the registration process. Information on the buildings are on our website.

The waiting period of lent is almost over - we are ready for the miracle of Easter, and the miracle of Koinonia's re-birth!

God Bless,

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You may also reach someone at Koinonia via the following email addresses:

For board suggestions and responses – [board@koinoniany.org](mailto:board@koinoniany.org)

For questions about your donation – [bookkeeper@koinoniany.org](mailto:bookkeeper@koinoniany.org)

To reach the Executive Director – [kkruen@koinoniany.org](mailto:kkruen@koinoniany.org)

To reserve a retreat or cabin – [register@koinoniany.com](mailto:register@koinoniany.com)

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