Dear Pastors, Parents, and Campers of the Christian Churches (DoC) of the Capital Area and the United Church of Christ (UCC) Congregations of the Central Atlantic Conference:

I bring you glad tidings and the good news of another exciting church camp season for all ages.

This year, due our expanded camp and conference/retreat centers facilities at Camp Mary Mac and at our Christian Church Conference Center, we are able extend a heartfelt invitation to our brethren of the UCC as well as our regular campers and camper families from CCA congregations and their friends.

The 2018 season church camps and conferences sponsored by the Outdoor Ministries Committee of the CCCA Commission for Camps and Conferences is a great opportunity to grow in the love of God in a fun and dynamic way. We offer camp events starting as young as Pre-school up though our Adult-Seniors Conferences for those age 55 to 105. Campers will receive teaching in the forms of drama, music, workshops and gathering in small groups which will give them a vivid and meaningful experience of living the faith out in a joyful way.

This Camp model also provides space to express their ideas while listening to those of others, to find enriching ways of prayer, to make friends who share the hope of life in Christ and who have the potential to support each other in their everyday discovery of the love of God. Whether you or your Camper enjoy artistic, intellectual or fun outdoor activities, our CCCA camps are designed to offer a safe and dynamic environment conducive to discover and/or further develop his/her abilities and gifts.

Each camp is designed to enable Campers to:
+ deepen their spiritual lives,
+ explore the Bible more fully, and
+ learn from mentors and friends in the faith how to follow Jesus as an empowered disciple.

The CCCA Camp and Conference Program events take place at a variety of church owned and operated settings. Younger age camps (Pre-School through Jr. High/Middles School) are held at our Camp Mary Mac in Sharpsburg, MD near the Antietam National Battlefield Park. Our older age youth, young adult, and adult camps (Rising 9th graders through Adult/Seniors), as well as our multi-generational Family Camps, are held at our Christian Church Conference Center in Bethany Beach, DE, just two blocks from the Atlantic Ocean.

This summer, the CCCA Outdoor Ministries Committee of the Commission for Camps and Conferences is partnering with CampDoc.com to better serve our campers and staff. CampDoc.com offers online registration and an electronic health record system for camps. You can now register your camper and complete their health information all in one place.

Built into all 2018 CCCA Camper Application Forms and the CampDoc.com online Camper Registration system are Camper Medical/Health Profile forms which must be completed as part of the registration process.

We are excited to continually improve, building safer, more productive and more efficient systems to create the best experience for you and your family! In addition, the health of all campers during CCCA events is critical. The security and privacy of your camper's health information is important to us. The CampDoc.com site is secure, encrypted, and password protected. Only CCCA Camp Directors and their specifically appointed “Camp Medical Information/Health Data Representative” on their Camp staff and the CCCA Camp Registrar at the CCCA Regional Office will have access to camper health information.
**Revised Camp Application Forms** - Starting last season, a separate Camp Application and set of Medical Forms must be submitted for each Camper regardless of age, including each individual attending Family Camps and other multi-generational camps/retreats as a family group.

This requirement represents part of a major upgrade of our Camper Registration Process and Medical/Health History Questionnaire. The new required Medical / Health History Forms are a scaled-down version of the Medical Forms recommended by the American Camping Association and are similar in scope and detail to those used nationwide by Scout and YMCA camps. All forms are safeguarded by the CCCA and the Camp Event Directors and their staff members.

These two new Medical / Health History Forms (#1 and #2) are designed 1) to assist Event Directors in planning activities suitable to Campers’ abilities and for safer on-site medication distribution, 2) to prepare Event Directors and Counselors to assist Campers with special needs, 3) to assist the camp/center staff to prepare menus to meet growing food allergy issues, and 4) to facilitate emergency responses (if needed). This information is used solely for the safety of the Camper and other participants of the camp. Please note that:

- The Immunization History section of Medical Form #1 is only required for Campers who are age 18 or younger.
- Health Form #2, which is signed by a medical professional, is needed only when a Camper is now or will likely be under active treatment by a Physician, Psychologist, Social Worker, Pastoral Counselor, or other Therapist at the start of the camp event.

It is critical that the CCCA Camp Director know if a Camper has a condition that could become critical during the camp period (e.g., heart condition, asthma, infection) or other illness that can impact the safety of other campers if not properly monitored by the Camper and the Staff working together.

CampDoc.com sends out periodic reminder emails for outstanding balances and incomplete health information. These notifications will come from campdoc.com, so please add this to your safe sender list to avoid accidental delivery to junk and spam folders. We don’t want you to miss important notices about camp!

To learn more about the CCCA Camps, which are open to all and especially our UCC neighbors, go to [http://www.cccadisciples.org/camp](http://www.cccadisciples.org/camp). We have lots of information about and useful forms for the CCCA Camp and Conference Program overall and directions to [Camp Mary Mac](http://www.cccadisciples.org/camp) and the [Conference Center](http://www.cccadisciples.org/camp).

We look forward to your participation in this exciting camp program and to exploring our rich traditions as we seek fellowship, recreation, spiritual growth, and a renewed appreciation for God's presence and abundant love in our lives throughout the year.

Please feel free to contact with your questions about [individual camps](http://www.cccadisciples.org/camp) or about the Registration process for our [Spring/Fall Camps](http://www.cccadisciples.org/camp) or [Summer Camps](http://www.cccadisciples.org/camp). Your questions can be sent in to the Camps Registrar via [CampRegistrar@cccadisciples.org](mailto:CampRegistrar@cccadisciples.org) or to 301-942-8266 (voice).

Thank you,

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