

# 2017 Annual Report

A Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina





## A message from Lauri

2017 was a year of change and forward movement for Lake Logan, and it's all about partnerships.

I began discussions with Bishop José and the Board about Lake Logan in late spring and then met the amazing Trailblazers and Ambassadors at their annual retreat. Despite Lake Logan's financial struggles since its purchase by the Diocese in 2000, the passion of those who treasure this "thin place" is what drove me to accept the call to serve as executive director. (Okay, that – and the view can't be beat.) The charge given to me: make Lake Logan the vibrant, thriving, sustainable ministry it was meant to be.

We have the raw natural resources – the pristine lake, the majestic mountains, the incredible wildlife. We have the quaint historical buildings, the modern yet comfortable dining hall, the delicious food, the staff eager to serve. And most importantly, we have the people who care so deeply for this place of retreat – people who give time, talent, and treasure so that Lake Logan is the embodiment of God's kingdom here on Earth.

It became clear to me within my first month or so after I began in June, that what Lake Logan needs is to be more visible, more accessible, more welcoming. If we are to live out our mission of "welcoming all generations to experience restoration and reconciliation with God, one another, and all creation," we must throw open the gates and sing it from the mountaintops. The Episcopal Church welcomes all! Lake Logan welcomes all!

The question became, "How do we welcome all and maintain the retreat atmosphere that makes this thin place so very special?" I believe the answer starts with partnerships. The drive to develop partnerships started before my arrival with the inaugural Cold Mountain Music Festival. Now, much of my time as director is spent in the community – here in Haywood County and in the Diocese – getting to know people and organizations and discerning how we can serve one another.

We've developed brand new relationships with the Haywood County Chamber of Commerce, Leapfrog Tours, Haywood County TDA, Sarge's Animal Rescue Foundation, Rotary, Leadership Haywood County, local small businesses, and others. There are more to come.

We are strengthening our partnerships with the Diocese, Episcopal Church Women, Valle Crucis, Church of the Advocate, Cullowhee Mountain Arts, Evergreen (formerly Champion Paper), Curtis Wright Outfitters, and other churches and groups which we have hosted.

We are living into our new model as Lake Logan Conference Center and Camp Henry Inc. Kathryn and I are partners in ministry. We are the grateful stewards of this place and these ministries. What an honor!

We have opened our doors to the community in the form of day passes and season memberships, allowing residents and visitors to enjoy the property in a way that safeguards the experience of guest groups.

As the leader of the Lake Logan staff, I have worked to involve our management team in decision-making and to educate all staff on the mission of Lake Logan, allowing them the creativity to express that mission.

We have changed some of our policies and practices which enables us to be better stewards and are making considerable progress in making improvements to buildings and grounds. We developed a forestry management plan and increased recycling efforts. We have a new housekeeping team who are amazing in their commitment to keep the houses clean and comfortable. We have painted numerous buildings, re-floored Main Lodge Meeting Room, restored the floor and replaced the HVAC in Celebration Hall, re-roofed Celebration Hall and Hemlock, paved the entry driveway, and built the brick garden.

Thank you to all our Lake Logan friends and family – guests, campers, volunteers, donors, staff, and community. It is in partnership with YOU that Lake Logan will move forward in our mission to welcome all.

God's Peace-

# A message from Kathryn

To define Camp Henry in a single word is almost impossible, but if forced, the word I would use for Camp Henry 2017 is AWESOME. Everything about it was awesome!

The staff, chaplains, and nurses gave their all to the kids. They kept campers safe, nurtured their spiritual and personal souls, and helped them see God in their neighbors and themselves.

The theme of 2017 was "Catching Fire and Sharing the Light." Week after week, the chaplains helped us see God's gifts and light burning brightly in ourselves and each other and determine how we can best serve each other and the world. On the last night of every session, we shared in

the Eucharist. This was a particularly moving part of camp because it was a celebration of God's love and of the week we had together. Campers had a huge hand in putting it together, from acting out readings to helping with the sermons. It was beautiful. During the Eucharist for our 7th-9th grade session we had an offering. Campers didn't offer any money or material possessions; they offered themselves. One by one, every camper went up to the altar, placed their hand upon it, and offered their gifts to God. They then shared how they were going to use those gifts to make the world a better place. I have to tell you, at the end, the air was full of not just love, but also hope. Hope and belief that we can share the love of Christ with all.

Camp Henry enjoyed the company of 413 wonderful campers, and we had an amazing time, playing games until our legs gave out, dancing like no one was watching, singing like angels to God, laughing so hard our bellies ached, and loving so much it brought us to tears. Although we did see a drop in numbers for our younger sessions (an 8% decrease overall), the popularity of our middle school sessions remains high. We also had a strong representation for the high school sessions. LAMP (Leadership, Adventure, Mission, and Program) participants grew in their strengths as young leaders working with the kids and continued to give back to the community, assisting with outreach programs at Grace Church in the Mountains and Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry. Our first ever Family Camp saw 17 participants, and five out of six sessions of CHOS (Camp Henry Outdoor School) were full or over capacity, prompting us to offer additional sessions in 2018. Overall, the trend we have experienced over the past couple of years in regards to gender breakdown remains the same. The younger age groups have consistently seen an equal balance, and with every increase in age group, there are more females than males.

With our first full year as the new Lake Logan Conference Center and Camp Henry, Inc. coming to a close, we are pleased with the success of the new organizational structure. With lots of willing and eager Board members to help the Conference Center and Camp Henry grow, we are seeing the fruits of their labor. After only one summer with Lauri SoJourner as the Executive Director of Lake Logan Conference Center, we can't help but sing her praises. To be honest, we felt that way after only one day with her and look forward to seeing what the future holds. Additionally, a lot of the property has seen great improvements, including new paint, roofs, and floors in many of our well-loved buildings and structures. Thank you to the volunteers and individuals who have given gifts and worked tirelessly to make these improvements possible.

When I think of the future of Camp Henry, I can't help but smile with anticipation. We look forward to pushing ourselves to be better with every passing year, focusing on our strengths and adapting to meet the changing needs of families, young people, churches, and the community, by adjusting and adding programs and services.

Indeed, Camp Henry 2017 was awesome (even the weather was near perfect!). We can't wait to see what adventures and excitement 2018 holds. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in making this summer amazing! Thank you to the campers, families, staff, chaplains, nurses/doctors, Lake Logan staff, Board, friends, and supporters! Thank You, God, for Your continued blessings! Thank you!

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# The mission of Lake Logan Conference Center is to serve Christ by welcoming all generations to experience restoration and reconciliation with God, one another, and all creation. 2017 Lake Logan Conference Center Board

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop, ex officio\* The Rev. Toby Summerour, Chair (2019)\* Vinton Murray, Secretary (2018) Lee H. Berger (2018) Paul F. Dismukes (2019) Kathryn Florack, Camp Henry Director, ex officio The Rev. Joel Hafer (2017) The Rev. G. Kenneth G. Henry (2018) The Rev. Deacon Pat Jones (2017) Eden Lewis, Missioner for Youth & Young Adults, ex officio The Rev. Patty Mouer (2018) Michelle Robinson, Development Director, ex officio Jane Schronce (2018) Sue Schwein, Diocesan CFO, ex officio\* Lauri SoJourner, Lake Logan Executive Director, ex officio David Swann (2017) George S. Sweet. Jr. (2019)\* Karen K. Walker, Fiscal Ministries (2018)

### Welcome new Lake Logan Board members, terms beginning in 2018

Courtney Blossman (2020)

The Rev. Deacon Turner Guidry (2020)

Carlyn Pheil (2020)

(\*member of the LLCC/CH Supervisory Board)



Lake Logan Board members hard at work developing Lake Logan's strategic plan at the 2017 Board Retreat held in December.

# 8196 Guest Days

Family Reunions 32 Religious Groups

School 5 Groups 5 153 Fishing & Day passes

Weddings 6

Artist Groups

Other Groups 11 LLCC Events

# Lake Logan Management Team

Lauri SoJourner, Executive Director Bruce Pace, Site Manager Susan Phillips, Head Housekeeper Wayne Reece, Assistant Site Manager Michelle Robinson, Development Director Jean Santucci, Bookkeeper Della Swanger, Guest Services Manager Paul Young, Executive Chef





A new fund established in memory of the Rev. Deacon Alice Mason by her loving partner, Nancie Wilson, and friends will provide opportunities for people in mourning or transition to experience retreat at Lake Logan.

In November we dedicated Buck Cannon Memorial Way, which was paved in memory of Buck by his devoted wife, Kay.

The brick garden was established as a way for donors to honor loved ones.





## Lake Logan's Strategic Plan

In December, Lake Logan's Board met to develop a Strategic Plan with missional priorities over the next three years based on our core values. We invite you to join us in fulfilling this plan.

### **Our Core Values**

By practicing a transformative Christian faith in the Episcopal tradition, Lake Logan

- ⇒ Extends **welcome** to all
- $\Rightarrow$  Develops **community** that respects the integrity of all human beings
- ⇒ Practices **stewardship** of the resources that God has given us
- $\Rightarrow$  Honors the **history** of this place & the people who love it
- ⇒ Provides a place for education, play, & fun
- ⇒ Strives for physical, emotional, & spiritual **safety** of our guests, visitors, & staff
- ⇒ Commits to transparency, honesty, & fairness in all that we undertake

### **Missional Priorities Through 2020**

Lake Logan will be a sustainable & thriving ministry of the Diocese of Western North Carolina by

- ⇒ Developing & implementing a business plan to increase revenue & ensure best practices
- $\Rightarrow$  Defining & living into a mutually beneficial relationship with Camp Henry
- ⇒ Creating a convincing message that this ministry is a valuable asset in furthering the mission of the Diocese & an investment in the future of the Kingdom of God
- ⇒ Developing a master plan that meets the growing needs of Lake Logan's constituents

To see a full version of the Strategic Plan, please contact Lauri at lauri@lakelogan.org or 828.646.0095.



## Camp Henry 2018-19 Goals

1. Invite and expose more campers to the unconditional love celebrated through the Camp Henry experience by 20%, reaching deeper into our parishes and the surrounding communities to further the diocesan mission of widening our circle.

2. Increase our offering of engaging programs for all ages and throughout the year.

3. Invite all generations of Camp Alumni to participate in the celebration and expansion of the Camp Henry spirit.

4. Assure that physical property is nourished and protected by focusing on projects to improve facilities and infrastructure. celebrated the Eucharist 15 times. 5. Create a more sustainable financial future for Camp Henry and its ministry by augmenting the revenue by \$50,000 through the addition of programs, camper tuitions, grant chievements, and new and also improved fund-raising efforts.



# 2017 Camp Henry Staff

Kathryn Florack, Director Austin Arditti, Counselor Luke Bleynat, Counselor Henry Chandler, Counselor Davon Dunbar, Counselor Carson Hart, Counselor Rebecca Knecht, Counselor Sarah Ann Lazorik, Media Specialist Caitlin McVay, LAMP Instructor Georgia Mitchell, Counselor Angie Nardini, Counselor Jesse Neuman, Counselor

JT Rhoades. CHOS Assistant Director

Jenna Sharrits, Assistant Director/Waterfront Supervisor

Spencer Sharrits, CHOS Instructor

Caroline Sharrits, **CHOS** Instructor

Janet Snow, Counselor

Elizabeth Sparrow, Counselor

Leah Stockdale, Counselor Robert Townsend, Counselor

Nathan Turner, Counselor

Lindsey Warburton, Counselor Ben Webber,

LAMP Instructor

Leah Wilson, **Program Coordinator** Elizabeth Woodcook. Counselor

### **Medical Staff:**

Lynn Bullock **Brooke Buckner** Amy Evans Jamie Ireton Jen LeBeau Meredith McSwain Amanda Murphy Erica Robinson **Dawn Rollins** Beth Vo

### **Chaplains:**

The Rev. Karla Woggon The Rev. Wes Shields The Rev. Deacon Turner Guidry The Rev. David McNair The Rev. Judith Whelchel The Rev. Deacon Diane Livingston The Rev. Jim Dahlin The Rev. Rob Wood The Rev. Deacon Greg Erickson The Rev. Greg McIntyre The Rev. David Henson The Rev. John Roberts

# At Camp Henry, we value

**Our Faith:** we value our Christian faith and Episcopal traditions. We celebrate God's grace in a joyful, spirit-filled community and we worship in intimate simplicity.

**Our Campers:** we value our campers as beloved children of God. We celebrate each camper's unique gifts and safeguard each camper's well-being. We explore imaginative and creative play as expressions of each camper's authentic self. **Our Staff:** we value our staff and empower them to grow in faith and leadership as they guide campers to mountaintop experiences to prepare them for life in the valleys. Our chaplains lead the spiritual development of our campers and minister to the needs of our staff to support their work.

Our parish and diocesan partners: we join with our parishes and diocese in the Christian formation of our children and young adults. We strengthen our campers and staff as witnesses for Camp Henry and evangelists of the Gospel. Our alumni: we value Camp Henry alumni as keepers of our past and celebrants of our present. We cherish the lifelong friendships and lasting relationships that begin at Camp Henry and strengthen our church family. Our environment: we value our role as stewards of "this fragile earth, our island home." We delight in God's creation and we strive to share God's love as we return to our home communities.

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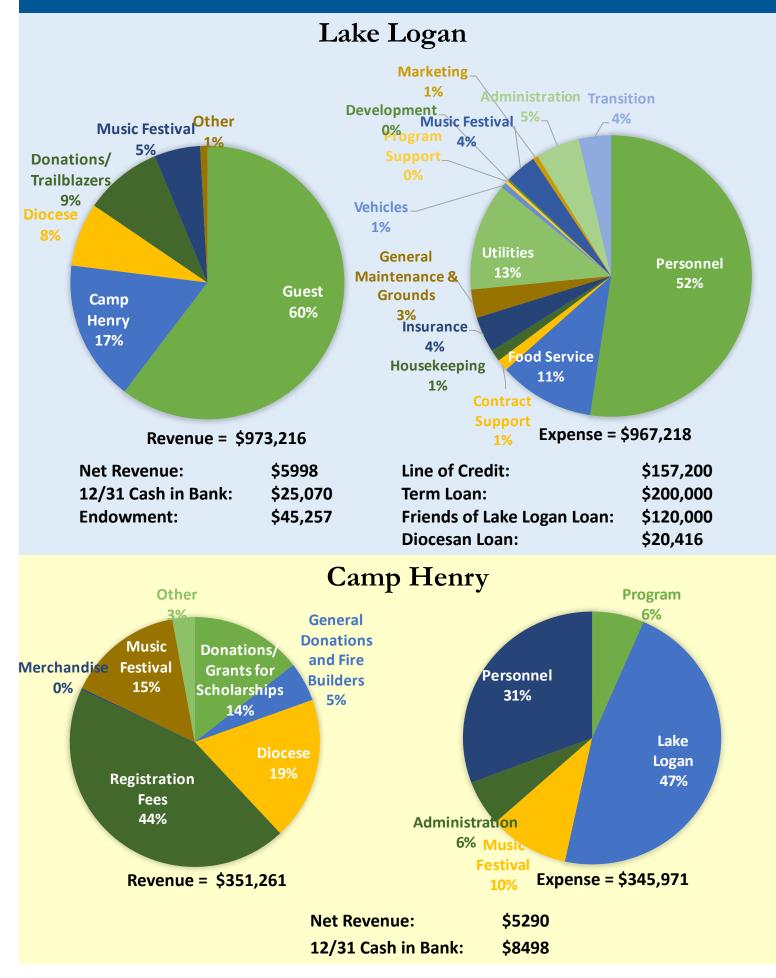
# terms beginning in 2018

The Rev. Deacon Turner Guidry (2020) Mike Newton-Ward (2020) (\*member of the LLCC/CH Supervisory Board)





# Financial Statements—Unaudited



# **Cold Mountain Music Festival**

On June 3 Lake Logan Conference Center and Camp Henry successfully hosted our inaugural Cold Mountain Music Festival. Over one thousand people came out to enjoy perfect weather, delicious food, and the wonderful music and to support the ministries of Lake Logan and Camp Henry.

The Bands **Steep Canyon Rangers Balsam Range** Love Canon **Town Mountain Billy Strings** 

## 2017 CMMF Sponsors

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# **CMMF** Fundraising Results Revenue \$105,670 Expense \$ 69,294

to camper scholarships, **NET \$35,37** program development, facility improvements for Lake Logan and Camp Henry

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### **CMMF Steering Committee**

Michelle Robinson. Chair Carolyn Ashworth Ed Bleynat **Debbie Cox** 

**Rob Elliot** Kathryn Florack **Kyle Haley** David Swann **Diane Mance** 

Carol McMichael **Jill Meares Rick Schwein** Sue Schwein Adrian Vasallo



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### Since 2017

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By committing a minimum of \$10 per month donation, Fire Builders provide Camp Henry with regular & reliable income to expand camp offerings, make camp affordable for all families, provide scholarships, & continue program & facility improvements.

Jill Meares The Rev. David McNair & The Rev. Lynn Michie The Rev. Tim McCree The Rev. Patty Mouer **Charles Newton-Ward** Elaine Potter & Anika Brock The Rev. Elizabeth Tester (Liz) Joan Schnyder Lauri SoJourner **Robert Townsend** Will Townsend Jonathan Warren Clav Williamson Carrie Williamson The Rev. & Mrs. Harry Woggon The Rev. Karla Woggon

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| Barbara Florack                   |                             | -                          |                               |

### In Memoriam...

We mourn the passing of our dear friend David Swann, who brought so much to Lake Logan. David served in so many capacities to help this beautiful place thrive. He helped in the early days when Lake Logan was purchased by the Diocese and has always been an ambassador, both in name and in deed. He helped to establish the Endowment Fund, which he felt was so vital to Lake Logan's future. David worked tirelessly and with humor on the Board of Directors and on the Development Committee where he was so supportive and excited about the Cold Mountain Music Festival. Indeed, it was a success because of David's guidance and support. He could see outside the box. We are grateful that he was able to see the festival be a success the first year.

David and his beloved wife, Nancy, were the very first Trailblazers when we started in 2015. He kept that list growing with his gentle humor and sweet approach to getting others on board.

David loved Lake Logan since he was a teenager and came to Lake Logan as the guest of the Robertson family. He grew up with Reuben Robertson, Sr.'s grandchildren. He always felt Lake Logan was a special place and worked very hard along with many others to make Lake Logan a viable ministry of the Diocese.

We miss David very much and continue to lift his family in prayer.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Lake Logan Endowment Fund because David felt it was so important.





# **2017 Volunteers**

Tim Aukerman & his friend refloored Main Lodge Meeting Room in November. Sadly, Tim died suddenly in January 2018.





Grace & Cecil Pless frequently delight us by popping in to work on Lake Logan's landscaping.

Camp Henry chaplains like Diane Livingston provide spiritual leadership for campers & staff.

In addition to Board members, chaplains, and CMMF volunteers listed on earlier pages, the following individuals and churches gave hundreds of hours to the ministries of Lake Logan and Camp Henry. Many thanks to our faithful volunteers who make the yoke lighter!

Nancy Armstrong Tim Aukerman Laure Ayling Ron Basini Anne & Ed Bleynat **Courtney Blossman** Sally & Gene Carr Debbie Cox Mary-Margaret Curley Wendy Curley Aaron Curry Lynn Diehl Paul Dismukes **Bob Doty Rob Elliott** Fred Fairhead Nancy Harger The Rev. Deacon Pat Jones Morgan Kawaguchi Johnny Keesee Frank Lockwood The Rev. Tim & Beverly McRee Jill Meares Vinton Murray

Marcia Millar

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St. Philip's, Brevard

We are extremely grateful for our partnership with **Church of the Advocate,** which provides paid work at Lake Logan for homeless & under-housed individuals on a regular basis.

We honored our volunteers and brick donors at a celebration in November.

Paul Dismukes has lead the charge to get the cabin exteriors painted.







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