

District Board Recommendations

Recommendations on ministry

1. To reorganize and rename our current Outdoor Ministries to encompass a larger scale by changing the name to Camping Ministries (which can include both outdoor and indoor ministries).

**Comments - This would enhance and expand this ministry to encompass opportunities both outdoor and indoor for children, youth and adults as well as intergenerational events.*

2. To combine the newly named Camping Ministries, Shared Ministries, and Disaster Ministries under a new ministry title called Connection Ministries.

**Comments - This is not a structural change as these commissions and committees would continue to exist as they currently are (other than the name change of Outdoor Ministries). What would change is how district staff would relate to these groups based on recommendation #3 below.*

3. To hire an Associate District Executive of Connection Ministries.

**Comments - This new position would replace the current Director of Outdoor Ministries position. This person would relate primarily to the Camping Ministries Commission and the Shared Ministries Commission of the District Board. Disaster Ministries currently relates to the Shared Ministries Commission and that relationship would continue unchanged. These are very important ministries in the Southern Ohio District and a position of Associate District Executive would help facilitate the enhancement of these ministries with a qualified individual as a member of the district staff.*

Recommendations on property

1) To cease all operations at Woodland Altars as of September 1, 2013

**Comments - Based on information obtained through research and the report of the consultant, it has become clear that the operating expenses of Woodland Altars greatly exceeds the income. With the current lessee in serious financial difficulty primarily due to expenses at Woodland Altars, he is requesting an end to the lease agreement as of August 31, 2013. Based on data obtained from our own records and the expense and income records of the lessee, it is not feasible to continue operations at Woodland Altars.*

2) To sell the property and facilities at Woodland Altars.

**Comments - Despite repeated efforts by various leaders and committees over the years, the property of Woodland Altars continues to be a financial drain. Based on the recommendation of the consultant and our own study, it is better stewardship of resources to sell the facility and use these resources to reinvent camping ministry for Southern Ohio.*