

# Outdoor Ministry within Penn Central Conference



# *Why Outdoor Ministry?*

## ▶ VALUE

- ▶ Faith Formation; Spiritual Discernment; Worship; Bible Study
- ▶ Leadership, Community, and Individual Growth

## ▶ APPRECIATION

- ▶ God's creation
- ▶ Time away
- ▶ Relationships

## ▶ HISTORY

- ▶ Hartman Center
  - ▶ Summer Camp
  - ▶ Year-round events for all ages
  - ▶ Retreats



# *In Transition...Now What?*

- ▶ Partnership with Lutheran Camping Corporation (Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA)

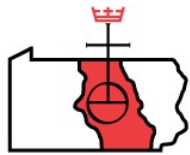


The Lutheran Camping Corporation  
of Central Pennsylvania

- ▶ Other camps and programs



- ▶ Outdoor Ministry Commission



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***2021 PCC OUTDOOR MINISTRY INCENTIVE:  
PCC will cover 50% of camp registration fees this summer!***

# Lutheran Camping Corporation

## Camp Kirchenwald

- ▶ Lebanon County, near Mount Gretna
- ▶ “The Church in the Woods” since 1969
  - ▶ 340 acres in undeveloped, scenic forest
- ▶ Adventure & Challenge-based camps
  - ▶ Ropes Course
  - ▶ Off-site trips
  - ▶ Swimming Pool
  - ▶ Lake
  - ▶ Climbing Wall
  - ▶ Playing Fields
  - ▶ Courts
- ▶ Retreat/Meeting Facilities
- ▶ Year-round events for all ages



<https://www.lutherancamping.org/kirchenwald/>

# Lutheran Camping Corporation

## Camp Nawakwa

- ▶ Adams County, near Gettysburg
- ▶ An outdoor gathering place since 1929
- ▶ 336 wooded acres
  - ▶ Hiking
  - ▶ Outdoor Chapel
  - ▶ Playing Fields
  - ▶ Courts
  - ▶ Ropes Course
  - ▶ Swimming Pool
- ▶ Retreat/Meeting Facilities
- ▶ Year-round events for all ages



*Click here to get a glimpse into what to expect this summer at camp!*

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/nawakwa/>

# *Lutheran Camping Corporation*

## The Wittel Farm

- ▶ Lancaster County, Elizabethtown
- ▶ Rural working farm
- ▶ Retreat Center for solitude, study of scripture, prayer, worship, and renewal
- ▶ Fields, forests, gardens, and trails
- ▶ Year-round events for all ages
- ▶ The Growing Project
  - ▶ Dedicated to grow fresh vegetables to feed hungry people in Lancaster County



*House of Prayer*

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/the-wittel-farm/>

## *Another Option -- Lutheran Outdoor Ministries*

### Camp Mount Luther

- ▶ Union County; in Mifflinburg, about 30 miles from Hartman Center
- ▶ 400 acres of woodland since 1963
  - ▶ Trails
  - ▶ Lake
  - ▶ Ropes Course
  - ▶ Courts
  - ▶ Pool
  - ▶ Labyrinth
- ▶ Environmental Education
- ▶ Retreats
- ▶ Year-round events for all ages <https://www.campmountluther.org/>
- ▶ Hartman Center Spirit Week (Aug. 8-14)  
<https://pccucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/HCSpiritbrochure2021.pdf>



# *PCC Outdoor Ministry Commission*

- ▶ Collaborate and coordinate with Associations about Outdoor Ministry opportunities
- ▶ Discern, develop, and implement Outdoor Ministry programs
  - ▶ Conference-wide and Association-specific
  - ▶ In partnership with Lutheran Camping and other programs/facilities
- ▶ Outdoor Ministry Fund
  - ▶ Oversight and administration of grants and fund distribution, per recommendation by Finance Team and Board of Directors
  - ▶ Fund will be established as part of the proceeds from the sale of Hartman Center
- ▶ Outreach to Associations and churches about grants
- ▶ Comprised of at least one representative from each Association
- ▶ Reports to the PCC Board of Directors





# *Outdoor Ministry Website Pages*

- ▶ On the Penn Central Conference website under the Mission and Ministries Tab

- ▶ Information Included:

- ▶ **Outdoor Ministry**

- ▶ Lutheran Camping Corporation Partnership
- ▶ Hartman Center Spirit Week
- ▶ Upcoming Events
- ▶ Summer Camp
- ▶ Volunteering at Camp
- ▶ Working at Camp
- ▶ Being a CampPerson



<https://pccucc.org/outdoor-ministry/>

- ▶ **Hartman Center: A Brief History**

- ▶ Guided by the past as we move into the future...

<https://pccucc.org/hartman-center-a-brief-history/>

# *Additional Communication*

## ▶ Emails

- ▶ Upcoming Events
- ▶ Updates
- ▶ Promotional Flyers and Resources
- ▶ Reminders
- ▶ Weekly



## ▶ Facebook Posts

- ▶ Penn Central Conference Page
  - ▶ Event Reminders
  - ▶ Pictures of PCCers “in action” participating in Outdoor Ministry events and programs



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