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)
- Other camps and programs
- Outdoor Ministry Commission

2021 PCC OUTDOOR MINISTRY INCENTIVE: PCC will cover 50% of camp registration fees this summer!
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/](https://www.campmountluther.org/)
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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