



A Free Methodist Ministry \*Managed by Wabash Conference of the FMC  
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## Annual Conference Report 2026

### Organizational & Strategic Growth

- Successfully completed the Lilly Endowment Youth Camp Initiative Planning Phase, strengthening organizational systems, leadership development, operational effectiveness, and long-term ministry strategy.
- Awarded a \$1 million Lilly Endowment Youth Camp Initiative Phase II Capital Grant to support significant campus improvements and ministry expansion efforts.
- Awarded a \$1.5 million Lilly Endowment matching grant toward the future Youth Lodge project, funding 50% of the project goal and affirming confidence in the mission, leadership, and long-term vision of WPC&RC.
- Continued advancing long-range strategic planning efforts focused on sustainability, operational excellence, and expanded ministry impact for future generations.

### Facility Improvements & Campus Development

- Preparing for the development of a new year-round Youth Lodge designed to increase retreat capacity and expand opportunities for discipleship, leadership development, and spiritual formation throughout all seasons of ministry.
- Launching major Phase II campus improvement projects, including:
  - Construction of a new youth bathhouse
  - Recreational enhancements and expanded play spaces
  - Waterfront improvements and storage additions
  - Lighting and electrical infrastructure upgrades
  - Expanded accessibility improvements
  - Pavilion enhancements and additional infrastructure updates
- Continuing to invite and depend upon volunteers who generously serve by helping prepare and maintain the grounds, facilities, and ministry environments that make camp and retreat experiences possible for thousands of guests each year.

### Ministry Impact

- Continued serving over 225 youth each summer through Christ-centered camp experiences focused on faith formation, discipleship, leadership development, and Christian community.
- Welcomed more than 2,700 guests annually through youth camps, retreats, Family Camp, church gatherings, leadership events, and community activities.
- Continued creating intentional environments where individuals and families can encounter God, deepen their faith, and experience authentic Christian hospitality.

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## **Campaign & Future Vision**

- Continuing to advance the “Room to Grow” campaign focused on expanding year-round ministry opportunities and increasing capacity to serve future generations through the development of a new Youth Lodge.
- Preparing for the September 12, 2026 public launch event, which will celebrate God’s faithfulness, share the vision for the future of WPC&RC, and invite partners, churches, and supporters to participate in the next season of ministry growth.
- Encouraged by growing support and engagement from donors, churches, volunteers, and ministry partners who are helping make expanded ministry opportunities possible.
- The Room to Grow campaign continues to build momentum following Lilly Endowment’s commitment of a \$1.5 million matching grant toward the future Youth Lodge project.

## **Operational & Leadership Development**

- Continued to be blessed by a faithful and deeply committed staff team whose servant leadership, dedication, and passion for ministry remain essential to the daily work and long-term vision of WPC&RC.
- Anticipating additional ministry and operational staff opportunities opening during the third quarter of 2026 as the ministry continues to grow and expand.
- Strengthened ministry operations through the implementation of UltraCamp as a comprehensive platform for registration, communication, donor management, reporting, and operational coordination.
- Expanded donor engagement, financial stewardship practices, and development strategies to support the long-term sustainability and growth of the ministry.
- Continued building strong partnerships with churches, pastors, volunteers, donors, community leaders, and ministry partners across the Conference and beyond.

## **Mission & Vision**

- Remained committed to the mission of extending Christian hospitality so that all guests may experience the love of Christ.
- Continued pursuing the vision of creating environments where people of all ages can “hear the whisper of God.”