

JANUARY 2023

COMMUNITY OF HOPE International



2023 Annual Covenant Renewal Time Approaching!

BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

Do you know who receives your center's invoice for the Annual Covenant Renewal Fee? Is it your parish treasurer, your center facilitator, your vestry or other oversight body? Take a minute to find out who that person is to let them know that invoices are going out soon! The deadline for the Annual Covenant Renewal Fee is January 31, 2023, so please contact COHI if you have questions we can answer to clarify your invoice. Payments can be made online to the COHI website at the [DONATE NOW](#) tab or mailed to COHI at:

7904 E Chaparral Rd, A-110
Box 510
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Your Annual Covenant Renewal Fee helps to nurture and sustain the creative, productive work we are called to do. The renewal fee is a licensing fee which gives you access for one year to the COHI Curriculum and Training Videos, Facilitator Exchanges, Circle of Care Ideas, Topical Webinars, Monthly Communications, and Curriculum Updates.

Our community life is based on mutual giving which gives us the resources necessary to grow and serve in the Spirit of God. We deeply appreciate your support and celebrate with you the blessing of our life and work together.



Quiet Day

HERITAGE REGION (CENTRAL)

Ruah Center at the Villa de Matel in Houston

Thursday, February 2

10am-3pm, lunch included

Suggested donation: \$25

Contact Beverly at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org for information and to RSVP.

COHI Mourns the Loss of Beloved Lay Chaplain Harmony Kiser

THIS TRIBUTE WAS TAKEN FROM OUR PRESIDENT SARAH ROBERTS' NOMINATION OF HARMONY FOR HONORED ALUM IN FEBRUARY 2022.

**Funeral arrangements to celebrate
her beautiful spirit and life will be held:**

**Saturday, January 14, 2023, 2:00 pm
Holy Innocents Church
805 Mount Vernon Highway, Sandy Springs GA**



COHI Mourns the Loss of Beloved Lay Chaplain Kiser

Continued

Harmony Kiser was a member of Community of Hope International at St. Aidan's in Milton GA. Harmony and her friend Kathy Bump started the COHI center at St. Aidan's and would travel together to Camp Allen for the annual conferences.


Harmony dove right in and soon became the Regional Representative for Georgia. Her enthusiasm for our ministry was contagious and quickly began to spread throughout the region.




I met Harmony during my initial training in 2015 in GA and then met Kathy at Camp Allen that summer. Harmony always raved about how wonderful the annual conferences were and encouraged our group to participate. I sure am glad I did!

Harmony made a statement multiple times that really stuck with me, and I continue to repeat it today, "Community of Hope is a Benedictine community that happens to do pastoral care. It is not a pastoral care community that happens to be Benedictine."


Some of Harmony's Favorite Bible Verses:



"If God is for us, who is against us?" Romans 8:31



"We know that ALL things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28



For I am convinced that neither death, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39



Regional Representative Meeting

SARAH ROBERTS - COHI PRESIDENT

As the Executive Committee prepares for our new board and structure, we want to share with you our progress in our next Regional Rep. meeting on **Thursday Jan. 19, 2023 @ 12pm EST/11am CST/10am MST/7pm Malawi.**

Please join us in welcoming Helen Hansen, PhD, Willie Bobo, and Tricia Wilson as our new Regional Reps! Helen is representing the Great Lakes Region, Willie Bobo as new interim rep for N. Atlantic Region and Gulf Coast, and Tricia is representing the Heritage West Region. Thank you both for stepping into this important role!

Circle of Care Book Club Builds Community

THE REV. JOANNA SIEBERT

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK

Lay-Chaplains in St. Mark's Circle of Care participate in a book club involving books that support the range of ministries we provide. We meet on zoom to accommodate several members from towns across the state who trained with us. A list is provided below.

2023 Reading List

- A Man Called Ove-Fredrick Backman
- Blue Zones American Kitchen-Dan Buettner
- Falling Upward-Richard Rohr
- Good Boundaries and Goodbyes: Loving Others without Losing the Best of Who You Are- Lysa TerKeurst
- Julian of Norwich-Karen Manton
- Spiritual Direction Wisdom for the Long Walk of Faith-Henri Nouwen
- Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith-Barbara Brown Taylor
- A World of Curiosities-Louise Penny
- In the Midst of the City-Barkley Thompson
- Letters from My Grandfather, A History of Two Decades of Unconditional Love-Joanna Seibert
- Inwardly Digest, The Prayer Book as a Guide to a Spiritual Life-Derek Olsen
- The Also Life-Barbara Crafton
- Begin Again, James Baldwin's America and its Urgent Lessons for our Own-Eddie Glaude Jr
- This Tender Land-William Kent Krueger
- Vital Signs of Faith: Finding Health in Your Spiritual Life-Kate Moorehead Carroll



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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

**Tell us about books & blogs you like, ways
of reaching care-receivers, and training
ideas that work!**

DEADLINE: 2/3/2023

**Email Pam Piedfort at pamelapiedfort@gmail.com
to share your story!**