



## 2022 Congregational Report

God is at work in inspiring and life-changing ways at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp, Green Lake Bible Camp, and Camp House! As we processed what to include in this very brief report, it became clear that we were only going to have space to include a small snapshot of our year with so many of the details not fitting on the pages. In truth, the story of this year is the story of the ministries that work in partnerships with us. We give thanks for all of the ways that your ministry has impacted the work and mission we share. It has been such a joy to partner with you in such impactful and successful ways this year!

In this report, you will find a brief summary of our year, but please watch for our official Annual Report. This will be mailed out to congregations in January, before our Annual Meeting on February 14, 2023..

### Program Ministry

It is such a blessing to share that this summer we served 345 more kids and families as part of our summer camp and day camp ministry than last year and reached 90% of our pre-pandemic numbers! Safe, fun, and impactful all come to mind when considering the summer and it seems that things will only progress as we look ahead to 2023. We heard great feedback surrounding the move of all youth summer camps to the Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp site as well as ending the camp week with the “Campapalooza” all family event on Thursday evening.

Retreat ministries at GLLM bounced back in the summer after many slow months during the height of the pandemic with fall and winter bookings also looking strong! Confirmation groups, crafting retreats, education events, and our own programmed retreats have all made for busy weeks! In fact, between May 1st and December 1st there were only 4 days that we didn’t have at least one group at camp! Although numbers are not finalized, we are projecting that we will host 1,100 more guests on site in 2022 vs 2021. It has been amazing to see so many of you on site this year!

Through the addition of “Serve Boldly” in the fall of 2022, GLLM has expanded its ability to do ministry across the country through service trips! Beginning in 2023, congregations will have the opportunity to book trips in Nashville, Chicago, and Milwaukee with more locations to come in 2024. We expect to serve 450 high schoolers in 2023 and 1000+ in future years. This is a big deal that only happens through the work and generosity of the Serve Boldly Founders who had vision for their organization's next move. We can’t wait to see how God will use this bold ministry moving forward...

### Properties

All three of our camps had significant projects taken on by our staff and volunteers this year. At Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp, the final Cottage remodel was completed along with a major upgrade to our Health Aid Station. At Camp House, we contracted with a local forester to remove brush and trees from around buildings which will better prepare the site for inclement weather and fire, and a new beachside worship area was added. At Green Lake Bible Camp, work continues at the Stave Chapel. Landscape, concrete sidewalks, and grass planting were all major projects taken on. This year was also a difficult year for repairs and unplanned replacements. We replaced 2 furnaces, 2 air conditioners, did a major repair to an underground water leak, and replaced our bus totalling over \$100,000 of unplanned expenses.

We are so blessed to have such talented property staff and volunteers.

### **Financial Position**

Although our year end financials are not finalized as of the writing of this report, it seems that our total regular income will increase by \$400,000 versus 2021, but still miss our budget projections set at the beginning of the year. We missed income projections for summer camp based on having to limit our capacities in response to staffing shortages and retreat numbers that didn't meet expectations based on our overestimating of how fast demand would return in January through May.

### **Water's Edge Strategic Process**

At our Annual Meeting a year ago, the GLLM corporation unanimously approved a capital campaign with proposed projects across all three sites and a signature project of renovating the retreat and conference center at Green Lake Bible Camp. We are well on our way with the lead gift portion of fundraising and will be sharing exciting updates surrounding our fundraising efforts and project start dates in the coming months.

I am so very thankful to the many of you who have welcomed myself and other GLLM staff into your homes to discuss these important initiatives. Thank you for sharing your passion for our work and your generosity towards the projects!

### **Closing**

I truly believe that we will look back at 2022 and remember it as one of the most important years in the history of GLLM. Increased camper numbers and a drastic increase to retreat ministries - yes. But most importantly, new partnerships and relationships, new ministry opportunities, and big/inspiring projects will be the year's legacy.

As we consider the year ahead, we have so many reasons to be excited regarding what is to come. We are projecting increased participation across all our programs, we are set to start significant work within our capital projects, and we are excited to invest in new and existing relationships and partnerships.

The format of this report doesn't allow near the space needed to process the entire year nor thank all that contributed to its success. The almost 200 congregations and thousands of people who are connected to this organization are a special group. Thank you so much for partnering with us again this year as we share (together) the life-changing love of Jesus in vibrant settings in community and creation!

Gratefully,



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