

CROSS ROADS

CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

May 27, 2020

Dear Cross Roads Family,

I hope that you remain in good health during this challenging time. You have been in our thoughts and prayers as our staff and Board of Trustees have made decisions regarding spring and summer at Cross Roads. It is with a heavy heart that I write to share with you that **the Cross Roads Board of Trustees has made the difficult decision to suspend summer camp programs for 2020.**

This is not a letter I wanted to write. Having spoken to dozens of campers and their families over the past few months, I know how important Cross Roads is to you. We know this is disappointing; we, too, are disappointed that we will not see you at Cross Roads for camp. But the health and safety of our campers, staff members, and guests are our top priority.

Cross Roads has been actively monitoring the spread of Covid-19 and updating our procedures and plans with the guidance of the CDC, the American Camp Association, and local health and government officials. As more information on Covid-19 and its continued effects have come out in recent weeks, we came to understand that the pandemic would not only pose significant potential health risks for our camper families, but also would compromise our ability to provide the safe, fun, and wholesome experience Cross Roads is known for.

Please continue reading for more information on this decision, including details about summer camp deposits and ways to support Cross Roads in the coming months.

But know this: the spirit of camp does not live at camp alone. Just like the greater Church, the Cross Roads community extends far beyond our physical property. For this, we give thanks.

We are grateful for the ways you have supported us in the past. We look forward to connecting with you in new and exciting ways over the coming months—through programs and activities our staff are already hard at work developing. And we continue to pray for your health, safety, and peace during this time.

As always, please reach out to the Cross Roads staff with any questions, comments, or concerns that are not addressed below.

Take care and God's peace be with you,

Anthony Briggs

Executive Director

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM CROSS ROADS

Camp Fees Already Paid

We're offering three choices for those who have already registered for summer camp programs. Please email officemanager@crossroadsretreat.com by **Monday, June 15** with your choice. The Cross Roads staff will be glad to answer questions and work with you, and we appreciate your patience.

Donations: The financial implications of canceling camp are serious. Cross Roads relies on camp fees to cover not just summer costs, but also our year-round operations. **Thanks to a generous grant from the New Jersey Synod, ELCA, all donations to Cross Roads up to \$75,000 will be matched 1:1.** Making a gift of some or all of the funds you have already paid is a generous way to ensure that Cross Roads can meet tomorrow's challenges. Thank you to everyone who is able to invest in Cross Roads during this critical time.

Summer Camp Credit: We can hold your payment and credit the amount toward Summer Camp 2021. This option also significantly assists Cross Roads' financial stability, and we are incredibly grateful.

Full or Partial Refunds: We know that many families are also facing their own hardships. We can process a full refund in the amount paid, less the registration fee (if applicable), or you may choose to take a partial refund and make a donation with the remainder. Refunds will be sent through the method used to pay the camp fees, and may take a few weeks to process.