

A photograph of a large, arched metal sign that reads "CAMP ALEXANDER MACK". The sign is supported by two stone pillars and is set against a backdrop of tall evergreen trees. The scene is slightly overcast.

CAMP ALEXANDER MACK

Keeping the Faith

2019 Annual Report
CAMP ALEXANDER MACK



From the Executive Director



Dear Friends of Camp Mack,

At the end of the First World War, Church of the Brethren leaders were concerned that church youth had few opportunities to practice faith and learn about peace and justice. This led to the idea of developing camps across the country. Camp Mack was among the first of these camps, and it has weathered the storms and ridden the waves of almost a century of ministry.

L. W. Shultz became the driving force behind developing the property and ministry of Camp Mack. Brother Shultz stated firmly, "It has been found that camp(s)...serve well in giving large returns in inspiration, training, and leadership. Young people and leaders of young people in camps have been highly benefited by the vision and new life plans developed in short camp periods of from four to ten days."† That was 1925, and it is the same today.

Keeping the Faith celebrates the hope and promise of Christian community in a safe and natural environment. It is about faithful servants who have committed their lives to sharing God's love with children and families. As a staff, we share hospitality, prayerful service, and the beauty of our natural world. As an organization, we acknowledge that you, our supporters, are the ones who make it possible for this ministry to continue.

At the end of 2019, there was a great deal of optimism. We had most of our weekends reserved through the beginning of summer camp, and a campaign to expand our summer camp programs to local schools had begun. Things changed in March as it became clear this year would not be as planned. Yet, on these pages, we share the foundation built by the financial supporters, volunteers, and staff that will ensure we safely manage these several months of difficulty. Our future in serving the church is dependent upon it.

Thank you for the many ways you have supported Camp Mack. If you have questions, suggestions, or simply want to experience this unique Christian community, we'd love to see you!

In Christ's love,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gene Hollenberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Gene Hollenberg, Executive Director

† *The History of Camp Alexander Mack 1920 – 1979.* Roger Sappington.



MILESTONES

2019 was a great year. Here are some highlights:

- Contracted with a public accounting firm for a financial review and compiled statement to end 2019. This resulted in changes in financial procedures, financial records, and the structures of financial statements.
- Improvements to our facilities include stonework on Shultz Chapel, insulation of Sarah Major Lodge, boardwalk replacement at Mission Village, replacement of the heating and cooling systems at the northeast apartments, a variety of electrical system repairs and upgrades, resurfacing of the basketball/tennis courts, and upgrades to the climbing wall.
- Kicked off *Planting the Future*, our new capital campaign.
- Registration of more than 500 campers.
- Began a dedicated outdoor education program.
- Received a \$65,600 grant to build a high ropes course



Tiffany began Finders Camp as a new camper. She had just completed the fifth grade and would start middle school in the fall. She is autistic. With strong communication between Camp Mack staff and her parents, a plan was created so she could be successful and experience our sanctuary. Her counselor and other leaders from her camp carefully created a safe space that allowed Tiffany to encounter God's love in exciting ways. At the end of the week, she didn't want to leave and can't wait until her next chance to return.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

After a church retreat, Sally stopped by the office. She described how wonderful her experience had been and asked if she could stick around a little longer to walk around and pray. As the staff continued to work, they observed her walking along the lake and spending some time at the east side campfire circle. A little over two hours after her group had left, Sally came back to the office to tell us she was leaving. She said, "I can't tell you how important this time has been. I didn't have to worry about anything. All I had to do was focus on God and what God is doing in my life. Thank you."



KEEPING THE FAITH

At the opening campfire for a Seeker's Camp, David was acting out and obviously anxious. One of the camp staff went to him and pulled him away from the group to talk. As David admitted his extreme homesickness, he shared that, when he was anxious, his parents would stop everything and take time out to pray. So, the leader put her hands on his shoulders and they stood behind the group praying. Our staff made sure all of the leaders of David's camp knew about this, and with many opportunities for prayer through the week, David had a wonderful time.

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Brenneman Memorial Missionary Church
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Diocese of Northern Indiana, Episcopal Church
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Elkhart Valley Church of the Brethren
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Unaudited reports from December 31, 2019

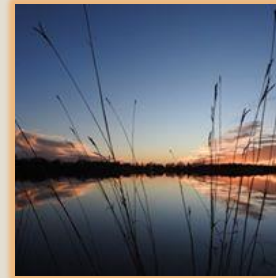


Summary of Financial Position		
	2019	2018
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash and other assets on hand	\$65,379	\$103,233
Restricted assets	\$990,409	\$721,600
Inventory	\$23,153	\$44,594
Fixed assets	\$3,792,468	\$3,896,725
Total Current Assets	\$4,871,409	\$4,766,152
<u>Liabilities and Equity</u>		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Payables and Deposits	\$9,419	\$12,552
Funds held in trust	\$926	\$8,605
Indebtedness	\$196,225	\$173,959
Total Liabilities	\$206,570	\$195,116
<u>Equity</u>		
Temporarily Restricted Assets	\$600,794	\$0
Equity Accounts	\$150,764	\$273,104
Opening Balance Equity	\$0	\$250,880
Retained Earnings	\$4,293,475	\$4,101,502
Net Revenue	-\$380,194	-\$54,451
Total Equity	\$4,664,839	\$4,571,035
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$4,871,409	\$4,766,151

Summary of Financial Activities†			
	2019		2018
<u>Revenue*</u>			
Retreats and Events	\$202,333		\$243,373
Brethren Camps	\$210,652		\$197,573
Other Camps	\$173,901		\$169,078
Other Income	\$58,712		\$45,483
Individual Gifts	\$132,611		\$91,358
Allocated Gifts	\$21,896		\$59,351
Fundraising Activity	\$64,842		\$65,024
Total Revenue	\$864,947		\$871,240
<u>Expenses*</u>			
Operations	\$519,748		\$538,444
Facility/Maintenance	\$141,200		\$172,209
Administration	\$180,651		\$93,685
Fundraising	\$14,996		\$11,030
Total Expenses	\$856,595		\$815,368

† The operational balance does not reflect depreciation, restricted funds, or fundraising for capital projects.

*Revenue and Expenses reflect adjustments made after a professional audit. Adjustments covered a four-year period and were recorded in 2019.



GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways you can support the ministry of Camp Mack.

Donate anytime by **mailing a check** or by clicking on **DONATE** at **CampMack.org**.

Donate your time **volunteering** in the kitchen, counseling campers, or fixing up camp. Volunteers make a lasting impact on Camp Mack and the people who come here.

Be part of a Camp Mack **fundraising event**: the Annual Dinner, 5K Run/Walk, Golf Outing, Camp Mack Giving Day, and the Camp Mack Festival.

Giving Communities

Lake Waubee has sustained Camp Mack for generations. **The Waubee Community** recognizes those individuals who contribute on a monthly basis to sustain Camp Mack in all seasons. Automatic giving can be set up through the Camp Mack website or your bank.

The Artesian well has provided water for many years. **The Artesian Community** recognizes individuals who have included Camp Mack in their planned giving. These gifts help to grow Camp Mack's endowments and fund other special projects.



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Mission: Camp Alexander Mack provides a sanctuary where people connect with God, experience creation, and build Christian community.

Vision: To be a sanctuary where all who are served find a safe environment where they can learn of Christ, renew their spirit, and experience God.

Our Philosophy

BELIEVING that the quiet beauty of a natural setting creates a strong sense of the reality of God, **we will develop** this center in ways that will enhance its use as an environment in which persons are moved into a closer relationship with our God and all of creation.

BELIEVING in our deep connections to all living things, **we will share** that belief so that through our programs and experiential opportunities persons will be challenged to take added responsibility for the human and natural world in which God has placed them.

BELIEVING that the closeness of shared life at this set apart place can provide a model for what it means to be the body of Christ, **we will seek** to involve leaders who themselves earnestly seek to know and share God's love and are able to shape experiences in which that love can be reality for others.

BELIEVING in the God-gifted value of each person, **we will seek** ways to help persons value themselves and to discover and develop their own skills. We will provide quality Christian education, including serious Bible study, encouraging them to hear the call to a deepened faith and discipleship to Jesus Christ.

BELIEVING in the shared ministry of the church, **we will nurture** strong relationships with congregations, districts, the denomination, and ecumenical groups. We will also seek to help persons of all ages understand and internalize the values of the church, attempting to strengthen their ties to local churches and encouraging a greater sense of identity with the Church of the Brethren and believers everywhere.



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