



Upper New York

Camp & Retreat Ministries

"Transforming Lives"

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*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with tumult. - Psalm 46:1-3*

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Greetings from CRM,

Many of you have been following the recent actions of the Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church, or have seen stories in the news regarding the church's stance on LGBTQIA+ inclusion.

In light of these events we feel that it is important to state that Aldersgate, Asbury, Casowasco, Sky Lake and Skye Farm will continue to be welcoming, safe, and supportive places for our beloved LGBTQIA+ siblings; campers, participants and staff.

The Camp & Retreat Ministries of the Upper New York Conference will continue to provide environments that help children, youth, and adults come to know that there is a God, God loves them, and that God wants a relationship with them through Jesus. Our curriculum this summer is *Transformed Community: God's Agents of Change*. We will focus on how community is transformed through *Generosity, Inclusion, Compassion, Justice and Forgiveness*.

Each week at our centers we strive to welcome all into a loving Christian community in which we play, learn, and experience God together as one body. The diversity of the people gathered is one of the most powerful elements of the camp experience. We form authentic relationships with each other and learn how to lovingly live with each other through our similarities and our differences. These shared experiences at camp or on retreat demonstrate God's love, creativity, and grace in ways that campers, participants, volunteers, and staff remember and continue to live into throughout their lives. This experience increases their capacity to be a leader in the world.

It is important to name our continuing welcome and support for LGBTQIA+ people and allies. We will continue to work with professionalism and intentionality to ensure that our sites and programs remain physically, emotionally and spiritually safe environments for all campers, participants and staff. In this way we continue to offer radical Christian hospitality for all.

If you have any questions about the policies and practices of UNYCRM, please contact us at 315-898-2026 or info@campsandretreats.org.

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