



Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake lives for those who are longing for belonging, seeking connection with community and creation, respite from chaos and competition, and an opportunity to encounter both the Holy and themselves.

Dear Camp Friends,

This past season **we hosted 1,260 people** at Camp Whitman – **a 42% increase from 2022, and a 400% increase from 10 years ago!** It was our busiest season ever, with campers and guests onsite from May to October. This season's guests included family gatherings; meetings, conferences, retreats; two other summer camp programs as well as six weeks of our own summer camp program.

A few highlights from this year include:

- **Welcoming Rotary Camp Onseyawa to Camp Whitman**, a historic partnership that provides two weeks of free summer camp for youth with disabilities. Additionally, the support of the Rotary and Camp Onseyawa staff have contributed to significant facility renovations including improvements to our camp kitchen, electricity to each camper unit, and initiating construction on pavilions for each unit and the archery area.
- **Pathways to the Holy**, an intergenerational weekend retreat featuring programs like Indian cooking, introduction to the enneagram, batik, yoga, hiking, and kayaking.
- **Cameron Community Ministries** in Rochester visiting for their annual field trip.
- **Renovations of Pine Lodge**, a beautiful new three-season flexible space for programs or lodging, with a split unit heating and air conditioning unit.
- **Renovations of Pinecone cabin**, a comfortable and modern space for our Executive Director to live in during the extended camping season.
- **Completion of our water system**, with a new water intake building and new electric lines to the waterfront.

This has been a year of significant transition. This year we welcomed our new Assistant Director for Camper and Counselor Care, Tony Loreti – who has been a tremendous addition to our team. We said good-bye to Rebeka Fergusson-Lutz who most recently served as our Assistant Director of Administration and to Executive Director, Lea Kone, who has transitioned Camp Whitman through the last nine years of tremendous growth. By early next year, we hope to be introducing you to our next Executive Director.

Our growing programs have begun to stretch our edges and shown us how we need to adapt to best serve our growing camp family. As we continue to serve more and more individuals at Camp Whitman, our expenses are also growing. Serving more people means greater utility usage, more wear and tear on buildings and vehicles, and increased staffing needs. These are wonderful “problems” to have, but in order to continue growing and expanding, we need your help.

This year more than any other, we ask that you please consider a gift to Camp Whitman, to help us to continue to provide high-quality programming to children, youth, and adults, regardless of their ability to pay. Your gift will help us provide the necessary staffing to develop new programs, to offer generous scholarship funding to families in financial need, and to continue to improve our grounds and facilities to serve all our guests.

You may donate online at www.campwhitman.org/donate or mail a donation using the envelope provided.

Thank you for your commitment to Camp Whitman, now and always.

Sincerely,

Rev. Colin Pritchard, Ernie Danforth, Jeff Richards, Marv Pallischek, Dexter Benedict, Cim McFarlane, Terri Tugel, Adam Scoville, Shirley Mandeville
The Camp Whitman Committee