

Thank you all for sharing in Reunion 2018. Your gift of presence made our time together a success. We continue to see new leaders emerge, enduring principles lived out and new expressions of spirituality being shared and discovered. From our morning worship, yoga and meditation hikes, the Whispering Pines Loop Trail dedication, Whispering Pines presentation, the always entertaining auction, ministry from our guest ministers and mission center president, deputizing our children to keep WP clean, shared chores of KP and latrine duty/camp clean up, campfire, lawn chair central, our incredible children's program and nursery, the dance, and all of our volunteers who said YES to teaching/leading something they were passionate about or experts in (chalk art, pottery, hypnosis, the restoration movement in 2018, recreation, CofC history and historic sites, wood crafts, sewing, kickball, praise/peace band, golfing, disc golf, canoeing, CofC Sings, Choir, Talent Show, budgeting and giving, living simply, Taize style worship, Islam basics, global travel, belly dancing, water conservation, aromatherapy, panning for gold, escaping the box, spirituality types, the secret to happiness, LEGOs!) and pondering the tough questions and engaging in interesting dialogue. We were thankful for the rain and the cooler temps and your ability to be flexible with us. Last year was the 50th Anniversary of Whispering Pines. Even with the huge weekend turnout last year for the big celebration, Reunion 2018 almost matched Reunion 2017's camper days. A success for sure and hope for the future. Please consider inviting other individuals and families to Reunion 2019 and continue to increase WP's camper days and to allow others to experience community in the same way we have experienced unity in diversity together.

We hope you will all consider coming to Reunion 2019 (beginning Friday, July 5th - Save the date!) at Whispering Pines. We hope we will all continue to live out the enduring principles to the best of our abilities and foster safe space for all and "become living sanctuaries of Christ's peace for those who seek wholeness". Please look for every opportunity to be present at Whispering Pines (retreats, workshops, work weekends, work months, youth camps, reunions etc). Consider being a counselor or directing a camp or retreat, leading an excursion or facilitating a class/craft/activity at Reunion. Whispering Pines is a special place that needs your presence, help and TLC. Also, be thinking of ways to raise funds for next year's reunion and for Whispering Pines. Let's put the FUN in fundraising. We look forward to seeing you around the mission center at mission center activities and in your local congregations over the next year. We'll keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Kevin, Robyn, Kyle, Shari and Craig Harper