

Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc.

Lake Junaluska Assembly remains committed to its mission to be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind, and body. The leadership and staff are grateful to be a part of your ministry and for your continued prayers and support.

The *Sharing Our Gifts* Capital Campaign is now in its fifth and final year. More than \$16 million in support for the future of Lake Junaluska has been committed, and we deeply appreciate the outpouring of love and support for this special place. Campaign priorities include preservation of the lake and dam, enhancements surrounding the Cross, revitalization of the recreation area, development of youth and family housing, and improvements to Stuart Auditorium. Each of these projects supports Lake Junaluska's role as a place where families gather, worship is deepened, and guests experience renewal and connection.

Momentum is building, and progress is visible. Because of generous partners like you, the future of Lake Junaluska is bright. To learn more about campaign priorities, we would welcome the opportunity to share how you can help bring these next projects to life and help us continue to be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind, and body.

Financial Update

Lake Junaluska concluded 2025 with a financial surplus, which was invested in our ongoing efforts to ensure all staff members earn a living wage. Charitable giving remained strong throughout the year, and the Annual Fund exceeded its goal for the seventh consecutive year. The Annual Fund is a budget-relieving initiative that supports Lake Junaluska's annual operating budget and helps sustain ministry and hospitality programs.

Ministry Programs and Events

The 2026 Summer Worship and Theologian in Residence series will take place June 28-August 2. Six theologians will preach during Sunday morning worship and lead educational and interactive experiences throughout the week. A variety of musicians will participate each week, and the Artists in Residence program will coordinate local artists to provide altar art for summer worship. We encourage you to join us.

Summer activity programs will also return, including yoga, QiGong, bonfires, devotions and special events. The Festival of Wisdom and Grace is scheduled for August 17-21, and the 37th Choir Music Weekend will be held October 16-18. We hope you will be able to attend.

A definitive highlight of our winter season was our Encounter confirmation weekends. We were honored to welcome nearly 500 youth over two weekends under the powerful theme of Unshakable Faith. It was a profound privilege to witness firsthand the lives changed and spirits renewed as these young people deepened their walk with Christ.

Don't wait to book your next mountain-top experience. Explore our facilities and see how we can support your ministry's vision at lakejunaluska.com. Contact our group sales department to plan your next retreat at 828-454-6809 or <https://bit.ly/LJRetreats>.

Looking Ahead

Lake Junaluska continues to pursue the guiding aspirations adopted by the Board of Trustees: preserving and enhancing the lake and grounds; providing conference and hospitality experiences that exceed guest expectations; connecting more youth to Christ through meaningful ministry and recreation; strengthening shared experiences that celebrate faith, recreation, the arts and education; and fostering an inclusive community that offers a high quality of life for residents and guests.

The leadership and staff invite you to visit Lake Junaluska for a conference, retreat, or time of renewal. The lake and surrounding mountains provide a beautiful setting for rest, reflection and spiritual growth. Additional information about events, programs and accommodations is available at lakejunaluska.com.

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