

# Camp Koinonia

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## IN MEMORY OF DIANA FONG

This past July, Camp Koinonia suffered a tremendous loss with the passing of Diana Fong. Diana was our administrator and a welcoming face for our campers and staff on a consistent basis for over 20 years. She lent her talents to many areas of Camp including registrations, bookkeeping, special event planning, payroll, staff hiring, government applications and general administration.



She did the same thing for many other organizations over the years, but she held a special place in her heart for Koinonia. Diana always went the extra mile to assist wherever she could in helping Camp move forward or in helping individuals on a personal level.

Over the past few months it has become very clear that Diana was a generous person, often bestowing gifts upon friends or taking them out for dinner, and even treating friends to trips overseas. Diana loved to travel and saw Africa, Turkey, Italy, Hawaii, Cuba and many other places including her favourite spot in the Bahamas. She even lived on a Kibbutz in Israel for an extended period of time.

Even though she travelled to many beautiful places around the world, her favourite place was Camp Koinonia with special affection for Holy Hill and the beautiful waterfront. Of course what she treasured most was the people she knew at Camp and the ministry that takes place at Koinonia throughout the year. Diana didn't have children of her own, but in a real sense she saw the children at Camp as her children and experienced great joy in seeing them grow up.

We will miss Diana as our administrative director, but more importantly as a friend. It will be difficult to carry on without her. However, I know that she would want us to move forward to put our full efforts into making Camp Koinonia the best community and the best ministry it can be, and to invite everyone we know to come experience "the camp that we love."

Diana, goodbye for now until we meet again!

## I'M DREAMING OF A WHITE...CANOE?

By Bruce Smith

It may not have become an ageless hit like *White Christmas*, but after the icy drive home tonight, all I'm dreaming of is a paddle and a canoe.

For many of us, it seems like only yesterday we delighted in watching camp kids with moms and dads on the volleyball court, singing by the campfire, splashing about in fun competition, and all the while discovering life-changing truth about a God who loved them and gave His life for them.

God was up to something grand and we had the joy of having a front row seat!

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## I’M DREAMING OF A WHITE...CANOE?

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Last summer was truly life-changing for some campers at Koinonia. Lights went on in hearts and minds concerning Jesus; priorities were challenged; relationships were formed or restored; agendas were realigned to be more in keeping with Kingdom principles. In a word, young and old were refreshed and renewed in body, mind and soul.

We received a gift last summer – the Gift that lasts a lifetime. An *eternal* lifetime.

So yes, a white Christmas sounds like a fine short-term dream. Lights, carols, wreaths and more make the season bright. But they are meant to point to the greatest Gift, the Gift many of our friends and new friends encountered last summer – the Gift many more will be presented with next summer.



It is not too soon to start dreaming – *prayerfully* dreaming – about how we might encourage and bring more friends to Koinonia next summer. And as Bing Crosby might rephrase it, “May their days be merry and bright, and may all our friends walk in the Light”.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas,  
Bruce Smith

*“Word of mouth is the single most successful method of camper recruitment for every camping organization.”*

## OUR MISSION IS OUR MESSAGE



A former board member has said that any journey with God is a journey worth taking. Sometimes it is roller coaster ride! The lows can be a wakeup call to pay attention to areas we have taken for granted or neglected and the highs inspire us to renewed passion in bringing the Good News to the world. After all, at Koinonia, sharing God's message of salvation is what it is all about!

Christmas is a season of joyful celebration of Jesus' birth, the miracle of God reaching out to us. We look forward with hopeful eyes to the new year, knowing that God goes with us each step of the way. God calls us to look around, be mindful of the needs of others and reach out to them in their journey, especially those who have yet to notice God reaching out to them. We are His hands and feet to share the Good News throughout the year.

We need your help to spread the word about Koinonia, so Koinonia can continue to share the Good News. Word of mouth is the single most successful method of camper recruitment for every camping organization. Our website has lots of great photos and information for you to share. Don't miss out on opportunities to reach out to your friends and relatives so they can experience salvation or renewal at Koinonia. Consider being a representative for your church or asking Andrew to come and speak. Partner with us to share the Good News!

By Catherine Elliott

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Christmas always has a way of sneaking up on you and here it is again! My hope and prayer for you is that you will feel truly blessed this Christmas, no matter what trials and joys that you are experiencing.

It has been interesting to read through some of the comments that Koinonians have expressed through the Count Your Blessings campaign. It is clear that God has worked incredibly in the lives of individuals through the ministry of Camp Koinonia over the past 65 years.

Although it has been a tough year for me personally, I feel blessed to be part of Camp Koinonia and to witness the way in which God provides, in spite of the turmoil that may surround us from time to time. I am encouraged by the way in which people have stepped up to help fill the void that exists since the passing of Diana Fong. Many have also been generous in the way in which they continue to support Koinonia financially and for that I am thankful.

I am excited about some of the new ways in which we are adapting to meet your needs including the updating of our registration process. We have adopted a new software portal for our website designed by a company named Camp Brain which allows our campers to set up a secure account where they can easily register online and receive their confirmation package quickly. Health forms will also be completed online. We can accept many types of payments including cheques and credit cards. Our hope is that the registration process will be easier for you and easier for our registrar, too.

I am pleased to announce that we will be hosting four family camps again this year as well as three youth camps including Staff Training Camp, Kids Kamp and Youth Camp. I am in the process of confirming leaders and speakers now, so if you have an interest in serving please let me know. Our staff application is now online and we are accepting applications for all staff positions. This summer I am looking for a mature person who is 20 or older to work alongside our young maintenance staff and complement our Volunteer Development Manager and Executive Director positions to form a strong management team.

I am also excited that we have secured a new partner for the summer and will see the return of Seeds of Hope Day Camp this coming summer. Seeds of Hope is a Youth Unlimited program that brought 55 young people to Camp during the last week of the summer program in 2014. Opening the summer for us this year will be a Catholic group called Lyncroft Hospitality Training Centre, so we are looking forward to getting to know them.

Because there is an extra week this summer, I am attempting to find a partner group to join us during the second last week of the summer, so please let me know if you are aware of a group that is looking for a home.

I am enclosing a sign-up sheet for the Count Your Blessings campaign and there are three opportunities outlined on this document for you to partake in. The first is an opportunity to give a two-year pledge with post-dated cheques. The second allows you to make monthly donations through a pre-authorized debit (PAD) agreement. The third opportunity is a forum to share how Camp has blessed your life. Even if you feel that you are not able to share financially, we would still love to hear how God has blessed you through the ministry of Camp Koinonia.

This campaign was especially important to Diana, which is why I am encouraging you to participate in Count Your Blessings. I am hoping that this will be the final push to pay off the rest of



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Camp Koinonia  
Where you belong!

CHRISTMAS  
NEWSLETTER

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Please  
note our  
new  
mailing  
address  
above!

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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the monies owed from some of our completed projects, such as the Robinson Lodge foundation renovation, and allow us to invest in new programs, new staffing models and other improvements.

Camp Koinonia is a volunteer organization and we need a renewed interest in volunteering if we wish to see Camp progress towards the future. There are many opportunities from serving on the Board, to helping out during the summer or attending one of our work weekends. We were able to replace half the Lockwood Lodge roof with new steel roofing this fall and are ready to go with the materials for next spring. We will need your help with this, so please let us know if you are willing to assist with this or any of the other projects that will need to be completed as we get ready for the summer of 2015.

If you haven't been to camp in a while, we look forward to welcoming you home this summer at one of our family camps or one of the many other programs Koinonia runs.

May you know the love of Christ this Christmas season and may Koinonia be a blessing to you and many others this coming year.

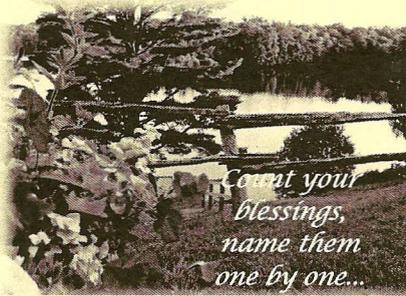
In His service

Andrew Barker  
Executive Director

## CALLING ALL STAFF!!

Being on Summer Staff at Camp Koinonia will be one of the most amazing experiences of your life. You will learn many new skills, meet new people, develop life long friendship and grow in ways in which you never imagined. You will learn about a personal relationship with God on a daily basis and will be encouraged to grow in your faith. If you are 14 years of age or older we encourage you to consider serving this summer as part of the Koinonia staff for one to eight weeks in a variety of possible positions. We are looking for kitchen staff, dishwashers, childcare helpers, maintenance staff, waterfront staff and cabin leaders. Put yourself in this picture in 2015 and have the time of your life! Please give Andrew Barker a call at 416-522-1949 or see our website at [www.campkoinonia.ca](http://www.campkoinonia.ca) for more information. Applications are downloadable from our website.





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***I wish to support the ministry of KOINONIA INCORPORATED COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS! Campaign for the next two years (24 months) with a pre-authorized withdrawal from my bank account directly to KOINONIA INCORPORATED on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.***

### PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT AGREEMENT

<i>Name</i>			
<i>Address</i>			
<i>City, Province</i>		<i>Postal Code</i>	
<i>Telephone</i>		<i>Email:</i>	
<i>For Personal Use</i>	(    ) <i>check</i>	<i>Or Business Use</i>	(    ) <i>check</i>

### Banking Information (please send a VOIDED cheque)

<i>Name of Bank</i>			
<i>Address</i>			
<i>City, Province</i>		<i>Postal Code</i>	
<i>Bank Number</i>		<i>Transit Number</i>	
<i>Account Number</i>		<i>Monthly Donation</i>	

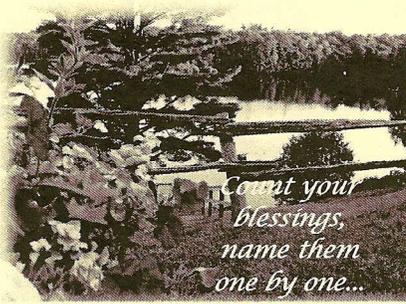
I/we authorize KOINONIA INCORPORATED and the financial institution designated (or any other financial institution I/We may authorize at any time) to begin deductions as per my/our instructions for monthly regular recurring payments and/or one-time payments from time-to-time as a charitable donation to KOINONIA INCORPORATED. Regular monthly donations will be debited on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month. KOINONIA INCORPORATED will provide 10 days written notice of the amount of each regular debit. KOINONIA INCORPORATED will obtain my/our authorization for any other one-time or sporadic debits.

This authority is to remain in effect until KOINONIA INCORPORATED has received written notification from me/us of its change or termination. This notification must be received at least 10 (ten) working days before the next debit is scheduled at the address above. I/we will obtain a sample cancellation form or my/our right to cancel a PAD Agreement at my/our financial institution or by visiting [www.cdnipay.ca](http://www.cdnipay.ca)

KOINONIA INCORPORATED may not assign this authorization, whether directly or indirectly, by operation of law, change of control or otherwise, without providing 10 (ten) days written notice to me/us.

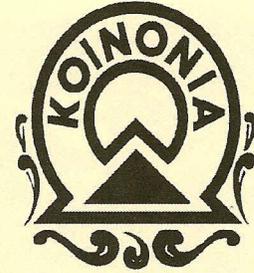
I/we have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this agreement. For example, I/we have the right to receive reimbursement for any PAD that is not authorized or is not consistent with this PAD Agreement. To obtain a form for a reimbursement claim, or for more information on my/our recourse rights, I/we may contact my/our financial institution or visit [www.cdnipay.ca](http://www.cdnipay.ca)

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**PLEASE ACCEPT THESE TWO (2) POST-DATED CHEQUES AS MY  
 TWO YEAR PLEDGE FOR THE COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS! Campaign**

**INFORMATION**

Name			
Address			
City, Province		Postal Code	
Telephone		Email:	

**HOW HAS CAMP BLESSED YOUR LIFE?**



## CAMP KOINONIA - 2015 SUMMER REGISTRATION

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117 Shoebottom Road  
Seguin, Ontario P2A 0B2  
Summer Camp Office: 705-746-7845  
Website: [www.campkoinonia.ca](http://www.campkoinonia.ca)

**Plan ahead for next year!**  
**REGISTER BY MARCH 1ST, 2015 AT LAST YEAR'S RATES**  
**AS OF MARCH 2ND, 2015 THE FEES WILL INCREASE BY 5%**  
**Send in 40% of your total fees to guarantee your spot.**

Please note that we have removed the administration fee and added a portion of it to our camper fees  
We are also now accepting registrations directly through our website using a new registration portal which will make it easier to register now and in future years.  
We now have a new mailing address so please change your address book!

### Here is our 2015 Summer Season schedule:

#### YOUTH CAMPS

**STAFF TRAINING CAMP** July 4th to July 10th, 2015  
**KIDS KAMP (ages 8 to 12)** July 12th to 18th, 2015  
**YOUTH CAMP (ages 12 to 16)** July 19th to 25th, 2015

#### FAMILY CAMPS:

**Week One:** July 25th to August 1st, 2015  
**Week Two:** August 1st to 8th, 2015  
**Week Three:** August 8th to 15th, 2015  
**Week Four:** August 15th to 22nd, 2015

#### **DON'T FORGET!!!**

**IF YOU BRING A FRIEND TO CAMP NEXT YEAR,  
WE WILL ADD \$10.00 TO YOUR TUCK ACCOUNT.**

**ALL NEW CAMPERS ARE ENTITLED TO A 10% DISCOUNT ON FEES!**

We accept Visa and Mastercard. Cheques are acceptable for your deposit, plus post-dated cheques for the balance. This is an excellent way to help you plan and budget for your summer holidays. All remaining fees must be received and paid by July 1st, 2015.

The Registration form can be automatically completed on your computer using MS Excel. Please fill in the yellow areas only.  
Save the form on your computer and then send it into us as an attachment. Send us an email if you have any questions.



# CAMP KOINONIA - 2015 EARLY REGISTRATION

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Parent's Name	
Address	
City, Postal Code	
Church (if applicable)	

Camper's Name	Birthdate	Camper's Name	Birthdate

Home Telephone		Other Telephone	
Parent's Email			
Camper's Email			
Business (mother)		Business (father)	
Emergency Contact		Emergency Phone	

## 2015 SUMMER PROGRAM

You can complete this form on your computer using MS Excel. Please do not overwrite on the grey-shaded areas.

Select 1 or more of these camps.

Fill in below here for the camp you have selected

FAMILY CAMPS		Ages	# of campers	Rate	Amount
	Week #1 - July 25th to August 1st, 2015	Adults and 13 years +	0	x \$ 365.00	-
	Week #2 - August 1st to 8th, 2015	9 to 12 years	0	x \$ 285.00	-
	Week #3 - August 8th to 15th, 2015	5 to 8 years	0	x \$ 260.00	-
	Week #4 - August 15th to 22nd, 2015	0 to 4 years	0	x Free	-

YOUTH CAMPS		Ages	# of campers	Rate	Amount
	Staff Training Camp - July 4th to July 10th, 2015	14 years and up	0	x \$ 190.00	-
	Kids Kamp - July 12th to 18th, 2015	8 to 11 years	0	x \$ 490.00	-
	Youth Camp - July 19th to 25th, 2015	12 to 16 years	0	x \$ 490.00	-

# of Additional Camps - a 5% Discount for each camp	0	-
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>		-
HST Taxes (@ 13%)		-
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		-
Early Registration Deposit	40%	-

Please make cheques payable to KOINONIA INCORPORATED. Early Registration of 40% of your fees, guarantees your place plus 5% discount on your total fees. Send in your remaining fees by post-dated cheque(s) by July 1st, 2015.

CREDIT CARD TYPE:	Please charge the July 1st balance to my credit card		
NUMBER:		EXPIRY DATE	
SIGNATURE:			
POSTAL CODE		CID (Security Code)	