

God
IS DOING A NEW THING

Isaiah 43:19

JUST SAY KNOW MINISTRY

January 2017

God is definitely doing a new thing with CLER Ministries! The sunrise at the top is from the last 2016 "Created To Be Me" camp at Bethany Beach, Delaware. As I stood watching this amazing sunrise it symbolized so much for me. A new day is dawning for this ministry that so many have faithfully supported through the years and that Richard and I have poured our lives into. I am incredibly excited with the direction that God is taking this wonderful ministry and I think all of you will be pleased as the opportunity is there for us to reach even more youth and families in the next 30 years than we did in the previous.

The sunrise also symbolized a new path for Richard and me to walk with this ministry. When the transition is complete we will still serve as founders on the new Board of Directors and will always be around for consultation and reaching out to whatever else God has planned for us. What comforts us as we begin the process of letting go of responsibilities is the realization that God's vision will continue on bringing life-changing sexuality education along with spiritual enrichment to families and youth.

The first thing that will change is our name. CLER Ministries was always hard for people to remember, but everyone got the message of Just Say Know! The new name and address for our not-for-profit corporation beginning in 2017 is:

Just Say Know Ministry
c/o Rev Scott Miller, Treasurer
380 Private Road 3381
Gonzales, Texas 78629
justsayknowministry.com

On the following pages you will find details about how the congregational program and the Created To Be Me camping program will function as we move from ordering manuals to downloading materials from our website. You will also see information about the Just Say Know Ministry Board of Directors, Executive Director and Keynoting Team Facilitator. We have amazing people who will carry this ministry forward.

Overview of Transition to Just Say Know Ministry

The **Congregational Program** is being updated and put into a digitalized format for churches and outreach agencies to download . Beginning March 1, 2017, Interested purchasers will be able to download the teacher manuals/CD-Roms and Student Resource Manuals directly from our website at a cost. Churches interested in presenting classes will no longer have to schedule with us or pay us for providing their manuals or fees that we charged for the administrative oversight of the material. While we will not be able to provide DVDs, we will be able to provide links for appropriate videos for use with the curriculum. **Rev. Thomas McCracken** of Fort Worth has been named as the Just Say Know Ministry **Executive Director**.

The **Created To Be Me Camping Program** will be quite different as we move to the new model. Camps have been struggling to pay the fees involved with our camping program and because of the generosity of our donors and our belief that they will continue to support us, **Just Say Know Ministry** will be **underwriting the costs** of keynoters and their travel and all of the expenses involved with maintaining an adequate keynoting team. Licensed camping entities will be able to digitally download the Director Manual, Small Group Leader and Student Resource Manuals beginning April 1, 2017. Camps interested in continuing to be a "Created To Be Me" Camp will pay a \$500 one-time Licensing Fee beginning in 2017 and then a \$250 Maintenance Fee each subsequent summer. This summer the camps averaged spending about \$800 per camp for "Created To Be Me" and this will be greatly reduced under the new plan.

The spiritual and educational direction for the camping program will be directed by the "**JSK**" Keynoting Teams. They will meet each fall following camp to look at evaluations, etc., and to determine the updates for the next summer. **Rev. Suzanne Motter** of Kansas City, has been named Just Say Know Ministry **Keynoting Team Facilitator (KTF.)** She will have oversight of the keynoting teams and the preparation of the Created To Be Me camping curriculum.

While Richard and I are looking forward to having summers off since we will not be keynoting, we are not walking away until we see the new Board and part-time staff no longer have questions or need information. We love this ministry and after a summer of youth sharing their hearts with us and seeing so many lives changed, our hearts are full of the possibilities for the future with the new keynoting teams and new leadership that are coming on board.

Please continue to be part of this much-needed ministry and if you have any questions, you can contact me at clermin@aol.com

In His Love,



Linda A. Goddard

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REV. THOMAS L. MCCRACKEN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thomas McCracken is a graduate of TCU, the University of Texas at Austin, has a Law Degree from St. Mary's University School of Law and M.Div. from Brite Divinity School of TCU. From 2011-2015 Thomas practiced law in Mississippi and recently moved back to Dallas/Ft. Worth area accepting the position as Gift Planning Officer for the American Red Cross. Thomas has served on CLER Board of Directors since 2008. He and his wife, Lea have three children.



LARA SHEPHERD
PRESIDENT

Since 2009 Lara Shepherd has been the Director of the "Created To Be Me" camp in the Capital Area of the Disciples of Christ. She has directed camps at Mary Mac outside of Hagerstown, Maryland and at Bethany Beach, Delaware. She graduated from Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania with a BA in Communications; PHR certification prep classes through Villanova University and has been Director of Human Resources for several organizations. She is presently the Director of Human Resources for Washington County Hospice. Lara lives with her husband, Kory, and two children, Camden and Colt, in Hagerstown, Maryland.

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CATHY GILL VICE-
PRESIDENT

Cathy Gill has a Bachelor's of Science in Chemical Engineering from Oklahoma State University. She currently is the Polyolefins Team Leader for Chevron Phillips Global Process Engineering Group in Kingwood Texas. Cathy serves as an elder at Kingwood Christian Church and has served as a CLER Board Member since 2010. Cathy and her husband Brian have three precious children and Cathy spends her spare time reading, scrapbooking and traveling.



REV. SCOTT MILLER

Scott Miller received his degree from Texas A&M Corpus Christi. He served as the Associate Minister at First Christian Church in Port Arthur, Texas until he accepted the position as Disciple Oaks Retreat Center Director in 2015. He started directing the "Created to Be Me" Eighters' Camp in 1994 and directed the camp through the summer of 2015 - 22 consecutive years as a "Created To Be Me" Director!



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REV. BETH HERRINTON-HODGE
SECRETARY

Beth Herrinton-Hodge is a Certified Christian Educator and Teaching Elder (Minister) in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She serves as Director of the Academic Support Center at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Beth is a graduate of Ohio University, Presbyterian School of Christian Education, and San Francisco Theological Seminary and has served churches in Virginia, North Carolina, California, Ohio, and Maine.

She is an experienced curriculum editor and writer, contracting with a number of Christian publishing houses. As a former editor with Congregational Ministries Publishing, she developed *Informed Teens: Adolescent Development Resources* in response to the PC (USA)'s call to provide comprehensive sexuality education curricula for the church.

Beth and her husband, Rev. Jay Hodge, live in Shelbyville, Kentucky. They parent two teenage daughters and three rescue dogs. She is a Girl Scout troop leader and coaches her daughter's Odyssey of the Mind team. She has served as Small Group Leader at Created To be Me camps in Kentucky.



CHRIS WERTZ

Chris Wertz has been participating in the Created to Be Me Camp in Maryland for 6 years and loves the message it sends to youth today. He is a Pediatric and Neonatal Critical Care Paramedic and works for Children's National Health System in Washington, DC. He currently holds the role of Paramedic Educator where he spends hours teaching, training, and maintaining the staff's skills and credentials. He works closely with the chaplain department and oversees staff support activities providing an opportunity for the staff to be recognized on a monthly basis for all their hard work and the difficult cases they deal with. This also provides an avenue for the staff to communicate with the chaplains as well as give them a resource for when times get tough.

Chris has over 20 years' experience in high volume emergency services departments, primarily with the fire department and EMS. He has also worked in law enforcement working on task forces geared towards mitigating domestic assault and human trafficking.

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SARA LAROCHE-PAHUD

Sara Laroche-PaHud is so excited about being a part of the new iteration of CLER Ministries. She currently lives in Dallas, Texas with her husband, Mark, and their cat, Jazia. She teaches 5th grade Science and loves it. She has been involved with CLER since she took the elementary school program in Midland, Texas. She has since completed the junior high and high school programs and attended Eighter's camp, the Eighter's reunion weekend, and has counseled Eighter's camp in both Texas and Indiana. She is interested to see the unfolding of CLER's programming for the 21st century, as she believes all students and adults should have the opportunity to learn about themselves and healthy relationships in a faith-based, safe, and compassionate environment.



RICHARD & LINDA GODDARD
Founders

Richard Goddard graduated from University of Oklahoma with a Petroleum Engineering Degree and went to work for Humble Oil & Refining, now ExxonMobil. He re-retired in 2015 with over 50 years of service to ExxonMobil. Through the years he has worked alongside Linda leading workshops, seminars and training events throughout the U.S. He has keynoted with Linda at Created To Be Me camps since summer 2000. Richard has served as an Elder at Kingwood Christian Church and he and Linda have three daughters and five grandchildren.

Rev. Linda Goddard, along with her husband, Richard, are founders of CLER Ministries. She is a graduate of Carlsbad High School and attended Eastern New Mexico University and Midland Business College. She is the author of the CLER Ministries' Just Say Know sexuality education programs; designer of "Created To Be Me" camps; she teaches, trains, and leads workshops; and is a Commissioned Minister for the Christian Church (DOC). She is a member of Kingwood Christian Church in Kingwood, Texas. Summer 2016 was the last summer of keynoting for Linda as she completed her 80th "Created To Be Me" camp.

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KEYNOTING TEAM FACILITATOR



REV. SUZANNE MOTTER

Rev Suzanne Motter has been an Ordained Pastor in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for 12 years, most recently as Co-Pastor on a Ministry Team at Lee's Summit Christian Church in Lee's Summit, MO. Suzanne graduated from Texas Christian University and received her MDiv from Brite Divinity School.

Rev. Motter was one of the early participants in the Created To Be Me camping program at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center when she was 14 years of age. She has since been a Small Group Leader and a Director of Created To Be Me and is amply qualified to be the overseer of the keynoting teams.

Suzanne lives with her husband, Rev. Ryan Motter, and their precious daughter, Lydia, in Lenexa, Kansas.

