



Adult Retreat



Summer Camp



Pecometh Day



Youth Retreat



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# 2013 Annual Report



*“...it’s that one thing I look forward to in the summer.” Anjene Cannon*

Camp Pecometh is an extraordinary place to grow in faith and spirit. It gives children a chance to experience life as we once knew it, free and full of satisfaction. I have been lucky enough to have this wonderful experience twice and am going for my third time. I first attended Camp Pecometh when I was thirteen in the summer of 2011. I was very apprehensive at first being as though I had never been away at camp this long before. I had previously gone to summer camps before, but never like Camp Pecometh. My mother reassured me more than enough that everything was going to be okay, and I had no choice but to listen, since she went when she was younger.

When I arrived at Camp Pecometh I could immediately sense that I was going to be okay. It was a very “traditional” camp atmosphere. There was the river, the cabins, the boats; everything looked like it had been taken out of a movie. It honestly looked like a summer camp, but it was much more than that. It was a camp where you didn’t feel like a

minority, where you didn’t have to feel sheltered from anything you feared, and later on where you would go to find that spiritual aspect and comfort you longed for in life. Personally, it’s that one thing I look forward to in the summer. When I left that summer I felt like I had nothing to leave behind nor to take, but myself and the memories that I shared with those around me.

It was a new year and summer and the time for Camp Pecometh had come up in my agenda for the summer again. It was 2013 and I was now fifteen years old already! I had absolutely no doubts about Camp Pecometh this summer because I knew exactly what to expect. This time I drove up with my local Neighborhood House and I wasn’t in Riverside this summer. I decided I would do Late Night with Jesus this summer because I was in high school and it was probably better to be with kids that were around my age.

Late Night with Jesus was a great program, and boy was I wrong about what to expect this time. This time around it was even better than before. I had a much more life changing experience. I got along with all the kids in the program and we all really bonded together. We talked about our likes and dislikes, and what hobbies and talents we were interested in. I really enjoyed having that spiritual time with each other the most. We all got really deep and everything was real and sincere, which is what I valued the most. I remember leaving and crying my eyes out for days after that. Honestly I had such a great time that I just had all these emotions and I guess I started crying. I am not ashamed because they were tears of joy. Maybe tears of fear, too. Because I had no idea what I was going to do with myself after being used to the flow of the routine at camp. I got through it though, and now I am more than honored to share my experience with others. This summer I am coming back, sixteen and with a friend (and maybe a lot more tears). But I have no worries because I have experienced all that Camp Pecometh has to offer to me and others.



## Executive Director’s Letter

*Reverend Jack Shitama*

**What was your Best Week Ever?  
Your Best Weekend? Best Day?**

Very few of us would say it was the time I stayed home and cleaned the garage or deep-cleaned the kitchen. Our best experiences often happen when we get away. Sometimes this is vacation with family or a bucket-list experience. For many, it’s the God-inspired, life-changing experience that happens on retreat or at camp.

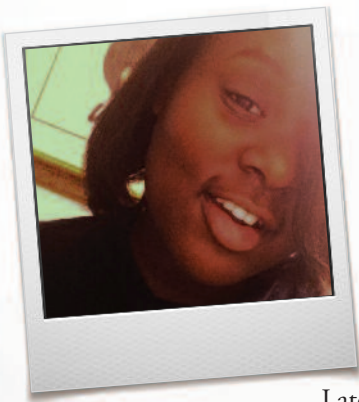
Some of mine: Multiple Walk to Emmaus weekends, as a participant, musician or spiritual director; serving as spiritual director on Chrysalis weekends; leading Bible studies as spiritual life coordinator at camp; couples’ retreats at Drayton; and Directors’ Leadership Week, to name a few.

What made them “the best?” I learned something about God. I learned something about myself. I made a significant decision in my faith journey. More importantly, I was privileged to see these same things happen in the lives of people of all ages. AND I had lots of FUN.

What goes in to making these “best experiences” possible? Staff, volunteers and participants who are open to what God can do. Great facilities, meaningful activities, laughter and (sometimes) tears, great food and a place apart in a beautiful setting (some people call it Holy Ground).

Pecometh has been making best weeks, weekends and days happen for 68 years. You’ll see in these pages that this tradition continues. Our donors make this possible through their financial support. Our volunteers make this possible through their time and energy. Our board and staff make this possible through their passion and commitment to excellence. For all this, we can be truly grateful.

Grace and Peace,



*“I don’t know what this is but I feel it’s right.”*

*Sabria Fountain*

My best experience I have ever had while at Camp Pecometh was definitely this past summer during

Late Night with Jesus at the Galilean service. That week was the most powerful experience I had ever had during my 7(+ years of attending the camp. The Galilean service had more of an impact because, unlike everyone else in the camp, we had our service at around four in the morning, and it made the experience so much more powerful.

When you are at Galilean it is just so peaceful and tranquil. You have more of a connection to the service than you would during the day. Hearing the Chester crash against the shore and the crickets chirping, you just have this sense as if you are with God at that very moment. Then once you enter the hall and all of the candles are lit and you sit to hear Pastor Rich speak, you understand how special of a moment it is.

As a teenager myself, I never had the strongest relationship with God. It was always there but it wasn’t prominent. At that moment while Rich was speaking I was just like, “I don’t know what this is but I feel it’s right.” I truly did. I began to cry but they weren’t tears of sadness they were just tears of thankfulness. I had realized what exactly God had brought me through and I just began to cry uncontrollably.

I later realized that in that moment it was the Holy Spirit that had come over me and I honestly couldn’t describe at that time how I was feeling. Experiencing that service with people whom I had spent the entire week, and not only that but with people I had known for years through camp, made the experience that much more special. It being my last year as a camper, it opened my eyes to the fact that God truly is present whether you want to believe it or not. He will never leave you nor forsake you.

That night Rich had brought in current staff members who at one point were Late Nighters, as well. There were at least 7-10 staff members there that night, one of whom I had attended camp with the year before. I was sitting there with my best friend since childhood and two others who I now consider close friends that I had met 3 years before at camp. I realized that camp isn’t just something fun to do it is an EXPERIENCE! My first year attending Late Night one of my campmates had coined the phrase “It’s a late night thing” and I can tell you now it truly is just a late night thing. You don’t understand the experience unless you have gone through it and I encourage any teen that is weak in their faith to attend because it truly changes your outlook on everything. I promise. Plus you get great food out of it.

*“...my silent retreat was powerful, prayerful and peaceful!” Rev. Dr. Sally Dolch*

Imagine time away from home, work, and obligations to: savor God’s natural world, succumb to the restfulness of quiet; still the noise and busy-ness within; and seek connection with your body, mind, heart, and spirit!

My first silent retreat included all of the above! I arrived worn out! But, four days of retreat provided me time to “be still” long enough to feel reconnection with myself and with God!

The most unique aspect of a Silent Retreat is - well, the silence! Attendees covenant to be silent and respect the space that all present have carved out for themselves. Lodging is in private rooms at the Riverview Retreat Center for one to six days - it is your choice.

Meals, served buffet-style in the Riverview Retreat Center refectory, are consumed in silence and set the rhythm for each day, as they are offered at regular intervals.

Daily mid-day devotions, which are optional to attend, are “spoken” by onsite Spiritual Directors. Communion is served. We were taught to “pass the peace” in silence with a nod and a smile for each one in attendance.

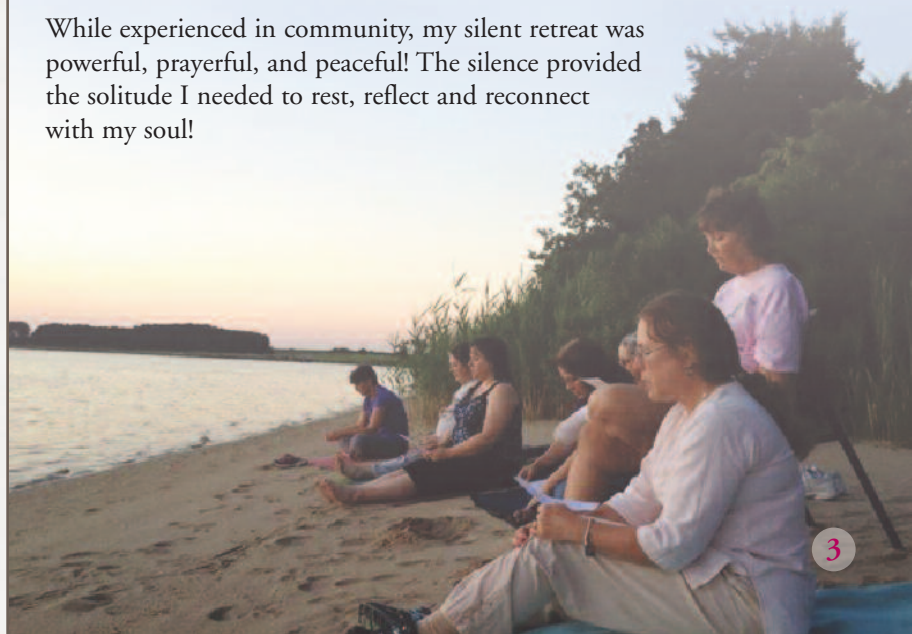
I enjoyed several two mile walks around the camp property on those brisk, but sunny, days and snapped photos of ice puddles, the Chester River shoreline, and buzzards on a cabin roof. The views all around the Pecometh campus are spectacular; so God-filled!!

Puzzles and collage materials were available which helped settle my mind. There was a room for reflection that included icons and a finger labyrinth. And, the sitting rooms in the lodges were graced with many books by spiritual writers.

I prayed much, read a little, and claimed precious time to type many poems I had handwritten over the past four and a half years. I recaptured a little bit of myself with each verse.

I also took advantage of both the on-site massage therapist available for a small cost and one hour of spiritual direction offered each day as part of the registration fee. This time helped me process the insights and reflections that came to me in the quiet.

While experienced in community, my silent retreat was powerful, prayerful, and peaceful! The silence provided the solitude I needed to rest, reflect and reconnect with my soul!



*“Camp Pecometh is the closest place on Earth that you can get to God.” Josh Elliott*

The best day, week, month, or summer doesn't describe an experience at Camp Pecometh. All of those descriptions are huge understatements. The words needed to describe my time at Pecometh haven't yet been uttered. But to put it as simple as possible Camp Pecometh is the closest place on Earth that you can get to God. I have had the chance to be at the camp for more years than most people and in more positions than most people. I have laughed, cried, sang, and danced there and I can't get enough. I was a camper for 9 years or so, I went to the Chrysalis retreat as a caterpillar, I then served on team for Chrysalis, and I will now be a counselor at camp for the second time. Each of these experiences is completely different and oddly enough the same.

Now let's travel back in time to the summer of 2003 when I first went to camp. I was 9 and had always gone to church with my parents and always believed in God. But camp does a weird thing to young children, or at least it did to me. I don't remember much from my first years at camp but I do remember that I actually started learning about God. I would ask questions, read my bible, and pray more often than I had ever done. I kept going to camp summer after summer and also grew closer to God every year. Camp meant seeing old friends and escaping the real world for an entire week to have fun and worship God.

If we fast forward a little to the weekend of my sixteenth birthday we see me getting ready to embark on my Chrysalis weekend.

When we arrived at Pecometh I knew right where I was. I could feel God's presence hovering over everything. This weekend was life-changing for me. A bunch of guys learning about and praising God and forming lifetime friendships. That was the weekend that I really gave my life to God right there at Pecometh. I was not the only one that gave my life to God that weekend and it was simply amazing. Being at Pecometh really made a difference in the experience.

At Pecometh I was isolated from the rest of the world. Alone with God. This was the same year that I ended my time at Pecometh as a camper. It was also my favorite summer as a camper because I was on the Late Night with Jesus program. The Late Night week was one of the most moving weeks I've ever had. It was there where I decided to become a counselor because I really got to see how they could affect someone in a week's time. I remember the last night sitting with three good friends at the Galilean sitting silent and looking at the stars fade into a sunrise. There was no question in anyone's mind that the presence of God was at Camp Pecometh.

Last spring I served on team for Chrysalis. This was a very humbling experience at Pecometh. I washed the hands and feet of others, I served meals, and I made sure the weekend went perfectly. On this weekend

I also had my feet washed. If you've ever had your feet washed by someone else you know that it's harder to have them washed than to wash someone else's. After all Jesus washed the disciples' feet and told the disciples to go and do the same.

During that weekend I also had an interview for a job as a camp counselor at Camp Pecometh.

Little did I know that that interview would be the start of an unsurpassable summer at camp. Don't get me wrong all of my

other experiences at camp were amazing but being a counselor has been my favorite perspective of Pecometh. As a counselor I get to lead others in their faith. Not just my campers but also my peers. The campers look up to you so if you sing and dance they will sing and dance, too. Counselors also learn about themselves and their faith.

My biggest lesson this past summer was that God will not give me anything I can't handle. He tested my patience, my voice, and my love for everything on this earth. But in the end I had no trouble waiting for and caring for every different camper that I received. Also as a counselor I made friendships that will never be forgotten and never be broken. Thousands of miles and raging oceans can't end them because as a favorite camp song says, "Friends are friends forever if the Lord's the Lord of them."

Camp Pecometh has brought me closer and closer to God year after year. With every different position I've been in I've made friends at Pecometh. I'm counting down the days until summer because I get to be a counselor again at the best place on Earth. I'm counting down the days until another best summer.

*“I made friendships that will never be forgotten and never be broken.”*



*“Counselor, former camper, and Chrysalis community member Josh Elliott, center, with fellow 2013 summer staffers Marshall, left, and Mat, right*

*“I guess you can say that Camp is in my blood, or better yet, in my genes.”*

### *Kelly Johnson*

For me, it started with Diane. I met her at my favorite place in the world, Camp Pecometh. Camp Pecometh was the camp where my parents met, the camp where I grew up, and the camp where I have worked for the past three summers. I guess you can say Camp is in my blood, or better yet my genes. It is a Christian camp decorated with world-class sunsets, delicious grilled cheese sandwiches with tomato soup, and some of my favorite people in the entire world. One week of Camp every summer is for adult campers with disabilities. That is where I met Diane my first summer. She is a fifty-something, cute, petite woman who chooses not to speak, shakes her fist at you whenever she needs to be led to the bathroom, has been known to put her pants on backwards in the morning, and sometimes just reaches over to squeeze your hand and lets out a tiny shrill to remind you that she is there. My week with Diane was the most challenging, exhausting, and yet the most surprising, beautiful, inspiring week of Camp!

In the midst of the summer heat, I was asked to help middle-aged women get dressed every morning, to help them manage their meals and to deal with night-time accidents. It was hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel. But, it was Diane who really got me hooked. On Thursday at music time, the song leader sang, “This Little Light of Mine,” and Diane, with the biggest smile on her face, just wagged her finger high in the air and sang:

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Let it shine over the whole wide world,  
I'm gonna let it shine.*

*Let it shine over the whole wide world,  
I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine,  
let it shine.”*

It was one of the most beautiful things I had ever seen. It was at that moment I dropped all notions or judgments or pities. I saw Diane was exactly perfect the way she was created. She was not a mistake or broken or a disorder; she was a beautiful person with purpose and such innocence and the biggest heart for loving others.

She wasn't the only one either. Betsy, with Down syndrome, always told you how beautiful you were and led us in a Zumba workout during every free time. And Jane told my joke (What happens when a frog parks illegally? It gets toad!) during the Talent Show. They all melted my heart in different ways. No matter how hard that week was for me, or how many times I helped a camper by cutting food for a lady who was three times my age, I learned so much from each and every one of them.

*“Camp Pecometh was the camp where my parents met... the camp where I grew up.”*

I have chosen to pursue genetic counseling as a life's work. Genetic counseling would allow me to work with and love patients like Diane and her family every day, to be constantly surprised by their character in adversity and some of life's hardest trials. I used to think that genetic counseling was too easy to be my desired path, that I needed to be more of a hardcore scientist caped with a lab coat and goggles curing cancer

during my lunch break. But as I was introduced to more lab science courses and spent way too many hours monitoring fish, I realized that I would not be happy spending every day of my life in a dark lab with glowing bacteria and dirty beakers.

Somewhere in the last three years, it finally hit me just how much I am impacted and influenced by people, by their love, smiles, strength, stories, and quirks. I realized I needed a path that would continue to surprise me, a path that will allow me to give the encouragement, support, and hope that have been given to me countless times. I also realized genetic counseling would probably consist of me giving families potentially devastating news every day, and there was nothing easy about that. To me genetic counseling is where science, God, family, love, strength, faith, beauty, and purpose all make one mess of an interweaved web. Genetic counseling is hard and can be messy but there is such good and happiness that grows. Just like my week with Diane.

# Best Week Ever!!

*“Counselor Kelly Johnson, volunteering at this year's Pecometh Day.”*



# PEACE &

*in our Unique Eastern Shore*



## *Riverview Retreat Center*

**1659** Guests

**3562** Guest Nights

**9892** Meals

**9975** Retreat Guests Served in all Facilities

## *Program Participation*

- Silent Retreat Weeks—21
- Re:View Confirmation Retreat—44 youth, 19 adults
- Voice of the Heart Clergy Retreat—5
- Summer Youth Group Kick-Off—45 youth, 21 adults
- Batman Youth Ministry Training—14
- Single-Parent Family Retreat—15
- River of Life Retreat—12
- Incorporation and Risk Management Basics—72
- Fall Youth Group Bonfire/Hayride—235
- Clergy Taxes—29

*“Wonderful Christ-centered facility.  
Always refreshed when I leave.  
Staff is awesome!”* Barbara

*“I have had the most uplifting  
experience of my lifetime. I can’t  
wait for my daughter to experience  
Pecometh.”* Diane

*“This has been my 2nd retreat here —  
I love it! This place represents God,  
Peace, Love, Religion, Christ!”* Suzanne



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## Camp Pecometh

**867** Overnight Campers

**175** Day Campers

**114** School's Out, We're In Campers

**156** Friends and Family Campers

**13** Fall Respite Campers



*"Camp was so much fun and it also helped me to feel closer to God. For example, in Bible study, I learned that God loves you no matter what. Also, I felt very close to God through Galilean. The songs we sang also touched my heart. Thanks again! I had so much fun at camp."*

Chaily



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 Megan Shitama  
 Tayeko Shitama  
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 Lynn & Doug Smarte  
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 Rena Tuttle  
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 Christy & William Ulmer  
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 \*Masuye Urata  
 David Urian  
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 Vernita & LaVante Dorsey  
 \*Charles & Barbara Emery  
 Janice Fountain  
 \*Kathleen & Jim Hawkins  
 \*Alan & Kari Jones  
 Bill & Linda Jones  
 \*Ed & Karen Kriege  
 \*Molly LeFaive  
 Helen & David Lockwood  
 Beverly & John Meadows  
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 Diana Tarburton  
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 \*Kurt & Paige Wildmann

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### **Partner Churches 2012 / 2013**

Aldersgate UMC - Wilmington, DE  
 Asbury UMC - Smyrna, DE  
 Bethesda UMC - Salisbury, MD  
 Chesapeake City UMC Charge - Chesapeake City, MD  
 Community UMC - Ocean Pines, MD  
 Connection Community Church - Middletown, DE  
 Ebenezer UMC - Newark, DE  
*In Honor of Jack Shitama*  
 Ewell's-St Paul UMC - Clayton, DE  
 Felton-Viola UMC - Felton, DE  
 First UMC - Chestertown, MD  
 Hockessin UMC - Hockessin, DE  
 Mariner's Bethel UMC - Ocean View, DE  
 Newark UMC - Newark, DE  
 Peniel UMC - Wilmington, DE  
 Richardson Park UMC - Wilmington, DE  
 Roby UMC - Leipsic, DE  
 Rock Hall Charge - Rock Hall, MD  
 Rock Hall UMC - Rock Hall, MD  
 St. Georges UMC - St. Georges, DE  
 St. John's UMC - Seaford, DE  
 St. Mark's UMC - Easton, MD  
 St. Mark's UMC - Wilmington, DE  
 Wesley Chapel UMC - Rock Hall, MD  
 Wesley UMC - Dover, DE  
 Wesley UMC - Georgetown, DE

### **Additional Contributing Churches 2013**

Ames UMC - Denton, MD  
 Asbury UMC - Port Deposit, MD  
 Asbury UMC - Sharptown, MD  
*In Honor of Jack Shitama*  
 Atlantic UMC - Ocean City, MD  
*In Honor of Carolyn Godfrey*  
 Atonement UMC - Claymont, DE  
 Avenue UMC - Milford, DE  
 Bethel UMC - Lewes, DE  
 Bethesda UMC - Middletown, DE  
 Calvary UMC - Milford, DE  
 Calvary UMC - Queenstown, MD  
 Cecilton UMW - Cecilton, MD  
 Centenary UMC - Laurel, DE

Centreville UMC - Centreville, MD  
 Chaplain's Chapel UMC - Bridgeville, DE  
 Christiana UMC - Christiana, DE  
 Church Creek - Cambridge Charge, MD  
 Church of Philippi - Hanover, MD  
 Concord UMC - Denton, MD  
 Conley's UMC - Angola, DE  
 Crumpton UMC - Crumpton, MD  
 Ebenezer UMC - Snow Hill, MD  
 Faith Community UMC - East New Market, MD  
 Friendship UMC - Berlin, MD  
 Grace UMC - Wilmington, DE

*In Honor of Jack Shitama*  
 Greenwood UMC - Greenwood, DE  
 Harmony UMC - Preston, MD  
 Hart's UMC - North East, MD  
 Hurlock UMC - Hurlock, MD  
 Indian Mission UMC - Millsboro, DE  
 Kent Island UMC - Chester, MD  
 Kingswood UMC - Newark, DE  
 Lee Haven UMC - Townsend, DE  
 Little Creek UMC - Little Creek, DE  
 Marshallton UMC - Wilmington, DE  
 Mt. Pleasant UMC - Vienna, MD  
 Peninsula DE Conference of the UMC  
 Prospect UMC - Harrington, DE  
 Remson UMC - Pocomoke City, MD  
 Snethen UMC - Mardela Springs, MD  
 St. John's UMC - Charlestown, MD  
 St. John's UMC - Elkton, MD  
 St. Luke's UMC - Denton, MD  
 St. Matthew UMC - Easton, MD  
 St. Paul UMC - Milford, DE  
 St. Paul's UMC - Odessa, DE  
 St. Paul's UMC - Wilmington, DE  
 St. Stephen's UMC - Delmar, DE  
 Trinity UMC - Newark, MD  
 Union UMC - Denton, MD  
 Union UMC - Worton, MD  
 Pen-Del Conference UMM  
 Wesley UMC - Stockton, MD  
 Wingate UMC - Wingate, MD  
 Worton UMC - Worton, MD  
 Wye of Carmichael UMC - Queenstown, MD  
 Wyoming UMC - Wyoming, DE

## **Our Mission & Vision**

- *Our Mission is to provide sanctuary for Christian hospitality and programming that promote God-inspired, life-changing experiences through camp and retreat ministries.*
- *Our Vision is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world through Christ-centered peace and play in our unique Eastern Shore setting.*
- *To see people become disciples of Christ.*
- *To see children brought to faith through fun and fellowship.*
- *To see students become stewards of God's Creation.*
- *To see camp programming used year-round.*
- *To see the adult retreat ministry grow in spiritual formation, leadership development, and programming for life needs.*
- *To see Pecometh become a self-sustaining ministry while maintaining connectional ties.*
- *To see a strong donor base and financial support by churches.*

## How You Can Help

The first 67 years of Pecometh provided Christ-centered life-changing experiences to many. Here are just a few ways you can help ensure the Pecometh experience for future generations.

### Be a Pecometh Advocate

- Keep the ministry of Pecometh in your prayers.
- Spread the news about the programs and facilities at Pecometh in your community and local church.
- Encourage parents to make Christian camping a priority for their children.

### Volunteer

- Come for our annual Volunteer Day each April to help get Pecometh ready for its busy season.
- Make a quilt or donate a silent auction item in October, or come and volunteer at Pecometh Day in April.
- Donate your carpentry, electrical, or mechanical skills to help keep Pecometh running smoothly.
- Former camp staff can get involved with the Camp Pecometh Staff Alumni Association (CPSAA)

### Give

- Donate equipment, appliances, computers, boats or vehicles to Pecometh.
- Make a financial contribution to the ministry of Pecometh.
- Remember Pecometh in your will.

### Become a Friend of Pecometh

Friends of Pecometh are people who have recognized the value of a place apart for peace and play and have shown a strong devotion and loyalty to the ministry of Pecometh. Members have shown this above average loyalty financially, by giving \$300 or more per year to this endeavor. Their giving varies from the general operating fund, to camperships, to the retreat center capital campaign, to the alumni project, to an endowment fund or to our camp facilities capital fund.

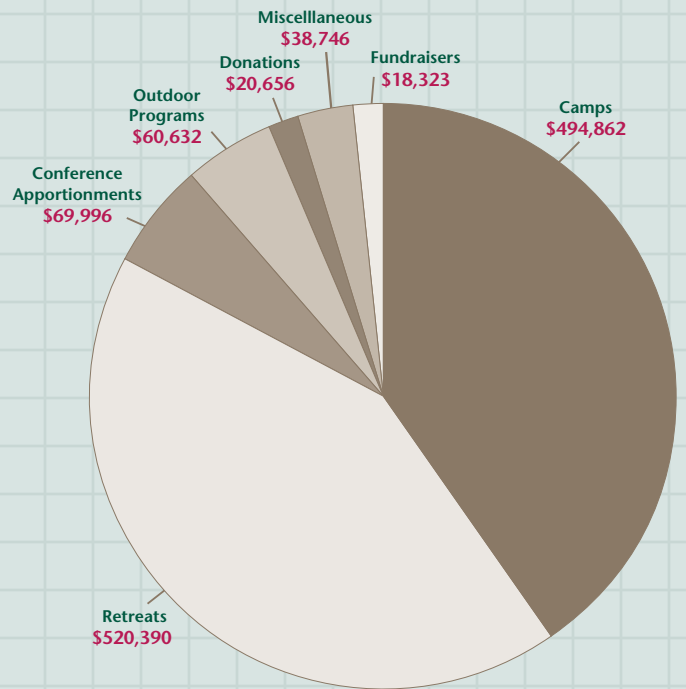
### Encourage your church to become a Pecometh Partner Church

As Pecometh voluntarily reduces its apportionment funding from the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, we are trusting that there are churches that are able and willing to directly support our ministry. As with individuals, support from churches may be directed in different ways, but all of it supports essential elements of our ministry. Pecometh Partner Churches also agree to hold a Pecometh Sunday to promote support for this ministry at least once every three years. The level of support to become a Pecometh Partner depends on average attendance.

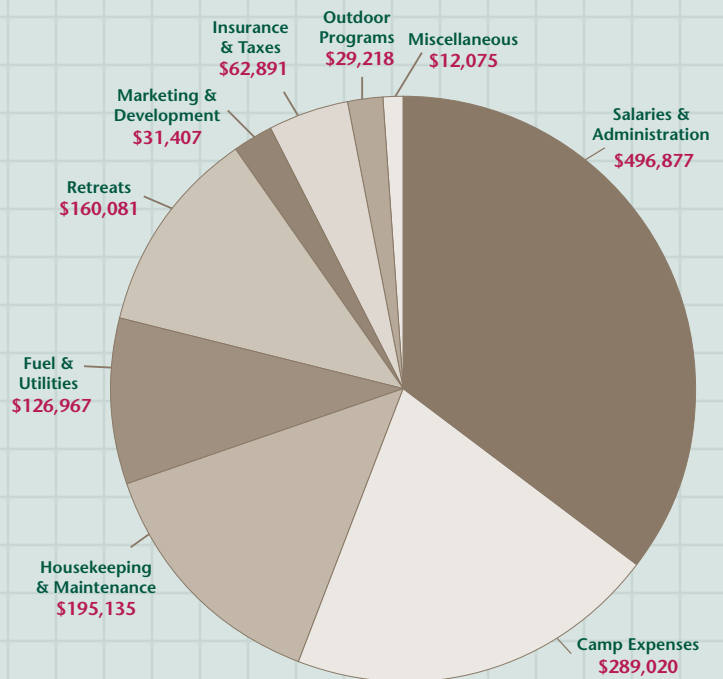
Average Attendance	Level of Support
Less than 125	\$500/year
125 or more	\$1,000/year

Contact Pecometh for more information on how you can shape the future of this important ministry.

## Total Income: \$1,223,605



## Total Expenses: \$1,403,671



## 2013 Financial Results

• Campership Donations Received	\$37,623
• Camperships Awarded (151 campers)	\$29,500
• Spain Grant Donations Received	\$13,550
• Spain Grants Awarded (74 campers)	\$15,810
• Camp Pecometh Staff Alumni Association	
Donations Received	\$8,618
• Capital Improvement Donations	\$32,035
• Capital Improvement Expenditures	\$26,096
Pecometh Endowment Fund as of 12/31/13	\$73,068
Pecometh Campership Endowment Fund as of 12/31/13	\$72,389



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*Pecometh Upcoming Events*



**Farm to Table Dinner**

*Sunday, July 27, 4:30pm*  
*Riverview Retreat Center at Pecometh*  
**\$50/person**

Join us for our Second Annual Farm to Table Dinner. Hear how Pecometh's efforts to model sustainable living are bearing fruit (and vegetables!). The five-course menu is crafted by Chef Chris Shultz to showcase produce from our garden as well as other locally sourced ingredients. Proceeds help support Pecometh's Sustainable Garden.

**Pecometh Auction Dinner**

*Sunday, October 5, 3pm-6pm*  
*Riverview Retreat Center at Pecometh*  
**\$35/person or \$60/two**

This is our primary fundraising event, which combines a silent auction, live auction and fabulous food provided by Chef Chris Shultz and his staff. Proceeds benefit Pecometh's Campership and Capital Improvement funds.

**2nd Annual Christmas Dinner**

*Saturday, December 13, 4pm-6pm*  
*Riverview Retreat Center at Pecometh*  
**\$35/person or \$60/two**

Reviving a cherished Drayton Retreat Center tradition, we are decking the halls, and inviting the Pecometh family to join us for Christmas dinner complete with holiday cheer prepared by Chef Chris. Plus each person gets their very own Pecometh Christmas ornament.

Entertainment will be provided by the Wilmington Handbell Ensemble.

**Best Experience Ever!!**