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Tennessee Regional Church,

My name is Brandon Gilvin, and in addition to serving as senior minister of First Christian Church, Chattanooga, I am serving as the Moderator for the Christian Church in Tennessee.

A working group made up of medical professionals, educators, and youth ministers spent several months drafting a COVID policy for Bethany Hills that the Board of the Christian Church in Tennessee adopted on February 26, 2022.

Please know that the health and safety of all campers, counselors, and volunteers is at the core of all the decisions made by the Regional Board and its leadership. We examined the most up-to-date public health information available in crafting these policies, and we will follow best practices for mitigating spread of COVID-19, which includes requiring vaccination for participants in Bethany Hills programming.

I'm so glad to know that you are hoping to enroll your children in camp this summer, and I know that they—like so many of us—look forward to resuming a camp schedule. We have worked very hard as your elected regional leadership to make some difficult decisions for safety's sake during this ongoing pandemic.

Your children will always be welcome at Bethany Hills, but like all participants in Bethany Hills programs, they will be asked to abide by the region's health and safety policies. As a camping community and church, we covenant to care for one another, and such policies are concrete ways of living that out.

I am, of course, glad to discuss this. Please feel free to reply to this email if you'd like to set up a time for a conversation.

Peace,

Rev. Brandon Gilvin
Moderator, Christian Church in Tennessee

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