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Dear

This is the hardest letter that I have written in 29 years as the director of The Cathedral Domain. Governor Andy Beshear announced the week of May 4 that there would not be summer camps in the state of Kentucky for the summer of 2020. The Domain Board has been meeting regularly since the first of March to monitor the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and discuss how to ensure the safety of the campers. In the end, the Governor and the Kentucky River District Health Department made all those meetings moot. I am broken hearted that we will miss being together in person but the safety of the youth comes first and I feel that this is the right decision.

While nothing can replace the experience of coming to camp, are developing a "Domain at Home" program to offer some camp activities for younger campers that can be experienced in a similar way at home. The package will include a camp T-shirt, S'more snack, crafts, recipes for some of the camp desserts that the camper can help make, and a journal. The site will be <https://sites.google.com/view/domainathome/home> and we will also link it to cathedraldomin.org where the camper can view recorded teachings, journal prompts, virtual hikes, and a virtual campfire. There will also be activity sheets encouraging some Domain activities such as, for younger campers, tidying their room for inspection as they would at camp and to sing grace before meals (teaching their family if necessary!), etc. The site should be up and running June 15th.

We are planning shortened social distancing events for Junior and Senior High youth. The Dates are tentatively set July 23-27 for Senior high and July 29- August 1 for Junior High.

The Cathedral Domain has been providing spiritually enriching camping experiences to youth for over 100 years and we will continue to do so, with God's help and yours! We will have a great celebration when we are all together in 2021. Please keep our leadership and staff in your prayers and know that you remain in ours.

Faithfully

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