

GWINWOOD RETREAT CENTER

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Dear Gwinwood Church Owners,
Greetings from Gwinwood. We hope that you are all well and managing the daily changes. Gwinwood is still facing hard challenges but there is hope and light on the horizon.

CHALET & DIRECTOR'S CABIN

The Chalet is almost completed with the target date of May 1. The main house has been completely renovated (it was gutted in 2017) with kitchen, living room, full bath, 2 bedrooms, and an open loft. We will begin adding 2 small bedrooms, laundry and half bath after the first of May. The plan is to use this space for personal retreats and a staging area for the challenge course. Pictures will be forthcoming once completed.

The Directors Cabin is available for individual retreats. It's a cozy one-bedroom cabin with full amenities. Take a look at our website for a video tour!

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

A proposal to develop the land (132 units) across the street from us has been submitted to the City of Lacey. The Hicks Lake Community is fighting it and we hope that we can

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defeat this as an environmental issue. This is important as there is a second proposal in the works for the land just north of that plot with even more units. These complexes would have access to the lake as well as bring in more traffic to an area with very limited road access. Any show of support for denying these proposals would be welcomed.

CURRENTLY

We are still on limited payroll with reduced hours and pay. Our Office Administrator, Maintenance Supervisor, and Executive Director are working to keep the calendar and grounds ready for when Gwinwood can open up again.

Gwinwood is currently only allowed to operate at 50% capacity. Mask wearing and six feet of physical distancing are still mandated and food service is not allowed for us under our category of conference center. This includes outside activities as well. We hope that restrictions will be lifted further soon.

Our calendar has filled up through the summer of 2021 with tentative groups. July and August are very healthy, and hopefully groups will be able to attend. We are following all state and common-sense guidelines, and are staying on the side of extreme caution.

There is still hope, but we need your help! All donations are tax-deductible and any amount will go a long way to preserve this long-held treasure of Gwinwood. Lives have been changed on these grounds and our hope is that more will be blessed in the future.

Please pray for us, and pray that sound decisions will be made during this time.

Stay safe and take care of each other. More in three months!

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