



# CHIHOWA RETREAT CENTER

Dear Disciples,

The Chihowa Board of Directors would like to thank all of you who responded to the survey related to the ministry of Chihowa Retreat Center. Since 1969, Chihowa Retreat Center has been one of the wonderful ministries provided by Midlands Mission Center with the gracious generosity of the Saints. To make campers' experience as fulfilling as possible, Chihowa provides grounds and a lakefront with recreational opportunities for youth and adults of all ages: swimming, nature, safe lodging, and a commercial kitchen.

Chihowa has been able to increase income to cover the yearly operations but has not been able to raise enough income to cover the capital needs of the Retreat Center. The pool is solid in terms of its fundamental foundation, but we need to make some significant repairs to ensure that it doesn't deteriorate. There are several items to consider:

- 1.) Plaster the bottom of the pool.
- 2.) Repair the skimmer system.
- 3.) Repair the decking and resurfacing

These repairs will extend the life of the pool by 25-35 years. If the repairs are not made, the pool will continue to deteriorate, and deterioration will speed up and make it unusable in a few years.

After several quotes for these repairs, we have developed a plan that will cost **\$400,000**. These repairs will not only extend the life of the pool but also increase the safety of all who utilize it.

We want to ask for help raising these funds through the congregational budgets, congregational reserves, and individual generosity to keep this wonderful ministry viable for the next generation. These repairs need to be scheduled by March 2025 to have the pool ready for this summer's busy season. This is not the only need for the grounds but is currently the most pressing. Over the next 10 years, we will need additional money for capital needs.

**Please send your donation to the Chihowa Treasurer by March 31.** Please write "Chihowa Pool" in the memo line of checks.

Chihowa Retreat Center  
c/o Treasurer Emily Hidy  
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All funds donated and designated for pool renovation will be earmarked to fix the pool only. They will not be used for any other purpose. Please send any questions or inquiries to Aaron Laughlin, at [Aaron@campMITIOG.org](mailto:Aaron@campMITIOG.org) or 816.454.2607. I can also take texts to this number, but please let me know who you are when texting so I will respond.

Blessings along the journey,

Chihowa Retreat Center Board of Directors