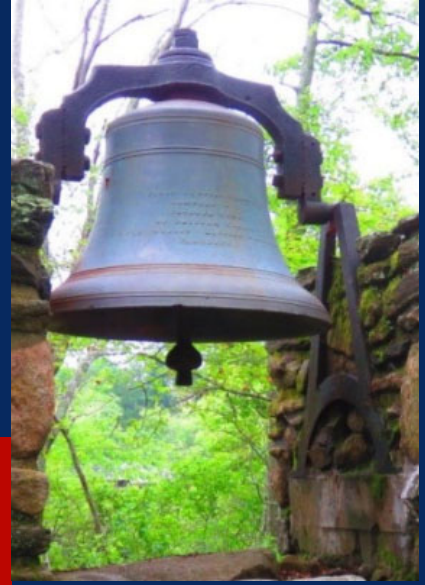


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SHAPING THE FUTURE MINISTRY AT CANONICUS



PRESENTATION BY CANONICUS MINISTRIES (CMI) LEADERSHIP TEAM

Canonicus Ministries 2026
MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY & FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

Canonicus Ministries Inc. (CMI)



Changing lives
& communities
with the good
news of Christ

The
Bubbles

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AGENDA

- 01 CMI Vision for Ministry at Canonicus
- 02 Canonicus has important Ministry Legacy and an exciting Ministry Future.
- 03 CMI Provides Financial Benefits to ABCORI
- 04 Persuade YOU that CMI is the best ministry option for the Canonicus property
- 05 Create time for Q&A and dialogue



the bridge to Prayer Island at Canonicus

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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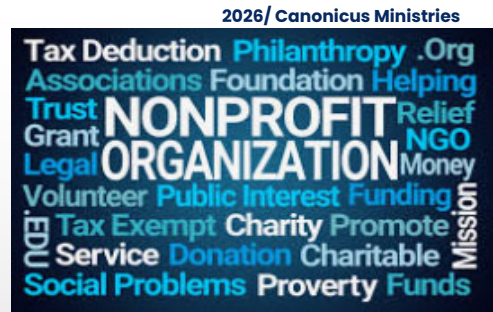
INTRODUCTION

1. Identify how the use of the property aligns with ABCORI'S purpose and mission.
2. Identify how the comprehensive Ministry Vision of CMI encompasses the entire property
3. Share life changing impact from camp and conference ministries
4. Point you to detailed management plans that bring the vision to reality and insure fiscal solvency.
5. Describe the immediate and ongoing financial benefit to ABCORI.

NOTE: This slide deck is the OVERVIEW. The FACT SHEETS contain more details

What & Who is Canoncus Ministries Inc?

CMI Organization Description



1. The Canoncus Ministries Inc. or CMI is a non-profit religious organization incorporated in Rhode Island in 2025. IRS status as a 501C3 tax exempt organization has been conferred.

2. The mission is "to advance the spiritual well-being of members of the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island and other churches of the Christian faith along with the well-being of the general public through youth, adult, and family camp and conference programs." >>>>



We are a group of American Baptist pastors, leaders, and supporters who believe God is not finished with changing lives and communities at the Canoncus Camp and Conference Center. A bold and visionary opportunity lies ahead of us and we are prepared to step into that future with the Holy Spirit.

We represent the wishes of hundreds of Canoncus alumni and friends who want to see this vision achieved.

The Canonicus Ministries Board

- Multi-Talented Board: Bringing Together Diverse Gifts, Professional Abilities, and Extensive Experience Ready to Serve at Canonicus:
 - 220 years of camping experience and leadership
 - 423 years of organizational management in business & ministry
 - Camp directors, small business owners, realtors, educators, pastors.

This ain't our first rodeo!



Our passion is to see God's work of redemption and spiritual growth through Canonicus experiences.

Shared Beliefs

CMI is American Baptist in terms of its leadership and its network of alumni, friends, and supporters. (700 plus).

Shared Ministry

Canonicus is a 'shared' ministry by the 'association' principle of local churches pursuing mission objectives.



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Alignment with ABCORI's Purpose & Mission

Fact Sheet Detail

Read the essay from Rev. Dr. Hartman in a Fact Sheets to supplement this presentation & find:

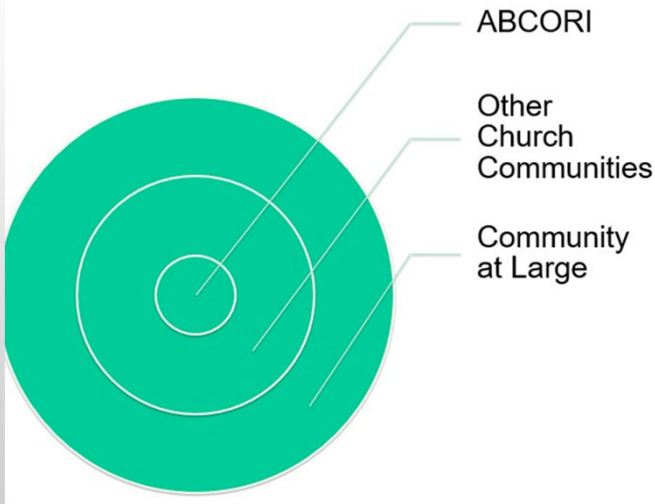
- A historical description of the 'association' between Baptists for shared work
- Describes the impact of outdoor ministry for churches and individuals.
- Description of how the Canonicus mission aligns with ABCORI's recently stated mission and purpose and values:

- Promotes Shared Ministry; Equipping & Resourcing Leaders & Congregations; Prophetic Voice; Proclaiming Good News; Transforming Lives



Who do we serve?

CMI is Missional



I have walked the property so many times as part of the retreats and have been drawn closer to God as a result.



Retreatant



A Story of a Changed Life





Ministry Programs

“the services”



Traditions and Legacy

Innovation for New Programs

Youth Culture is in Crisis:

Camp changes lives: meeting Jesus, grow in faith, leadership development, self-reliance. Old goals, new activities.

New people & New programs:

Veterans/ Home school/ 12-step/ Baptist history tourism/ Health & Lifestyle/ Interfaith Dialogues/ etc.

Congregations create healthy community and spiritual growth through retreat experiences.

To this day, I am a nature lover. No matter the weather, I crave being outside as that is the place I feel I can truly connect with and understand God better.



Market Analysis

The Big Picture – Ministry Opportunity – Camping is not DEAD

- American Camp Association: 20,000 camps
- 26 Million campers per summer
- Total youth camper count is increasing nationally (1)



American Baptist Camps are successfully enrolling campers & conferees

- Camp Sentinel** – ABC NH & VT
- Steady growth: 326 campers to 686 in 2024
- Budget growth: \$148K (2005) to \$627K (2024)

- Camp Grotonwood** – ABC of Massachusetts
- 2023 more campers & highest budget ever

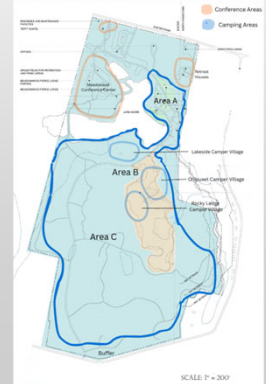
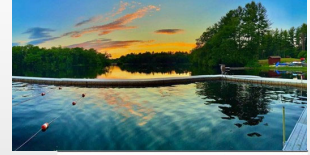


•1- ACA CampCounts 2022 survey

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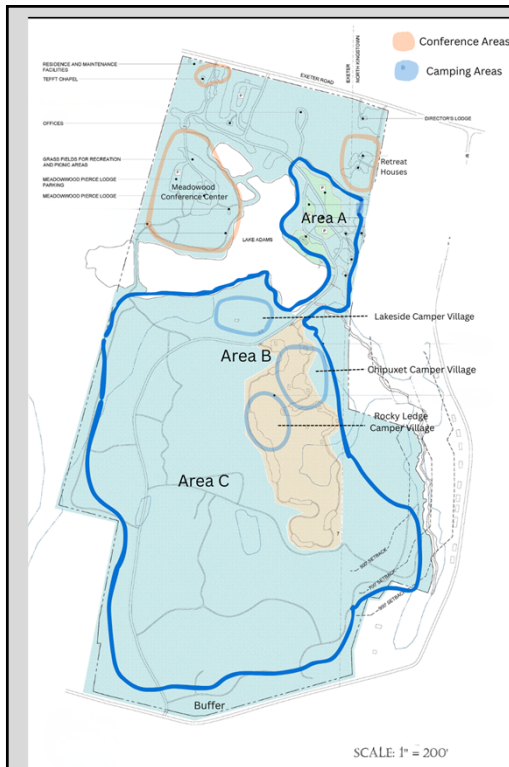
Canonicus Comprehensive Land-Use Plan fulfills the Ministry Vision

- Every acre (308) - from the dense woodlands to the historic cabins to the lake - is essential.
- These different spaces across the property are not incidental; they are the diverse resources for different types of programs.
- Fragmenting the property or limiting access to key facilities would fundamentally diminish the effectiveness and comprehensive scope of the Canonicus experience.



Complementary Program Areas

- The developers created an ideal model for the property where multiple ministries (camps, retreats, etc.) can run simultaneously & collectively supports the total cost of Canonicus.



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Keys to this Area Use Map

Conference Areas & Camping Areas / Color Coded

Conference Areas: Meadowood/Retreat Houses/ Teft Chapel

Camping Areas Uses & Structures

Area A	Area B	Area C
Dining Hall	Lakeside Village	Hiking
Health Lodge	Chipuxet Village	Nature Study
Camp Store	Rocky Ledge Village	Cookouts
Admin Lodge	Craft Shack	Campouts
Sports Fields (2)	Archery	Low Ropes
Swimming & Boating	Outdoor Chapel	Outposts
Water Sports	Water Slide	
Fishing	Rockwall	
	All Camp Campfire Circle	

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Comprehensive Land Use Plan for Camp & Conference Ministry

“To sense our belonging with all God has made”



Now we have a property that is undivided in purpose, a property that can minister in its entirety, to a busy and bruising world, by providing a place to come away...

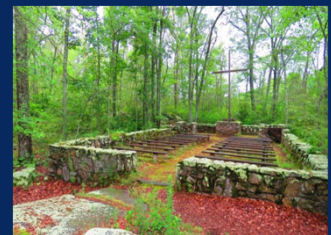
The Proposals – Historical Context

- Canonicus created in **1948**.
 - The Sweet Family Transfers their farm for \$100.00 to establish a Christian camp.
- In **1980** the Baptist Camps of RI (a separate non-profit from ABCORI Inc.) transfers the property to ABCORI for \$1.00 for *“All the assets real and personal that are conveyed as the result of this merger are to be used for Camping and Conferencing until such time as it is determined by the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island in session that Camping and Conferencing is no longer feasible.”*
- In **July 2024** ABCORI's Board of Mission voted to sell the Canonicus property "in its entirety."
- In **March 19, 2025** the churches delegates voted to STOP the sale with 60% of the delegates voting to stop the sale.



The Proposals – Timeline Continues

- In **June 2025** CMI requests of ABCORI Board to transfer the property to CMI for **\$1.00** to continue Camp & Conference Ministry.
 - A return to the 1980 organizational structure. This offer was rejected.
 - The \$1 reverse transfer of Canonicus property is a solid theological proposal.
- In **February 2026** CMI made a counter offer of \$500K to transfer the property for a return to ministry
 - to assist ABCORI to resolve their financial issues
 - restarts ministry at Canonicus. CMI considers this a win/win offer.
 - CMI provides ministry support to ABCORI: property transfer asap. \$100,000 each year for 5 years.



Our time at the outdoor chapel was amazing. Our hearts were so full. The Lord was with us.

The \$500,000 Offer Reasons to adopt this Proposal!



- Starts Ministry NOW!
- CMI provides transitional ministry support to ABCORI
- ABCORI is freed from expenses from the operation of Canonicus (211K)
- Transfer of property removes any future liability claims to ABCORI and removes them from landlord demands to focus on church support.
- If CMI fails to thrive; land reversion is on the table.
- This offer has been ignored to date, as of now ABCORI's Board wants to retain ownership.

The \$500,000 Proposal More Reasons to adopt this Offer



- Fully Mission Consistent
 - Camping and conferencing promote the cause of Christ
 - Consistent with past donors intent and the churches
- Immediately Insurable.
- No UBI issues (Unrelated Business Income).
- No local town permitting issues.
- Neighborly support for "the camp"
- No vehicle traffic issues

I headed over from the UK for a summer as a camp counselor, and it honestly became the best three months of my life.

I walked away with a heart full of memories and friendships that I still cherish today.

Staff Note

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Show me the Money!



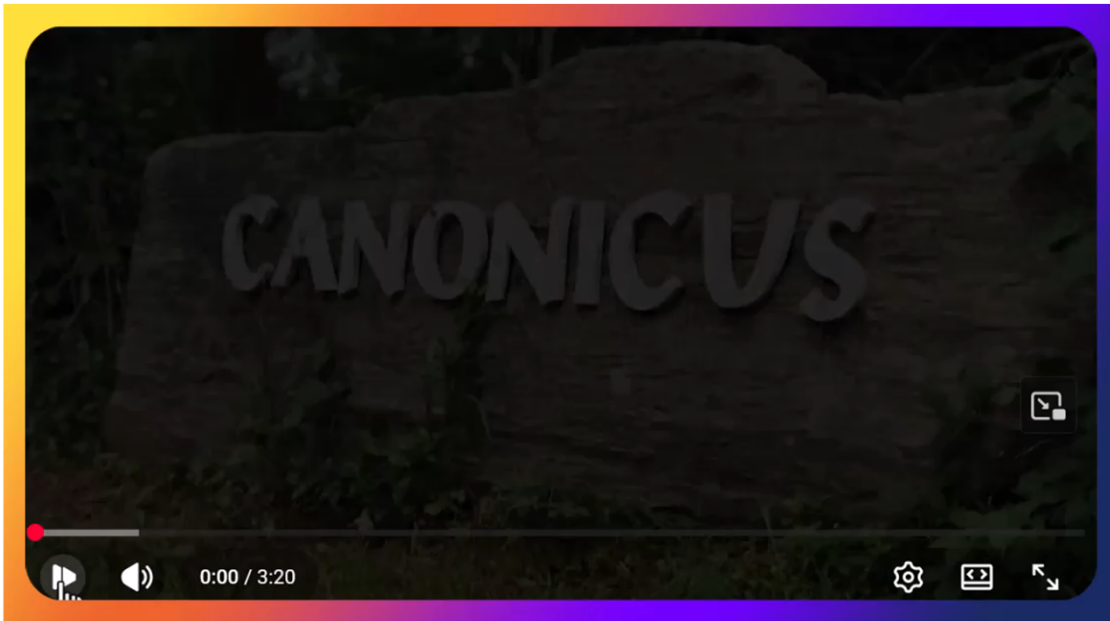
How will CMI pay ABCORI for the next five years?

1. **Donors Gifts:** CMI has demonstrated Donor success.

- CMI raised \$460,000 for operations during the reboot period to fiscal stability. (Upon transfer of the property control).
- A new \$100K pledge to support the transition/transfer!
- A campaign to raise additional funds to be launched.

2. **Fees** from Camps & Conferences **and alternative revenue streams** can also pay our ABCORI commitment.

3. Several donors have indicated willingness to provide 'bridge loans' should #1 or #2 come up short in a given year.



American Baptist congregations are our heritage and our mission

How does this new approach help ABCORI?



- **A path to resolve ABCORI budget deficit problem**
 - **Removes all Canonicus expenses (\$210,649 in 2025-26 budget)**
 - Provides ABCORI transitional cash to balance budgets in the future
- **Connects ABCORI congregations to ABCORI congregations**
- Continues youth camp ministry & retreats to serve ABCORI churches
- **Continues ABC ecumenical spirit** by extending ministry opportunity to all churches & communities in the New England area and beyond.

Canonicus Ministries Proposals (CMI)

- Option 1: Do Ministry NOW! Transfer the Land to CMI for the \$1 Legacy
- Option 2: Do Ministry NOW! Transfer the Land to CMI for \$500,000





What's Next

The sense of community, the Christian values, the lifelong friendships that were made are still in place today.

Former Camper

- ABCORI congregations through their delegates will evaluate several proposals about the future of the property.
- The CMI Board wants delegates to view the CMI proposals as the best for ministry impact at the Canonicus property today and in the future.
- Discussion of proposals April 11, 2026.
 - Please ask questions.
 - Consider all the options.
 - Talk to your Congregation
 - Pray for the decisions
- Votes and decisions at upcoming future meeting.



What's Next Next – We Are Ready

- Once CMI is granted control to move forward
- We will hit the ground running
 - Starting programs
 - Refresh facilities
 - Raising funds
 - Recruiting volunteers
- Our strategic plan has a step by step outline of action. The full plan is posted at the CMI website
www.canonicusministries.org
 - Check it out. Ask questions.





LET'S GROW TOGETHER

For more information:

- www.canonicusministries.org
- Review additional slides below about the CMI Board & our ministry plans, Notes from the strategic plan & fact sheets, Impact stories from former campers and conferees!

See You at Canonicus!

Thank You

Questions and Discussion...



The following slides provide additional supportive material. For more detailed fact sheets visit the website: www.canonicusministries.org

Follow the Act Now section for links to the following:
 The Proposal Slides for Delegate Dialogue Day
 Fact Sheet: The Strategic Plan
 The Fact Sheet on Market Analysis
 Theological & Historical Reflections on Alignment with ABCORI
 Theological Reflections on Canonicus Vision

More quotes from former campers

My time at Camp Canonicus was a wonderful formative experience from the age of 8 until I graduated college, I am so thankful for all the skills and adventures I had at the camp and on the off-campus trips, it was a blessing

Generations of my family have enjoyed growing in our faith by going to Canonicus. The memories I have from going helped form the person I am today. It was a place to feel welcome and accepted for who you are. A safe place to grow

Camp Canonicus was my first sleepover camp. I learned to be more confident. I remember the family atmosphere, the music, (I still sing some songs!), and learning to be positive while making friends. It was a piece of heaven in the middle of life. "One blue sky above us..."

Church of the Master BYF group used the camp when I was a leader for many retreats we stayed on site, always did a service project while we were there, it was always a time of special fellowship and reflection for our group

Canonicus was a positive experience when I was growing up. It was a good form of socialization without the pressures of school. Assistance from the local church was helpful because I don't think my parents could have afforded it otherwise. I think I started when I was about ten and I was a camper there until I spent a season as a counselor at sixteen. It broadened my horizons. I met people I would have never known otherwise. We had a lot of cookouts and a lot of adventures exploring the camp and the areas nearby.

Life Changes

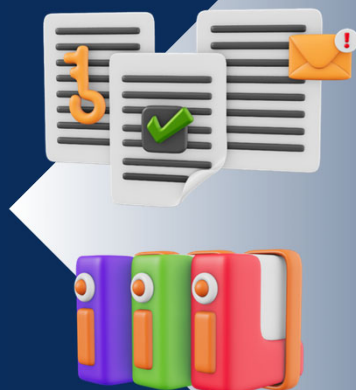
Safety is our First Priority

A Foundation of Safety and Viability

- Safety of our guests and especially our children is our most important goal.
- The American Camp Association accredits camp organizations and Canonicus will be accredited. Standards covers all risk and safety concerns from buildings, activities, sexual abuse, and natural disasters.
- Professional Underwriting: Brotherhood Mutual, a leader in ministry insurance, has surveyed the site and confirmed full insurability for all camp activities.
- Gold-Standard Protection: CMI implements rigorous Youth Protection Training, including annual Federal (NCIC) and State (BCI) background checks for all staff. Our children deserve nothing less from external and internal threats.
- Buildings Endorsement:
 - On November 28, 2025, Joseph N. McPhee (Architect, TRANSFORM) conducted a comprehensive site assessment. Confirmed the facility viability, noting that the seven overnight cabins are in solid, serviceable condition and with a little refreshment are ready to accommodate over 100 campers.
- Children are always supervised by staff and play in areas secured to maximize their safety.

Implementation Strategy

·The four year strategic plan available at the website includes



- Marketing and sales plan calendar
- Logistics and operations (includes maintenance, food service, personnel);
- Financials (fund development; program growth; innovation revenue)
- Governance & Legal;
- Fund Raising;
- Program Development;

→Note: The next slide highlights a few examples of the many action steps.

ABCORI Alternative Revenue Proposals

Lumina LLC Events

American Baptist Churches of RI (ABCORI) have proposed alternative uses of the Canonicus property.

- A lease of the resident camp (overnight camp) area to an event production company that would not allow Canonicus Ministries to use that section of the property.
- The proposal would lease other program areas of the property for day camps, conferences and retreats.
- The proposal is available for review at www.abcori.org website
- Canonicus Ministries encourages everyone – especially church pastors and delegates to review all the information.

The Lumina program is an event production project that provides an immersive experience for participants through a walking trail that combines nature, sound, art, and music. Lumina LLC leases parts of property and profit share to ABCORI.



Questions to Ask

Lumina Production

Finances: Will the Lumina business plan projections provide the \$100K per year est. (420K over 5 years)

- Is there consistent alignment between Lumina and the ABCORI mission statement?
- Can the 'youth camp area' just be relocated to another section of the property without significant capital costs or enrollment impacts?
- How will the Lumina project impact other ministries like retreats and conferences?
- Does the 'parking' of Lumina patrons vehicles (approx. 21,000 cars per year) on the recreation fields negatively impact the turf?
- Have any permitting steps with the Town of Exeter been researched?
- Has the questions of UBI (income) and non-profit status been explored with IRS legal council.
- How will ABCORI address both the deferred maintenance cost of the facility and the ABCORI annual deficit with only Lumina income resources?

Some Highlight Reels from Strategic Plan : Examples

- # 1. The Roosa Fund gift of \$400,000 for transitions to reboot the ministry .
- #2. A new anonymous gift for \$100,000 for land transfer or transition costs.
- # 3. A fund development project to raise additional support from individual alumni and friends of Canonicus (a group of 700) and pursue other foundation gifts.
- # 4. Program growth (revenue) is phased in realistically for both youth camps and the retreats ministry.
 - Revenue focus starts with retreat ministry then moves to youth camp
 - Marketing plan revitalizes resident camp and day camp programs.
- # 5. Innovative outreach to mid-week rental opportunities.
 - Baptist Heritage Study Tours & Spiritual Pilgrimages
 - Community Organizations Off-Site Training (see fact sheet)

Some Highlight Reels from Strategic Plan : (Examples)

- # 6. Local Volunteer Trades-People Work Groups: "the Wednesday Group"
- # 7. RV Traveling Service Mission Groups: Three weeks of skilled volunteers.
- # 8. Home School collaboration programs: 3.9% of RI students in 2023 were homeschooled (<https://pewrsr.ch/433FaH4>). RI: 3500 or more students. Movement is growing.
- # 9. In the end it is about Stories of life impact and not Numbers attended

Market Segmentation

Who are the Markets for Canonicus Camp & Conference Center

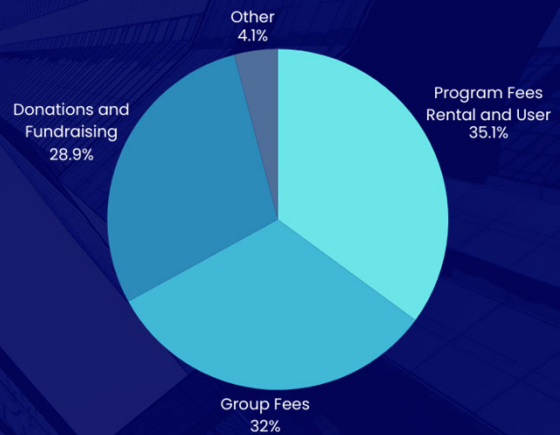
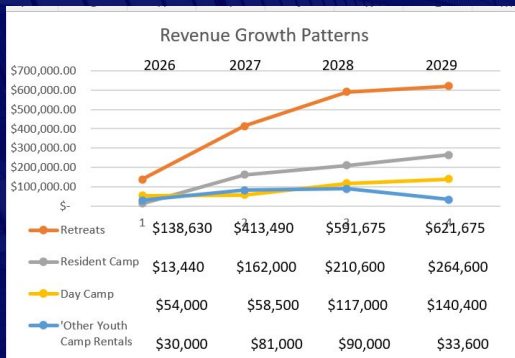
- **Youth Camps Market: Day Camps & Overnight Camps**
 - Camper Fees and Camper Scholarships Philosophy
 - Rhode Island has approximately 165,000 children in schools (ages 5 to 18)
 - (1). Reach <1% = capacity. Detail of numbers in Marketing Fact Sheet
 - Day Camp Shortage is Community Need

- **Retreats & Conferences: Fees from Hospitality Ministry**
 - Three key market laws: multiple groups & diverse accommodations & mid-week use (60% occupancy rule for fiscal health)
 - 3.4 million people within 75 mile radius of Canonicus
 - 486 churches in RI/ 63 ABC churches in ABCORI
 - Good News: Canonicus already has physical infrastructure to meet the demands for both traditional & innovative ministry **thanks to faithful givers who have gone before us.**

◦ Source: 1 - rikidscount.org



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



Canonicus Revenue Projections

- Retreats: highest potential for fastest revenue growth. Target markets in the plan
- Overnight camp area; second year start.
 - Target markets in the plan
- Day camp; first year potential plan
- Details in the market plan

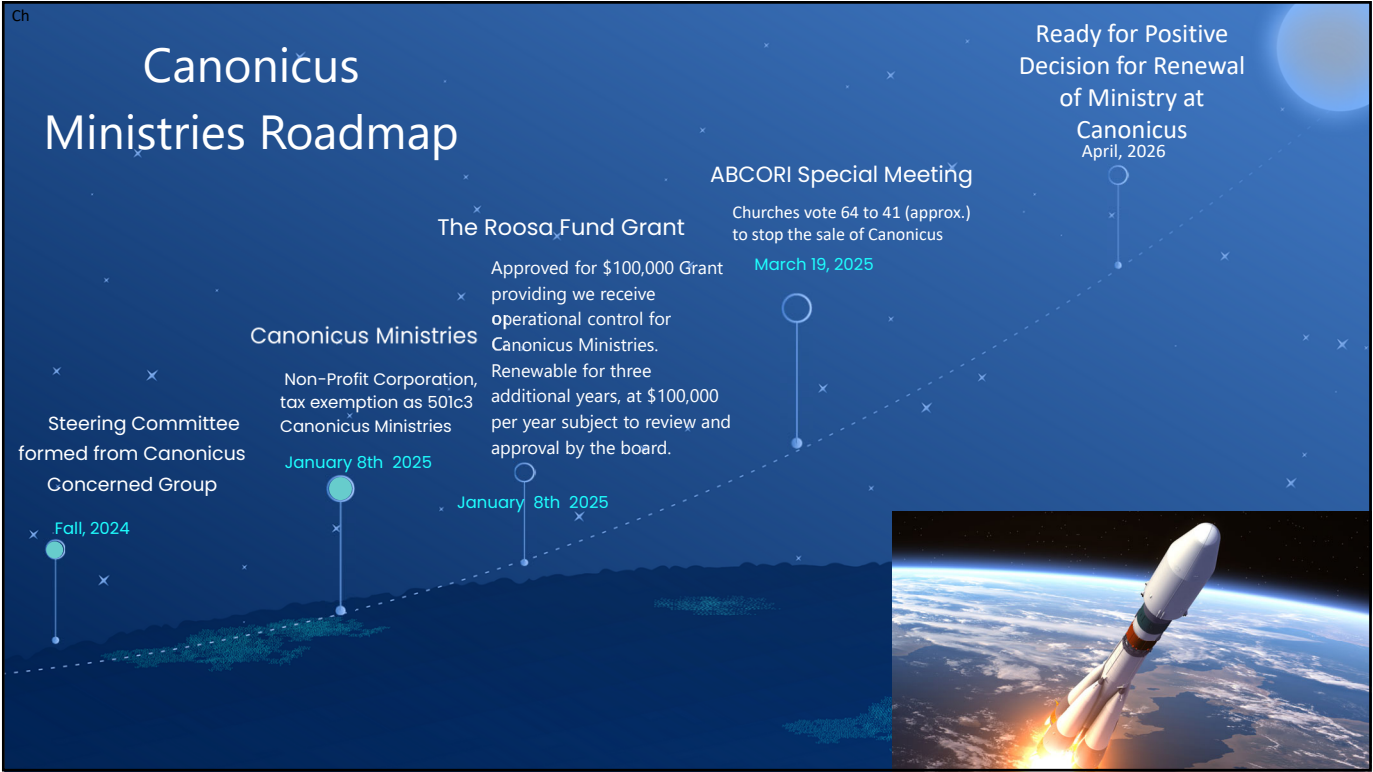
Typical camp & conference ministry:
Income Percentages:
 Camper Fees; Group Rental; Donations.
Christian Camp and Conference Assoc. 2023 Compass Survey

FINANCIAL NOTES

- Codes show data sources
- Advertising major expense
- Facility Revitalization
- Gift Income essential
- Insurance is available
- Limitations

Proposed					
Canonicus Budget Projections 2026-2029					
	2026	2027	2028	2029	
INCOME					
Retreats Program	\$ 138,830.00	\$ 413,490.00	\$ 591,675.00	\$ 621,675.00	
IR Resident Camp Program	\$ 13,440.00	\$ 162,000.00	\$ 210,600.00	\$ 264,600.00	
IR Day Camp Program	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 58,500.00	\$ 117,000.00	\$ 140,400.00	
IR Other Youth Camp Rentals	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 81,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 33,600.00	
IR Church Missions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
IR Friends of Canonicus gifts	\$ 90,403.65	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	
IR Grants and Endowments	\$ 9,448.00	\$ 9,448.00	\$ 9,448.00	\$ 9,448.00	
IR Transition Grant Proposal	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	
IR Transition Loan Resource	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
IR Misc. Income	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 7,000.00	
INCOME TOTAL	\$ 490,921.65	\$ 914,438.00	\$ 1,210,523.00	\$ 1,261,723.00	
EXPENSES					
CS Full Time Staff	\$ 79,000.00	\$ 194,000.00	\$ 262,500.00	\$ 330,875.00	
CS Part Time Staff - Yr Around	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	
CS Seasonal Staff - Summer	\$ 30,600.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 82,500.00	
CS Health and Dental	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 82,500.00	\$ 90,750.00	
CS Pension	\$ 12,640.00	\$ 31,040.00	\$ 32,582.00	\$ 42,000.00	
CS Cell Phone	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 735.00	\$ 808.50	
CS Travel / Miles	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,620.00	
IRS Payroll Taxes	\$ 11,545.00	\$ 21,375.00	\$ 22,443.75	\$ 24,688.13	
CS Worker Comp	\$ 6,241.20	\$ 11,970.00	\$ 12,568.50	\$ 13,825.35	
CS Dues / Licensing	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 1,732.50	
IR Advertising	\$ 24,546.08	\$ 36,577.52	\$ 38,406.40	\$ 42,247.04	
Office	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
AB Website / Computer	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,775.00	\$ 6,352.50	
CS Legal Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,310.00	
CS Postage	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 892.50	\$ 981.75	
AB Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,310.00	
AB Phone/Internet	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,665.00	\$ 8,431.50	
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
IR Camp Program Supplies	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 11,550.00	
AB Conference Food Service	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 85,800.00	
CS Summer Camps Food	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 77,000.00	
AB Maintenance Ops	\$ 40,835.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 50,400.00	\$ 55,440.00	
CS Facility Revitalization	\$ 47,672.10	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 70,750.00	\$ 86,825.00	
AB Electric	\$ 26,181.60	\$ 32,727.00	\$ 34,363.35	\$ 37,799.69	
AB Propane	\$ 27,440.00	\$ 34,300.00	\$ 36,015.00	\$ 39,616.50	
AB Water	\$ 4,915.00	\$ 4,915.00	\$ 5,160.75	\$ 5,676.83	
ES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
AB Vehicle Fuel	\$ 3,730.00	\$ 3,730.00	\$ 3,816.50	\$ 4,308.15	
AB Vehicles Repair/Rental	\$ 4,965.00	\$ 4,965.00	\$ 5,213.25	\$ 5,734.58	
AB Vehicles Regis. & Insurance	\$ 1,694.00	\$ 1,694.00	\$ 1,778.70	\$ 1,956.57	
CS Insurance	\$ 26,666.67	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 46,200.00	
IR Loan Repayment	\$ -	\$ 52,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$ 490,921.65	\$ 893,643.53	\$ 1,042,150.70	\$ 1,182,139.57	
Net +/-	\$ 0.00	\$ 30,794.48	\$ 168,372.30	\$ 79,583.43	

codes: IR= camp industry data AB= abcori reports CS= camp sentinel





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Mr. Peter Marshall
Member

MEET THE TEAM

BOARD LEADERS' BACKGROUND (1)

Rev. Dr.
Charles
Hartman

I am an American Baptist pastor whose life and 50+ years of ordained ministry were shaped by American Baptist camping. I have served 5 ABC congregations, large and small, rural and urban, in 4 regions. I have been involved with Canonicus for over 40 years serving in many capacities, from Master Site Committee to trip camp leader..

Rev. Dr.
Alan
Wright

Professor & administrator at CSUN with focus in leadership & outdoor adventure education. Supervised university outdoor programs serving over 9000 participants per year . ABCUSA contract consultant for ABC Camps from 1993 to 2014. Former VP of Development & Leadership Institutes at Green Lake Conference Center. Former Director at Canonicus 1983-1990.

Rev. Dr.
Tony
Pappas

As Executive Minister in a nearby region, oversaw the transition of the camp from hemorrhaging red ink to stability to profitability. Last year that camp recorded a SURPLUS of \$124,000!

BOARD LEADERS' BACKGROUND (2)

Captain
David
Pickering

International Speaker in more than 30 countries for a non-profit in the wellness industry and founder and co-founder of Fitness and Wellness Companies in the northeast. Currently a board member for seven non-profit organizations including serving as a parliamentarian. An executive committee member of the Narragansett Council, BSA (now Scouting America, serving all youths) for several years, which operates 5 very active and successful co-ed camps throughout Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts.

LEE
TRAINER

A Process Analyst and business traveler who for 25 years brought individuals together from multiple countries for educational conferences. A member of a family with 3 generations of overnight campers and yearly VBS participation at Canonicus. Currently a Worship Team leader at FBC of NK.

LEADERS' BACKGROUND (3)

Rev. Dr.
Evan
Howard

Evan Howard is pastor of the First Baptist Church of North Kingstown, located fifteen minutes from the camp, where members of the congregation have participated for generations, and where the Roger Williams Baptist heritage offers exciting possibilities for spiritual pilgrimages to Rhode Island and artistic initiatives of hope and peace.

Harold
Hemberger

My Canonicus journey began at the age of eight and has continued uninterrupted for 63 years. I served seven years on the summers staff and OVER thirty years on various Canonicus boards and committees. I also served the community for 41 years as the CEO of a YMCA.

Peter
Marshall

Peter Marshall started out as a camper at Canonicus for a number of years then became a counselor for another number of years. Became the onsite caretaker of the property for a five-year period. Met his wife in Rocky Ledge and was married in the outdoor chapel. Served on the property committee. Peter went on to create a large RI based hazardous waste contracting firm.

BOARD LEADERS' BACKGROUND (4)

Evangelist
Erica A.
Traub

Associate Pastor for Calvary Baptist Church. Church Moderator for 2020-2025. Worked for Recreation Department (NORD) summer camp for 7 years. Studied Business Administration and owned my business for 20 years. Worked for the Middlesex County Substance Abuse Action Council as Prevention Coordinator & Counselor. Youth Pastor for 8 years in CT.

David
Maine

Lifelong member of Warwick Central Baptist Church serving in a number of leadership roles. Spent my career in college and university library service at Rhode Island College. Also serve on the Board of Directors for John Clarke Senior Living in Middletown. A former camper at Canonicus as a youth.

Bob
Benjamin

Member of Harbor Baptist Church on Block Island. Retiree from banking and education who gratefully serves by acting as the Treasurer for Canonicus Ministries, Inc. and several nonprofits.