

An Open Letter to KLBC Supporters from the Central Board

We have some important news to share with all volunteers and supporters of the Kids' Life Bible Clubs ministry. Our Executive Director, Catherine Pinckney, announced her resignation to the Central Board this past January. We were all surprised and saddened by this unexpected news, but after an in-depth meeting with Catherine to hear what led to this decision we accepted her resignation and gave her our blessing. Catherine has graciously agreed to continue her work as KLBC Executive Director until a replacement is found or until June 30, 2022, whichever comes first.

Here is a personal note from Catherine on this decision:

“The choice to step down as KLBC’s Executive Director was not any easy one to make. In fact, it wasn’t even on my radar until the very end of 2021. At this time, I learned that my living arrangements would soon be changing as my parents, whom I have been living with, would be preparing to move cities and possibly move out of the state. Although I do not know if I will be moving with them, the reality of a life transition approaching gave me cause to seriously pray about where God is leading me in this next phase. I have been incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be the Executive Director of KLBC during the past couple years. God used me and my gifts for a challenging time in KLBC history and as KLBC, thankfully, has moved into more regular programming, God has shown me that KLBC needs different gifts for the future. I know it may seem strange to many, the decision to leave a place not knowing where I am going next, but I know God is good and that He always has a plan. I know this because this isn’t the first time He has called me into unknown territory. In fact, I first started working with KLBC after He called me to leave my previous job, not knowing what I was going to do next. I applied to several places, but it wasn’t until I quit looking and decided to volunteer with a Bible Club that God opened the door to work in the KLBC office. I am confident that God will lead the right people to Kids’ Life Bible Clubs and that God will use them to fulfill His mission in West Michigan public schools and beyond.”

Going forward, Catherine recommended that her fulltime position be split into two part-time positions, and that advice seems good to us. So we have developed two job descriptions, one for an Executive Director (salaried, 24 hours/week) and another for a Program Coordinator (hourly, 16 hours/week). If you have friends or relatives who qualify for one of these positions we encourage you to make them aware of the opportunity. You may direct them to the Kids’ Life Bible Clubs website, kidslifebibleclubs.org, where they will find a “Job Openings” heading. There, we have posted the job descriptions and details including how to apply.

As a Central Board we are very grateful for your faithful support in prayer and giving. We are also deeply grateful for all you volunteer teachers and helpers; you are the core of this ministry, its most valuable asset. God has faithfully provided through the COVID pandemic; we eagerly look forward to blessings of revitalization and growth in the days ahead. We desire for God to use this ministry to bring many children to Him, as it has for so many years!

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