



Call for Blog Contributors

The UCC Center for Analytics, Research and Data (CARD), a national ministry team within Local Church Ministries, is accepting applications for regular contributors to its weekly blog, Vital Signs and Statistics.

The main purpose of Vital Signs & Statistics is to investigate and raise questions of importance for the United Church of Christ through relevant research and statistics.

Research is broadly defined as tested qualitative and/or quantitative information that possesses relevance to the theology and practice of ministry, particularly as it relates to congregations, members, and ministers. Commentary on and summary of such research for application to ministry, whether it is one's own research or the research of others, is strongly encouraged. Commentary on applying evaluation and assessment methods for effective ministry is also welcomed.

Check out the blog to read previous posts: <http://carducc.wordpress.com>

Do you possess:

- An ability to write for a theologically diverse UCC audience?
- A passion for research and statistics and, specifically, how research and statistics can be useful in the context of ministry and the church?
- An ability to interpret information in understandable, engaging ways?
- A commitment to using gender inclusive or gender non-specific language when referring to God?
- *Preferred:* Are you an authorized minister in the United Church of Christ or an active member of a UCC congregation?
- *Preferred:* Do you have a background in sociology, social psychology, economics, history, or other research-related fields?

We ask that regular contributors submit one post per month, with posting dates scheduled in advance with CARD's Director.

Titles for upcoming posts must be submitted by or on the Wednesday prior to actual posting. Posting can then take place any time before the Tuesday of the following week.

Posts are promoted and linked weekly in the UCC's e-newsletter, *Keeping You Posted (KYP)*, which reaches over 60,000 people per week.

Please send an email to Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, CARD Director, at hajbik@ucc.org with your name, current setting and role, a description of how your experiences match the qualifications listed above, and possible topics that you would like to write about. Examples of previous writings are encouraged.

Application deadline is April 30, 2015.