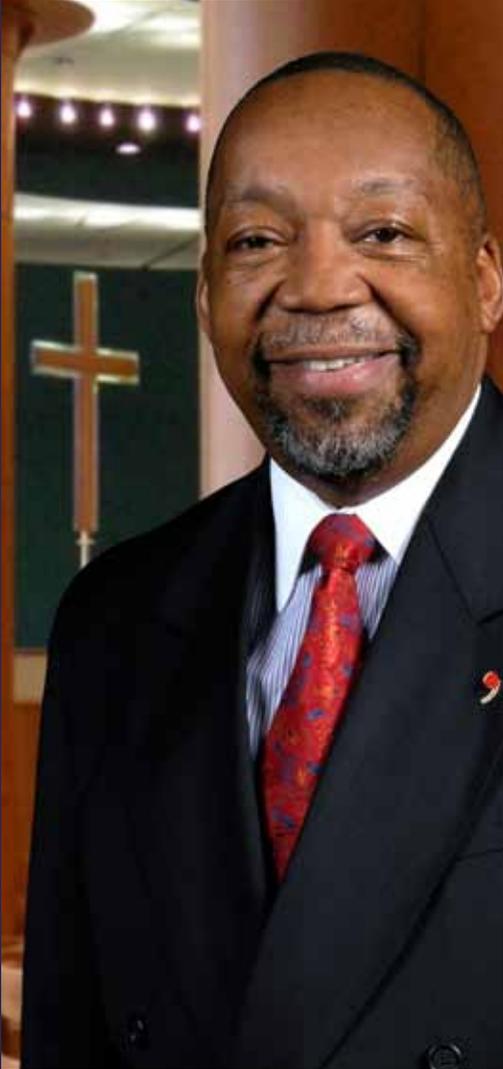


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The Rev. Geoffrey A. Black
General Minister and President
The United Church of Christ

More than ever, our world needs the hopeful message of the Stillspeaking God. Your gifts to the United Church of Christ will ensure that the extravagant welcome and justice and witness ministries of our church reach people the world over. As a vital member of the United Church of Christ, your gift is so important because it will help us continue to change lives—including your own. May we continue to come together, so “that they may all be one” (John 17:21).

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OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) Basic Support is the name given to congregational gifts that support the wider United Church of Christ ministry in conference and national settings. Each year, many congregations designate a portion of their budgets to support OCWM to further the broader work and message of the UCC in your region, across the country, and throughout the world. If your congregation participates in Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support, a small portion of your offering supports this work.

Within the national setting of the church, Our Church's Wider Mission supports a wide variety of programming and activity, including the church's award-winning publishing, identity and communication ministry. This ministry manages the UCC website (with more than 100,000 visitors a month), social media presence (with more than 61,000 friends on Facebook alone), and e-mail program, including the weekly Keeping You Posted e-zine and Stillspeaking Daily Devotional. The ministry also manages UC News, the denomination's video services, and all of its resources (from t-shirts to the New Century Hymnal, from stoles to the Stillspeaking Writers' Group).

OCWM Basic Support also helps to fund important work throughout the world through the church's wider church ministries, including its disaster ministry. This ministry works with partners throughout the world (and throughout the U.S.) to respond to disasters, including hurricanes, tsunamis, wildfires and tornadoes. Wider church ministries also partners with the Disciples of Christ denomination to share in global resources in order to further realize the prophetic vision of a just and peaceful world order with missionaries, volunteers, and educational programs.

Our Church's Wider Mission also supports the local conference setting—a setting that provides direct support to the local congregation in a variety of ways. Conferences work with local congregations to provide training opportunities, manage outdoor ministries and camps, assist those in ministerial transition, support new and renewing church development, among other programs and activities.

To learn even more about Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support, visit ucc.org/ocwm.





THE ANNUAL FUND

The United Church of Christ Annual Fund directly supports the work of the national setting of the church through individual generosity. Each year, hundreds of UCC members and friends contribute to The Annual Fund in order to directly support the enriching work of the national setting, including its justice and witness ministries, local church ministries, and its ‘God is still speaking’ ministry.

The Annual Fund helps to support the work of the church’s justice and witness ministry—a ministry that works to create a more just, peaceful and compassionate world that honors all of God’s creation. Justice and witness ministries work to fulfill the pronouncements and resolutions approved by the UCC’s biennial General Synod by community mobilization, leadership training, issues education, public witness, and public policy advocacy.

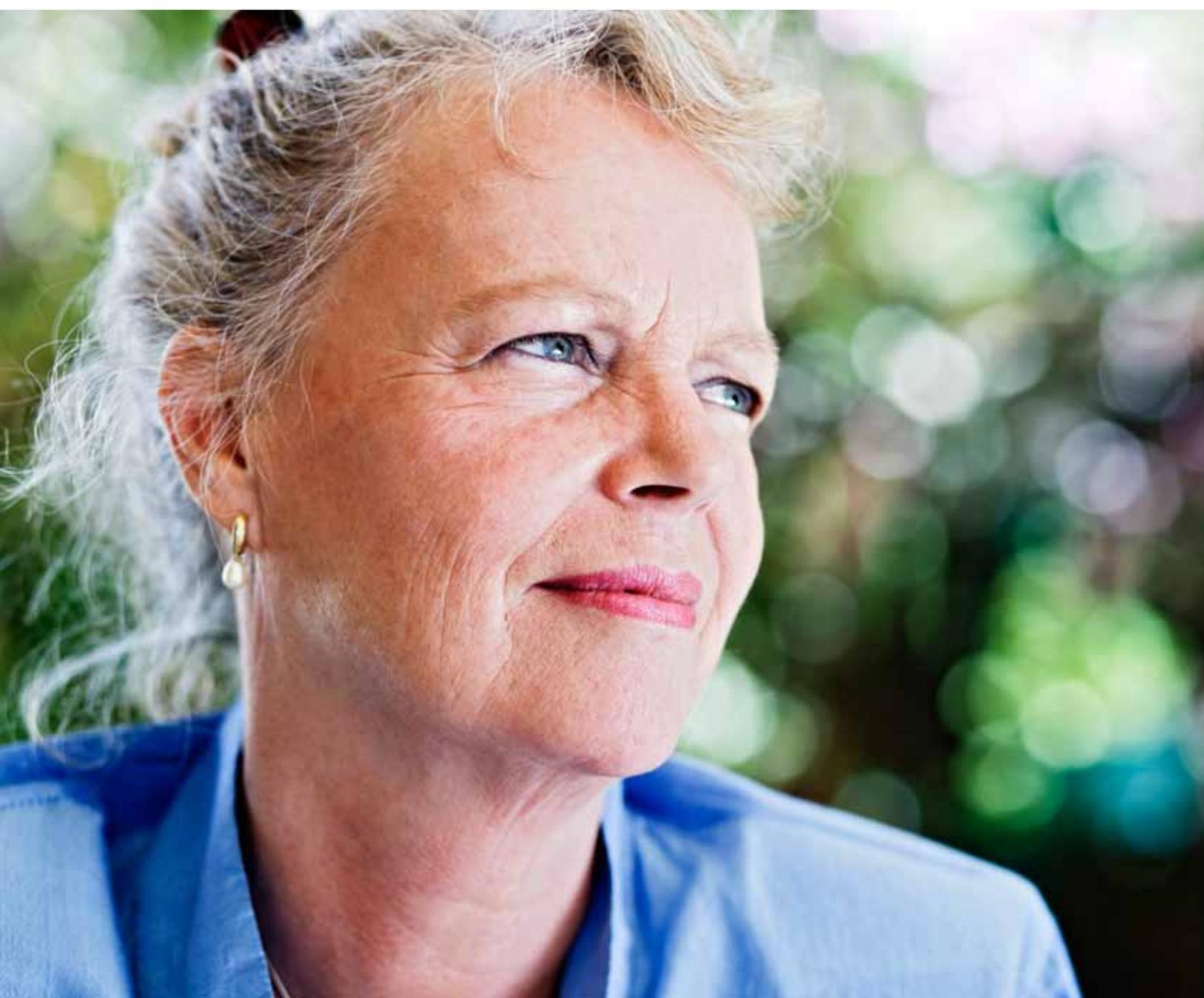
Your contributions to the Annual Fund also support the work of local church ministries within the national setting. This ministry provides programming for ministerial excellence and authorization (including support for ministers in discernment, ministers in transition, and ministerial support for local church ministers and chaplains) and congregational vitality and discipleship (including evangelism, stewardship, and worship).

The Annual Fund also directly supports the church’s ‘God is still speaking’ ministry. Since 2004, this ministry has worked with thousands of UCC churches and individuals across the country to share the Stillspeaking message of radical hospitality and extravagant welcome. This ministry produces the Stillspeaking Daily Devotional and Stillspeaking Writers’ Group resources, including the ever-popular Lent and Advent devotionals.

To contribute to the United Church of Christ’s Annual Fund, visit ucc.org/annualfund.







PLANNED GIVING

A planned gift is a living testimony to a vital faith. The testimony of the planned gift is vitally needed within the United Church of Christ, and can help you be a witness to one another in your acts of faith. The person who gives a life income gift is one who genuinely believes that the United Church of Christ will “be there” for future generations. And the person who believes the church will continue indefinitely is one who firmly believes that it is God, not humankind, who is in charge.

The United Church of Christ can assist you in establishing life-income gifts, which include the following benefits:

- Income for your lifetime with no investment management responsibilities.
- Income for a surviving loved one.
- A charitable tax deduction, if you itemize.
- Tax savings on long-term capital gains.
- Financial support for future ministry in the many settings of the UCC. You may designate your congregation, association, or conference; UCC-related college, seminary, or health and human services institution; or a UCC national ministry as the recipient of your gift.

Your gifts to the United Church of Christ ensure the means to continue the mission, ministry and voice of the UCC far into the future.

To learn more about planned giving opportunities with the United Church of Christ, visit ucc.org/giving.



BOLD INSPIRATIONAL GOAL

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BOLD PUBLIC VOICE

Special Mission Offering:

Neighbors in Need

Other Current Giving Opportunities:

Food Justice

LGBT Advocacy

The Stillspeaking Ministry

United Church News

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NEIGHBORS IN NEED

The Neighbors in Need (NIN) special offering supports the ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM), and two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Most congregations receive the Neighbors in Need offering on World Communion Sunday in October of each year.

To learn more about Neighbors in Need, visit ucc.org/nin.

FOOD JUSTICE



An estimated 900 million people globally will go hungry today. The continually increasing population of the planet, along with environmental degradation and crop damage due to climate change, the rise of biofuels, and agricultural distortions due to export farming add to the instability of local food cultures, creating conditions of increased food insecurity, hunger and malnutrition.



Through its attention to the healing of creation, the United Church of Christ helps support sustainable agriculture and food justice in communities in the United States and through the world. The UCC's Franklinton Center at Bricks in Whitakers, N.C., for example, is located in the second largest "food desert" in the U.S. The goal of Franklinton Center is to work with local residents, farmers, the faith community, and elected officials to help address this concern.

With the resource of 250 acres of land and hunger action dollars, the UCC is able to dedicate a rich section of soil to launch a sustainable agriculture program. The Center grows cabbage, carrots, cucumbers, corn, collards, onions, tomatoes, and a list of other vegetables, as well as watermelon, cantaloupe, honeydew melons, eggplant, and all kinds of herbs. The goal is that area families in need of food assistance reap the rewards of the harvest.

In addition to developing an environmentally and financially sustainable vegetable farm on the site, the center is working with partners such as U.S. Department of Agriculture, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, local cooperative extension agencies, and others to develop a training program for gardeners and small farmers.

To learn more about Franklinton Center at Bricks and other food justice programs, visit ucc.org/franklinton-center.

LGBT ADVOCACY

“In faithfulness to the biblical and historic mandate, we hold that, as a child of God, every person is endowed with worth and dignity that human judgment cannot set aside.”—Tenth General Synod Pronouncement of “Civil Liberties without Discrimination Related to Affectional or Sexual Preference,” 1975.



Throughout its history, the United Church of Christ has been at the forefront in the struggle for justice and equality. For nearly 40 years, the General Synod of the UCC has adopted resolutions affirming lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) persons, consistently calling for an end to discrimination, equal protection under the law, deploring LGBT hate crimes and violence, supporting LGBT relationships and families, celebrating the gifts of LGBT persons for ministry and encouraging all settings of the church to be open and affirming of LGBT persons, welcoming them and encouraging their participation in every aspect of the mission and ministry of the church.

In 1972, the United Church of Christ was the first mainline Christian church to ordain a gay pastor, and 33 years later, in 2005, the UCC became the first mainline Christian denomination to support same-sex marriage.

Today, the UCC continues its rich history of LGBT witness. In 2011, the UCC General Synod overwhelmingly passed a resolution to support international human rights related to sexual orientation and gender identity. And since 2005, the church has remained a bold and public voice in the fight for marriage equality across the U.S.

To learn more about the United Church of Christ’s LGBT advocacy efforts, visit ucc.org/lgbt.



THE STILLSPEAKING MINISTRY

Short for “God is still speaking,” the Stillspeaking movement is an evangelism and identity campaign to remind us that God still has a lot more to say. Since 2004, Stillspeaking has worked with thousands of UCC churches and individuals across the country to make religion relevant again and to extend an extravagant welcome to all—because no matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you’re welcome here. Contributions help fund Stillspeaking resources for local churches as we promote the UCC’s core values: we are a church of continuing testament and extravagant welcome; and we are a church that changes lives.



UNITED CHURCH NEWS

United Church News is the online news department of the UCC, ucc.org/news. Updated daily, it contains news from across the denomination, at local, regional and national settings. UCNews also contains the latest ecumenical news. Contributions to United Church News help fund the news and public relations work of the church.

To learn more about United Church News visit ucc.org/news/.



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BOLD INSPIRATIONAL GOAL

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WELCOMING REACHABLE CONGREGATIONS

Special Mission Offering:

Strengthen the Church

Other Current Giving Opportunities:

New Church Development

Extravagance UCC

Stillspeaking Worship Institute

UCC Disabilities Ministries

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STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

Strengthen the Church is an offering to reimagine and build the future of the United Church of Christ. Shared at the conference and national levels, Strengthen the Church largely supports youth ministries, developing their spiritual gifts and leadership skills for the church of the future. Funds also support full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard, along with grants to help churches communicate the “God is still speaking,” message. Most congregations receive the Strengthen the Church offering on Pentecost Sunday in May of each year.

To learn more about Strengthen the Church, visit ucc.org/stc.

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT



What if there were no United Church of Christ congregation within 100 miles of your home? New church development is always a priority in the United Church of Christ because of our belief in the importance of church as a place that offers a wide welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.



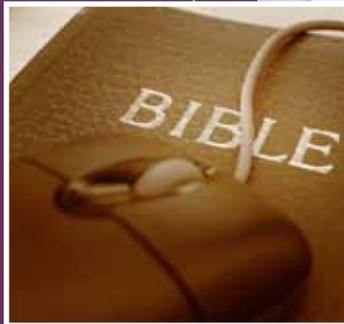
New church development in the United Church of Christ has two emphases: starting new churches in parts of the country where none currently exist, and starting new multi-ethnic congregations.

Contributions to the New Church Development Fund enable the United Church of Christ to multiply new churches that will grow the vital still speaking witness and extravagant welcome of the United Church of Christ.

To learn even more about New Church Development visit
www.ucc.org/evangelism/new-and-renewing-churches-endowment-fund.

EXTRAVAGANCE UCC

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here. Here, at the United Church of Christ. We've been living those words for years in our congregations.



Now is the time to move beyond geographic limitations with a unique new church start, Extravagance UCC.

Extravagance UCC is a special new church start and online community that brings “radical hospitality and extravagant welcome” to an online community accessible to all who want to experience and deepen their faith in relationship to the United Church of Christ.

Launched at General Synod 29 in 2013, Extravagance UCC is envisioned to become a self-governing, self-sustaining congregation of at least 500 active persons within three years.

STILLSPEAKING WORSHIP INSTITUTE



By 2017, the Stillspeaking Worship institute will establish itself ecumenically as the preeminent thinktank and must-attend experience in the United States.



A twice-annual event hosted by diverse local churches, or other settings, with an emphasis on the experience of culturally diverse, accessible and replicable approaches to worship—with lived, shared experiences as the primary teaching tools.

UCC DISABILITIES MINISTRIES

United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministries, an Inclusion Ministry of the United Church of Christ, assists the UCC in being the church where everyone is welcome.



UCC Disabilities Ministries works to develop the life of congregations to include persons with disabilities and persons with mental illness/brain disorders and their families. While churches usually have a welcome sign outside their building, but UCC Disabilities Ministries works with local congregations to be both welcoming and inclusive communities – to ensure that this extravagant welcome is also experienced inside the church and as a result, that transformative power will be released into the world. This extravagant welcome includes the welcoming of people who have been touched by or have experienced a mental illness/brain disorder and/or a disability, apparent or unapparent.

The mission of the United Church of Christ is to be Multiracial, Multicultural, Open and Affirming, and Accessible to All – A church where everyone is welcome.

To learn more about UCC Disabilities Ministries, visit uccdm.org.



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ENGAGED DISCIPLESHIP

Special Mission Offering:

One Great Hour of Sharing

Other Current Giving Opportunities:

Immersion Centers

Missionaries

Youth Ministry Centers of Excellence

UCAN

Justice L.E.D.

Child Sponsorship

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SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING

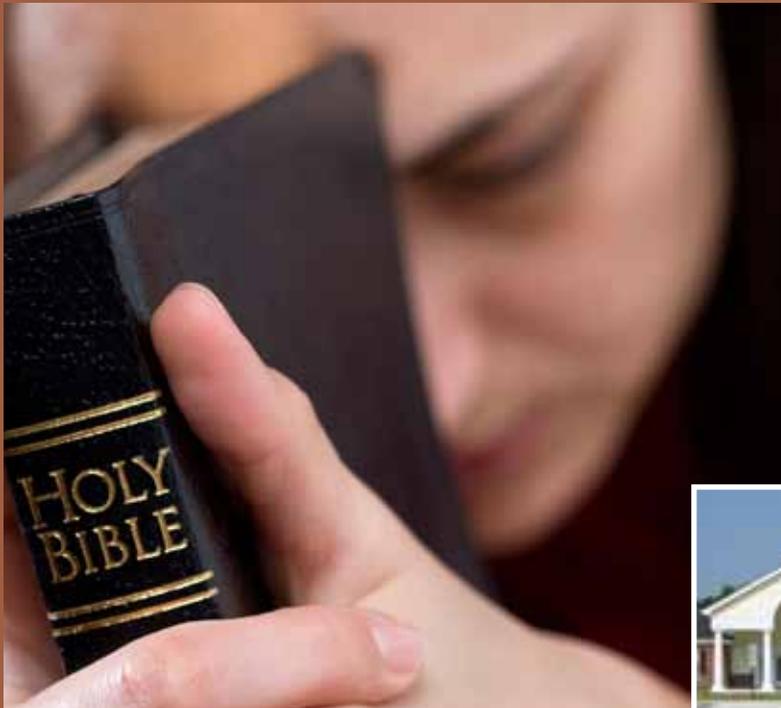
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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing—the refugee, relief and development offering of the United Church of Christ—transforms lives through health, education, agricultural, and emergency relief initiatives in 138 countries. The UCC works with international partners to provide support to health, education, refugee, agricultural, and emergency relief initiatives. Most congregations receive One Great Hour of Sharing on the fourth Sunday of Lent.

To learn more about One Great Hour of Sharing, visit ucc.org/oghs.

IMMERSION CENTERS



“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8) The UCC’s Immersion Centers are one way we help congregations and individuals to do justice, seek peace, and effect change for a better world.



The United Church of Christ’s four immersion centers—the Daniel F. Romero Center for Border Ministries (San Ysidro, Calif.), the Franklinton Center at Bricks (Whitakers, N.C.), the UCC policy office in Washington D.C. Policy, and Pilgrim Firs Center for Environmental Justice (Port Orchard, Wash.)—are centers for education and social transformation for clergy and lay leaders, churches and their members, and youth and young adults. These centers immerse participants in specific areas of concern, including U.S./Mexico border issues, racism and food justice, issues of national and international policy, and environmental justice, respectively. And each immersion center addresses key areas of justice activism with participant training and immersion experiences in a contextual way.

To learn more about the United Church of Christ’s Immersion Centers, visit

- theromero.org (Centro Romero)
- ucc.org/franklinton-center (Franklinton Center at Bricks)
- ucc.org/environmental-ministries/center-for-environmental-justice (Pilgrim Firs)
- ucc.org/justice/washington-dc (UCC Policy Office)

MISSIONARIES

“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” Our Global Ministries office is committed to a ministry of “critical presence,” where we meet God’s people and creation at the point of deepest need: spiritually, physically, emotionally, and/or economically.



The United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) share in a common witness to nurture relationships with international partners through its Global Ministries organization. Global Ministries partner churches and programs operate in more than 70 countries worldwide and provide missionary support to fill positions involving skills and/or talents that these organizations cannot fill themselves. From continuing education for clergy in Indonesia to naturopathic medicine in East Timor, and from English communications in China to prison chaplaincy in Gaudeloupe, Global Ministries missionaries serve thousands of individuals across the world with their gifts of ministry, education, and healthcare.

To learn more about Global Ministries Missionaries, visit globalministries.org/mission/missionaries.

YOUTH MINISTRY CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE



UCC Youth as defined by the United Church of Christ are those persons who are between 13 and 17 years of age. Youth are the future of the UCC ... right now!



The Ministry for Youth is committed to youth leadership, spiritual formation, and advocacy. Youth Ministry Centers of Excellence are those places across the life of the church doing exceptional youth ministry who share their gifts with the rest of the UCC in various training and seminar events.

UCC HIV & AIDS NETWORK (UCAN)

HIV/AIDS is the most serious health crisis the world has ever faced, and HIV does not discriminate. Whether we realize it or not, all of us are affected, and the Gospel of Christ calls us to respond to human need. We are called to be co-partners with God in promoting life in abundance, to support and minister to the sick, and to comfort the dying and those who are in grief. In 2011 alone, 1.7 million people died from AIDS—with more than 230,000 of these victims under the age of 15.



UCAN, the United Church of Christ HIV and AIDS Network, is the UCC's national non-profit charitable organization for response to the HIV and AIDS pandemic. The organization's mission is to build, grow, and sustain a network of people, congregations and organizations within and beyond the UCC for care giving, education and prevention in response to the HIV and AIDS pandemic. As a part of the network's education and prevention program, UCAN provides a comprehensive curriculum program: Affirming Persons-Saving Lives. This Christian education resource is for people of all ages (preschooler to older adult) as a special learning program to provide effective AIDS awareness and prevention education to entire congregations. UCAN also gives leadership for education and information on public policy concerns and is an active participant in World AIDS Day, the International AIDS Conference, and other HIV and AIDS advocacy organizations.

To learn more about UCAN and the Affirming Persons-Saving Lives program, visit ucc.org/ucan.

JUSTICE LED.



Part of the vision of the United Church of Christ is a more just, peaceful and compassionate world that honors all of God's creation, and leaders are needed throughout our churches and communities to help share, pursue and achieve this vision. Justice Leaders Engaging and Developing (Justice LED) is a program that offers training, leadership skills and support to local churches and UCC members who seek tangible ways to move our world towards this vision.



Justice Leaders Engaging and Developing (Justice LED) is a training program offered by the United Church of Christ that is designed to equip local church leaders – both clergy and lay – with the skills and tools needed to develop, strengthen and sustain justice advocacy ministries in our UCC congregations and local communities. This comprehensive curriculum includes interactive scripture study, engaging video resources, and guided reflection and dialogue for groups. Justice LED offers congregations an opportunity to engage in theological reflection on the justice dimensions of Christian faith and discipleship, and ultimately, to discern and act on justice issues that they have passion and energy for and in ways that make sense for them. And it's just a “how-to” on justice around specific issues like peace, workers' rights, or immigration. Rather, Justice LED is a holistic approach for congregations that want to strengthen, develop and sustain justice ministries as part of their congregational life and ministry.

To learn more about Justice LED, visit ucc.org/justice/training.

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

“...Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you [...] And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it for me!’ Matthew 25:27-40 (adapted)



The United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) share in a common witness to nurture relationships with international partners through its Global Ministries organization. The Global Ministries Child Sponsorship program is committed to aiding children at risk by providing a practical way for individuals and churches to extend a helping hand. Since the 1950s, this global ministry has been working to safeguard the future of children around the world. A commitment to sponsoring a child helps to provide food, basic health care, clothing and in some cases housing, school fees, uniform, books and training and livelihood opportunities to many poor and destitute children in Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, the Middle East and Europe. For over 40 years, more than 3,000 poor and low income children have been embraced by sponsors and their gifts.

To learn more about child sponsorship, visit globalministries.org/get-involved/child-sponsorship.





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EXCELLENT DIVERSE LEADERS

Special Mission Offering:

The Christmas Fund

Other Current Giving Opportunities:

Scholarships

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THE CHRISTMAS FUND

The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund provides direct financial assistance to individual UCC clergy and lay employees—those who have served or currently do serve our beloved Church. Each year, the Christmas Fund provides ministerial assistance to more than 1,600 persons, including Christmas gift check, monthly pension supplementation, quarterly health premium supplementation and emergency grants. Many congregations receive The Christmas Fund offering during Advent.

To learn more about The Christmas Fund, visit pbucc.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS



One of the most cherished features of the United Church of Christ and our ancestral denominations has been a learned clergy. We have long considered rigorous practical and academic preparation essential for the pastors of local churches, as well as for people in ministries serving the church as chaplains, administrators, or educators.

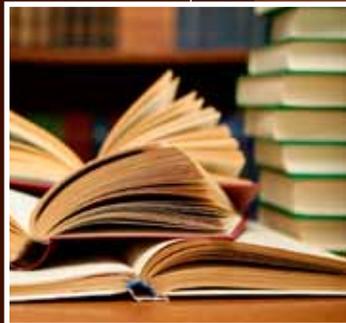
Throughout the history of the United Church of Christ and its predecessors, the education and training of clergy has been a significant priority. Today, that tradition continues through scholarships for those preparing for ministry in the United Church of Christ.

Gifts from many generous congregations and individuals committed to the continued vitality of our church have funded these scholarship endowments. The need for generous gifts to support scholarship assistance remains great. As educational costs rise, scholarship funds enable qualified and dedicated students to enter into ministry without burdensome debt.

To learn more about scholarships visit www.ucc.org/scholarships/.

SEMINARIES

The seven seminaries of the United Church of Christ, eight historically related seminaries, and 15 graduate schools of theology play an essential role in the preparation of pastoral leaders for the United Church of Christ.



United Church of Christ seminaries assure a steady flow of well-educated leaders, both ordained and lay, for the total ministry of the church. Our seminaries also provide vital continuing education for ordained ministers and serve as a resource for the church as it seeks insight into God's will and interpretation of the Gospel.

The seven seminaries of the United Church of Christ are Andover Newton Theological School, Bangor Theological Seminary, Chicago Theological Seminary, Eden Theological Seminary, Lancaster Theological Seminary, and Pacific School of Religion, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities.

To learn more about seminaries visit www.ucc.org/higher-education/seminaries-of-the-united.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ENDOWMENT FUND



In 2012, a National Listening Campaign on Women's Ministries collected data for the purpose of envisioning and reshaping women's ministry for the 21st century. Results are being used to meet the needs of women in congregations reflecting changing demographics, new challenges and emerging dreams.

The Women's Ministries Endowment Fund is deployed to strengthen and support regional and national partnerships of women across the United Church of Christ and to provide relevant resources for women of all ages within the church.

With a concentration on developing leaders for the church of the future, programs supported by this fund seek to engage, equip, and empower the women who are the current and future leaders in the congregations and all settings of the United Church of Christ.

To learn more about the Women's Ministry Endowment Fund visit www.ucc.org/women.



PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWS



One of the national settings foundational goals for the future of the United Church of Christ is the identifying, nurturing, and developing of prepared, excellent leaders who reflect the diversity of God's beloved community.



The Presidential Fellows program invests in the future of the United Church of Christ by supporting the growth of some of the most promising young adult leaders in our denomination. Promising young leaders are convened on a regular basis to share experiences, bring fresh ideas, and move the church forward into the 21st century.

General Minister and President Geoffrey A. Black notes, "I am personally committed to taking immediate steps to ensure that we are nurturing and fostering leadership of women, persons of color and emerging leaders with intentionality."



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Extravagant Welcome. Continuing Testament. Changing Lives. Your gift to United Church of Christ mission initiatives across the country and around the world supports our distinctive vision that “God is still speaking” and strengthens our inclusive ministries of extravagant welcome and changed lives.

Because of our belief in a continuing testament, we are attentive to God’s creative movement in the world and are known for arriving early on issues of social justice: racial justice, equality for women, and inclusion of gay and lesbian people. Because we believe in extravagant welcome, we advocate justice for all as an expression of faith, and we are open to new ways of being the church and forming Christian community. Because we believe in transformation, our mission is to change lives, individually and globally, through worship, education, and advocacy, and by starting new churches.

We are the United Church of Christ: the “God is still speaking” church. Your gifts to the range of opportunities in this catalog will help share our extravagant welcome in the world, so that all who seek the healing love of Jesus Christ can hear. Because no matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you’re welcome here. Here at the United Church of Christ.

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