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United Church of Christ Board seeking 12 nominees

Nominating committee looking for people committed to serving the church

CLEVELAND, OH (May 21, 2014) – The General Synod Nominating Committee will soon select a dozen new leaders who have the enthusiasm to guide the mission and set the priorities of the national setting of the United Church of Christ. Those 12 individuals, with diverse gifts and abilities, are now being sought to serve on the United Church of Christ Board of Directors beginning in 2015.

"What I think is exciting is that people have a desire to serve, and to serve in ministry and in different capacities, and to serve on a national board that directs the church," said Angela Myers, chair of the Nominating Committee. "Whenever we meet and go through the profiles, the diversity and walks of life where people come from is what excites me. Homemakers, ministers, lawyers, laborers — they're all eager to serve."

The 52-member board is filling 12 of the 36 at-large seats to serve a six-year term from 2015 through 2021. Nominations for UCC Board members are open through Sept. 30 to anyone in the denomination, and can be submitted by conferences of the UCC, ministers, members of historically underrepresented groups, and even self-nominations by people hoping to serve the church.

The Nominating Committee is made up of 16 members — a majority of whom are not on the UCC Board, making the nomination and selection process of board members independent. In fact, Myers said the committee doesn't often know the nominees. The committee is responsible for drawing a list of people to serve on the board and submitting that report to the General Synod for acceptance.

As for the timeline, after the nomination period closes, the Nominating Committee will begin its selection process in January 2015 and will release its report with recommended candidates around May 15, 2015. The final election will take place a month later, on June 29, during General Synod 2015 in Cleveland.

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About the United Church of Christ

The United Church of Christ (UCC) is a mainline Protestant denomination with nearly 1 million members and more than 5,100 congregations nationwide, including more than 150 UCC congregations throughout North Carolina.

Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, the UCC is a church of many firsts, including the first mainline denomination to ordain a woman, the first to ordain an openly gay man and the first predominantly white denomination to ordain an African American. The UCC's motto ("That they may all be one," (John

17:21)) and tagline (God is still speaking,) supports the Church's long-standing commitment to social justice issues and its extravagant welcome to all, no matter who they are, or where they are on life's journey.

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