



## Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ

January 2016

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### Indiana-Kentucky Conference News

#### **Yearbook Reporting For Churches - Deadline Feb. 26**

It's time once again for the UCC to begin preparing the Yearbook & Directory for the coming year. As you know, last year was the first year that all additions, changes and updates were entered directly into the Data Hub by congregations and conferences. Therefore, the 2015 UCC Yearbook forms will not be mailed to your church. You have the opportunity to log in to the National Data Hub and submit your information directly to them. The Data Hub is now open to churches. The IKC deadline for Yearbook submissions is Feb. 26.

An email was sent to all local church pastors, church moderators/presidents and church treasurers with specific instructions on how to complete the process. Please also remember to send in the completed Church Officers Form and return it to the Conference office. If you have questions, please contact the Conference office at (317)924-1395 or [ikc@ikcucc.org](mailto:ikc@ikcucc.org).

#### **Last Day To Register For The UCC/DOC Clergy Retreat**

Today is the last day to register for the annual clergy retreat. Staff from the national settings of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ will guide clergy through a three-day retreat focused on authenticity and vulnerability in ministry Jan. 25-27. This retreat is open to DOC and UCC authorized ministers.

The deadline for all registrations is **Jan. 15**. There are three different registration options:

\$225 Full Registration (Includes 2 nights lodging & all meals)  
\$115 Commuter Registration (Includes all meals, no lodging)  
\$140 Partial Registration (Includes 1 night lodging & 3 meals)

You may pay by check or credit/debit card when registering online. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

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### Save The Date

Spring Connection  
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### Cheerful Giving

By Rev. Michael Erwin  
Pastor, Christ Church UCC & Principal Consultant, Coaching  
for Generosity

Everything you send to your church members communicates the core values of your church. That includes your annual giving statements. Share your values with a few simple tweaks to your statements this year.

1. Include a cover letter on top of the giving statement. This should be a letter printed on church stationery and hand-signed by the senior pastor. [Here are some tips for the letter.](#)
2. Send the statements out by first-class mail in a personally-addressed church stationery envelope.

Your members will express appreciation for the extra touches, especially the letter from the pastor. The letter and first-class stamp will encourage them to ponder the importance of being generous givers as Christians.

### Need A Job? DPRMT Has Work For You!

The Disaster Preparedness and Response Ministry Team (DPRMT) of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference has several options for work camps in 2016. There will be two options for long weekend projects in Louisville, Ky. and two weeks in Salyersville, Ky.



If you can scrape plaster, paint walls, fix plumbing, organize shelves, clean rooms, do carpentry, sweep up the mess others make - then there is work for you. On Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend and President's Day weekend, volunteers will be working at two UCC churches in Louisville, Ky. The cost is \$10 per day and \$10 per night to cover the cost of meals and supplies.

Need someone to rally the troops? The DPRM Team can provide a program at your church to help you enlist workers. Click [here](#) for more information. For reservations and information, contact [John Gantt](#).

### Demographics Program Available To IKC Churches

All IKC churches have access to use MissionInsite for free. This demographic service is paid for by Our Church's Wider Mission. Click the links below for more information on what MissionInsite offers.

IKC Education Day  
June 9

IKC Annual Gathering  
University of Indianapolis  
June 10-11

DPRMT Work Camp  
Salysersville, Ky.  
[June 12-25](#)

Young Ambassadors  
Generation 6  
In Germany  
July 7-30

National Youth Event  
Lake Buena Vista, Fla.  
[July 26-29, 2016](#)

## Local Church News

### **IKC Congregation Awarded Grant For Solar Panels**

[St. Peter's UCC](#) in Carmel, Ind., in conjunction with [Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light](#), has been awarded a Community Conservation Challenge Grant from the Indiana Office of Energy Development to help obtain solar panels.

A total of four churches collectively pledged more than \$100,000 of matching funds to invest in panels and energy conservation measures. They will also host educational events, including Using Energy Prudently workshops, to benefit other congregations.

Click [here](#) to read more.

### **We Have Moved**

Our new address is:

[New Website Information](#)  
[How To Register \(For New Users\)](#)  
[10 Key Applications](#)

## UCC News

### **Brown Endowment Scholarships Available For Members In Discernment - Apply Now**

Nearly \$200,000 was awarded from the Richard and Helen Brown Endowment for Pastoral Scholarship to help Members In Discernment (MIDs) pay for the cost of their studies during the current academic year. Non-traditional MIDs (ie, those who are not seminarians) also received some of this financial support. But to get an award for next year (2016-17), each MID must complete the online application process by March 1.

To apply for a Brown Scholarship, MIDs should visit [www.ucfunds.org/brown](http://www.ucfunds.org/brown). Brown Scholarship Applications must be completed online by March 1 for the 2016-2017 academic year.

### **Dorhauer's First 100 Days - Casting the Vision**

From [ucc.org](http://ucc.org)

The UCC's ninth general minister and president has been in office for a little more than 100 days, laying the groundwork for what the Rev. John C. Dorhauer sees as the support platform for the future mission of the denomination. Click [here](#) to watch the video.

### **IRA Charitable Rollover Extended Permanently**

Eligible taxpayers (those over 70½ years of age) now have a beneficial way to support their favorite, qualified charities, including Wider Church Ministries or Division of Overseas Ministries, the two fiscal entities that make up Global Ministries. The Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015 has been passed by Congress and signed by President Obama, which permanently extends the IRA Charitable Rollover. ([Read more...](#))

### **NYE 2016 Registration Now Open**

Mark your calendar to attend the most magical National Youth Event (NYE) of all! Join 4,000 UCC and Disciples youth from across the country at Walt Disney World's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$549 (double occupancy room) and must be paid in full at the time of registration. The registration fee includes five days/four nights at the resort, ground transportation to and from all events, all programming and service projects, eight meals, free Wi-Fi and a pass to the theme parks (the Magic Kingdom®, EPCOT®, Hollywood Studios® or Animal Kingdom® Theme Park).

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[n.richards@ikcucc.org](mailto:n.richards@ikcucc.org) and  
request to be added to the  
list.

The Lincolnland Association is making arrangements for a  
bus to transport IKC youth to NYE. The bus seats 55 and  
has Wi-Fi. Contact [Melinda Sterrett](#) soon for more  
information.

More information on location and pricing is available [here](#).

### Conference On Church Polity Call For Papers

The International Protestant Church Polity Study Group is  
hosting its third conference on church polity and order. The  
theme of the conference taking place April 18-20 at  
Princeton Theological Seminary is "Mission, Church Polity,  
and the (Dis)Unity of the Church."

This is a call for proposals for papers that offer biblical,  
historical, practical, systematic and case study explorations  
of the nexus of mission, innovation, unity and disunity in the  
life of the church, and church polity/church order as an agent  
of each. The core purpose of research questions is to further  
develop a theological understanding of church polity.

For more information on the conference, click [here](#). For more  
information on the call for papers/proposals, click [here](#).  
Questions and paper proposals can be submitted to [Barry  
Ensign-George](#) or [Leo Koffeman](#).

### REACH For A New Understanding Of Mission

Global Ministries is excited to announce the launch of  
[REACH](#) - a new adult curriculum for engaging your  
congregation in God's global mission. REACH is Renewing,  
Engaging, and Advocating Churches. The [curriculum](#) is  
modeled off of our widely used youth curriculum READY and  
is a collection of focused, online resources for congregations  
to begin conversations around mission.

Marcy Dory and Tom Morse will be hosting a webinar on  
[Jan. 28](#) to provide an overview of the curriculum and give a  
demonstration of the first session.

### Seven Days of MLK

From [ucc.org](http://ucc.org)

[Read](#) a different speech, sermon or writing from the historic  
preacher and teacher Martin Luther King, Jr. as we prepare  
to mark the holiday that celebrates his prophetic witness.

### Global Ministries-Chile Updates

Click [here](#) to read an update from Elena Huegal, who has  
served as a Global Ministries Missionary in Chile.

Click [here](#) to read an update from Lauren Kabat, who serves  
as a Global Mission Intern with the Shalom Center in Chile.

### News From Our Partners

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### **Health & Human Service Sunday -- Jan. 31**

Each year, the United Church of Christ designates one Sunday (usually the last Sunday in January) as a day to recognize the ministries in health and human services provided by the members of the [Council for Health and Human Service Ministries](#) as well as those supported by our local churches - ministries which respond to human need with compassion and justice.

This Sunday is an opportunity for congregations to lift up our common ministry of healing and service to others in Christ's name. Click [here](#) for resources to help celebrate Health and Human Service Sunday.

### **Celebrate Seminary Sunday on Feb. 28**

Our UCC seminaries are filled with faithful, committed students seeking the skills and wisdom necessary to lead the church in the 21st century. Our congregations need these students. In our region, we are blessed to have three fine UCC seminaries - Chicago, United and Eden. Each of these seminaries provides quality education for pastors and lay leaders, and they provide research and resources that serve the entire UCC.

Click [here](#) for information on how to celebrate Seminary Sunday. Please join us on Feb. 28 in supporting the current and future leadership of the UCC by celebrating Chicago, United and Eden Seminaries.

### **Back Bay Mission Accepting Applications For Internship**

The application process for Back Bay Mission's Shari Prestemon Social Justice Internship is open! This internship provides a unique opportunity to members of the United Church of Christ between the ages of 19 and 35. During this 10-week summer internship, participants will:

- Work directly with Mission staff in each of our program areas. This includes our emergency assistance, housing rehabilitation, volunteer, and supportive housing programs, as well as the Micah Day Center.
- Meet with leaders in the Biloxi community, including staff at other nonprofit organizations in Biloxi, Mississippi, and the surrounding area.
- Have the opportunity to focus on specific ministry areas of special interest to them.

This internship will nurture participants' passion for social justice and develop their appreciation for the church's role in seeking social justice. The Mission covers the cost of travel to and from Biloxi and interns stay in Mission housing (the Cottage) with other long-term volunteers. In addition, they provide a stipend of \$250 per week.

For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

### **Center For Progressive Renewal Offers Free Coaching Session**

Church work can be challenging. Between budgets and board meetings, plumbing and church school, it's easy to get overwhelmed. The Center for Progressive Renewal wants to help, with a free session in a coaching program that meets you where you are, and helps you figure out where you are going next. Click [here](#) to learn more.

### **2016 Rural Ministry Conference**

The 2016 Rural Ministry Conference will be held in Dubuque, Iowa March 6-8. The Rural Ministry Conference has become an ecumenical conference for those working in small town and rural parishes throughout the Midwest. The theme this year is "Life Changing Ministry in the Small Membership Congregation." Rev. Elizabeth Dilley, UCC Minister for Ministers in Local Church is one of the keynote speakers for this event.

Scholarships are available for those who have served in a rural/small town ministry for less than five years. Click [here](#) for more information on the speakers and workshops. This information and online registration can also be found [here](#).

### **Back Bay Mission's 2017 Calendar Now Open**

Back Bay Mission has now opened its 2017 Mission Trip Calendar. Mission immersion experiences at Back Bay Mission are a great opportunity to serve the poor and marginalized of the Mississippi Gulf Coast while learning about poverty and social justice. They're also a wonderful chance to build relationships within your congregation and with other congregations who are serving at the Mission. Click [here](#) to learn more.

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