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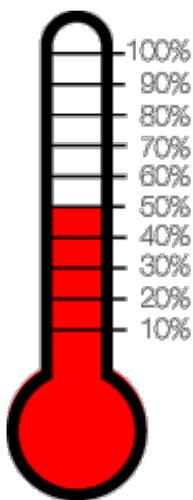
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2016 Budget Goal

OCWM Basic Support



Goal=\$635,000
We Have Reached
54% Of Our Goal
As Of 9/30/16

Upcoming Events

Lincolnland Association

Indiana-Kentucky Conference News

Last Chance To Register For Fall Youth Retreat

Life is a maze. There are trials and obstacles, and sometimes monsters, but God commands us to be strong and courageous; to use his Word as a flashlight and our church family as a shoulder to lean on. Join your UCC youth family as we help each other through this A-maze-ing life.



The Fall Assembly Youth Retreat will take place Nov. 4-6 at the Merom Conference Center in Merom, Ind. The theme this year is "Your A-maze-ing Life," based on the scripture James 1:2-4 - The Maze Runner.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register now. Register by **Oct. 20** to guarantee your t-shirt. Final registration for this event will close at the end of the day on **Oct. 27**.

Divine Women's Merchantship Helps With Nigerian Refugees

Recent news out of Nigeria is filled with reports of refugees escaping the violence of Boko Haram. Our mission partner for the last six years, Sarah Maigari, called to report the Divine Women's Merchantship has been struggling to meet the growing needs of internal refugees escaping to the relative safety of the south. It began with a couple women who were clients of Divine Women's Merchantship programs, but recently has grown into a flood of women and children.

The Divine Women's Merchantship makes small business loans to women and provides a variety of classes, including literacy, health care and job skills. The program works very intentionally to include Christians and Muslims. This has been an important ministry of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference Women's Board. Sarah says she is trying to keep her training centers operating, but finds most of the organization's resources are being redirected to feed and house refugees in this crisis and has asked for our assistance.

The IKC has just sent \$1,000 to the Divine Women's Merchantship and will continue to send funds as they are donated. If you feel moved to contribute to this ministry, you can make checks payable to the Indiana-Kentucky Conference. Please note "Divine Women's Merchantship" on the memo line and send checks to the Conference office.

Fall Meeting
Jasper, Ind.
Oct. 16

Pension Board Pre-
Retirement Seminar
Indianapolis
Oct. 20

Marcia McFee Workshop
Louisville, Ky.
[Oct. 22](#)

Global Ministries Open
House
Indianapolis
[Oct. 25](#)

Clergy Seminar-
Caring For Veterans
Louisville, Ky.
[Nov. 3](#)

Fall Assembly
Youth Retreat
Merom Conference Center
[Nov. 4-6](#)

Rev. Traci Blackmon
Presentation
Evansville, Ind.
Nov. 5

Stewardship Sunday
[Nov. 13](#)

Climate Boot Camp
Evansville, Ind.
[Nov. 14](#)

IKC Office Closed-
Thanksgiving Observance
Nov. 24-25

Christmas Fund Offering
[Dec. 18](#)

IKC Office Closed-Christmas
Observance & Staff
Vacation Time
Dec. 26-30

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Save The Date

Global Ministries Open House To Be Held At Indy Church

Zion Evangelical UCC in Indianapolis will host a Global Ministries open house on Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet new and returning candidates for the Global Mission Intern program, as well as senior missionaries who have been serving in various countries and new candidates for long-term service in southern Africa and Lebanon. For more information, click [here](#) or contact [Rev. Sarah Haas](#) at (317)709-5857.

Cheerful Giving

By Rev. Michael Erwin
Pastor, Christ Church UCC & Church Financial Consultant

What if people could see their giving directly and immediately having a significant and lasting impact on real people with real needs?

That is a recipe for greater generosity. A missional budget, or narrative budget, can help your church tell its unique story of ministry and demonstrate the impact of faithful stewardship. But what is a missional budget? Think "pie chart" instead of "line item." The missional budget begins with a pie chart that has four or five large slices: perhaps worship, education, mission, fellowship and pastoral care.

Notice what's not included: administration, operations, building or personnel. Those costs are appropriately distributed to the missional categories. For example, if your pastor spends 40% of her time preparing for and leading worship, then 40% of her compensation goes in that category.

A missional budget can help people make connections between money and ministry, see their giving as an investment in changing lives, show how giving makes a difference and increase resources for ministry. It's a win-win!

For more information and help developing a missional budget for your church, contact [Michael Erwin](#).

Hurricane Matthew Response

How Can You Help With Hurricane Relief?

Hurricane Matthew left a trail of disaster through the Caribbean and southeastern U.S., killing more than 1,000 people and displacing thousands more.

Our friends with Global Ministries share this update, "Already, solidarity grants from the 2016 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and Week of Compassion Fund are on their way to partners in the region responding to immediate needs of food, shelter and safety. The UCC and Disciples are poised to respond with other churches to provide food, water, containers, roofs, mattresses, hygiene kits and psychosocial support. Within the United States, both denominations are active in local and national disaster response networks.

Your generosity to this disaster appeal will enable our churches to expand these responses and to walk closely with our neighbors now, in the immediate crisis, and through the long-term recovery process that will follow. "

Check out these resources for ways that you can help.

Donate

- Mail donations to the IKC office marked for OGHS - Hurricane Matthew. *Please designate if the gift is for domestic or international relief.

IKC Office Closed-New
Year's Day Observance
Jan. 2

Young Ambassadors All
Generation Reunion
Indianapolis
Jan. 7

IKC Office Closed-Martin
Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan. 16

UCC/DOC Clergy Retreat
Indianapolis
Jan. 23-25

IKC Confirmation Retreat
Merom Camp & Retreat
Center
[Jan. 27-29](#)

General Synod 31
Baltimore, Md.
[June 30-July 4](#)

UCC News

2017 UCC Insurance Rates Announced

The 2017 insurance rates are now available. For the 2017 plan year, the Non-Medicare Plan and the Medicare Supplement Plan with Rx will experience a rate increase of 9%. There is no change to deductibles or pharmacy co-pays. There will be a 4% increase to the Dental Plan. The Vision Plan remains unchanged from 2016 levels. Click [here](#) to read more.



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- Online donations can be made (designate "Hurricane Matthew Response") to [OGHS UCC International Emergency Fund](#) and/or [OGHS UCC Emergency USA](#).

Pray-Prayers Following Disasters

Stay Connected

- One Great Hour of Sharing [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)
- Week of Compassion [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)
- Hurricane Matthew Disaster Response Bulletin Insert
- UCC Disaster Ministries [website](#)
- Global Ministries [website](#)

Local Church News

Executive Director Of JWM To Visit Evansville Church

Rev. Traci Blackmon, Acting Executive Director of Justice and Witness Ministries for the UCC and pastor of Christ the King UCC in Florissant, Mo., will visit Evansville, Ind. on Nov. 5. A graduate of Eden Theological Seminary, Rev. Blackmon became nationally recognized as a prominent voice for social change when



Michael Brown was shot in Ferguson, Mo., just miles from her church. She immediately got involved in organizing the Black Lives Matter movement, effectively assisting and collaborating with the people in the community working for justice.

This is a unique opportunity to engage with a UCC leader on the forefront of racial justice and the Black Lives Matter movement. The event will begin with refreshments at 9 a.m. and the program will begin at 9:30 a.m. The event will be held at St. Lucas UCC in Evansville. For more information, contact Rev. Michael Erwin at (812)250-9399.

IKC Church To Host Climate Boot Camp

[Hoosier Interfaith Power and Light](#) will hold a workshop on communicating the moral and faith dimensions of environmental issues -- especially climate change. The workshop will take place Nov. 14 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Bethlehem UCC in Evansville, Ind.

This workshop is led by staff and volunteers for the faith-based environmental organization Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light. Click [here](#) for more information and to register for this workshop.

News From Our Partners

Norton To Offer Free Clergy Seminar On Caring For Vets

Faith communities nationwide are called to meet unique needs of veterans and their families. This seminar is designed to educate clergy, faith community nurses and other pastoral caregivers about the complex issues veterans and their families face, how to respond appropriately and what resources are available. The seminar will take place Nov. 3 from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Olmsted (3701 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, KY 40206).

Free health screenings and flu shots are available to seminar attendees beginning at 7:45 a.m. There is no fee for the seminar,

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Send story ideas or comments to the editor, [Nikki Richards](#). Story ideas should be within the mission and ministry of the IKC and may be edited for space.

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but registration is required. Click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) to register online.

Interim Ministry Network Offers Transitional Ministry Course

The Interim Ministry Network is offering Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry: The Work of the Leader and The Work of the Congregation courses. The goals of these courses are to help transitional clergy, judicatories and lay leaders serving or preparing to serve a church in transition, have the training to strengthen their ministry and the congregations they serve. We all have one goal: to have a strong and healthy congregation. With the Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry training, we can all reach that goal. Click [here](#) to learn more and see the schedule of courses.

Thank you for reading the Inky e-news. If you know someone that would like to receive the e-news, you can forward them this email and they can sign up using the "Join Our Mailing List" button or they can email n.richards@ikcucc.org and request to be added to the list.

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