



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

February 2016

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### Indiana-Kentucky Conference News

#### IKC Dreams & Visions

Greetings Indiana-Kentucky Conference faithful! In an effort to keep you up to date with what's happening with our Dreams and Visions process in the Conference, the IKC Design Team will send regular emails with updates, questions to ponder and results of our research.



IKC Dreams and Visions

If you have any comments or questions, please send them directly to the Design Team's email: [ikcdesignteam@gmail.com](mailto:ikcdesignteam@gmail.com). Keep an eye out for new emails titled "IKC Dreams and Visions." You can also keep up with the Design Team and the Dreams and Visions process through social media - we're on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

#### Yearbook Reporting Deadline 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. The IKC deadline for Yearbook submissions is **Feb. 26**. If you have questions, please contact the Conference office at (317)924-1395 or [ikc@ikcucc.org](mailto:ikc@ikcucc.org).

#### IKC Women's Board Update

By Gayle Morely Jahn

Since 2010, the Women of Indiana-Kentucky

UCC Data Hub Closes  
March 7

IKC Office Closed-Good  
Friday  
March 25

Spring Connection  
Youth Retreat  
Merom Conf. Center  
April 15-17

Join Our Mailing List!



Save The Date

Strengthen The Church  
Offering  
[May 15](#)

IKC Education Day  
June 9

IKC Annual Gathering  
University of Indianapolis  
June 10-11

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

Young Ambassadors  
Generation 6  
In Germany  
July 7-30

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

Conference have been helping Sarah Maigari and the Divine Women's Merchantship in Nigeria. The program is a grassroots organization that provides job training, business management, literacy and health classes. They also offer small business loans to women. It is funded by the loan payments, community support and some help from the government. There have been occasional setbacks due to the violent destruction of Boko Haram, but Sarah and her group persevere - a tenacious force for good. The graduates of her program train more women so the benefits have multiplied. They are also attempting to set up some clinics with midwives for safer deliveries.

We are also helping to promote the national UCC initiative Reading Changes Lives. Education, especially of women, is essential to bring about positive change in many parts of the developing world. Raising literacy rates in our own community has proven to have a dramatic effect on bringing down rates of both crime and poverty.

We had a fantastic IKC Women's Retreat in Louisville, Ky. in September and are now eagerly looking forward to another powerful experience at our 2016 retreat to be held Sept. 16-18 at the Merom Conference Center.

The women of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference are a spirit-filled group who provide support for the mission of the church - individually and as a conference.

#### **Cheerful Giving**

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

Very few church members will leave a portion of their estate to the church. Adding a church to one's will is very easy to do. So why aren't more members doing that? Because the church doesn't ask.

Fortunately, asking is easy. There are three components which, when used together, help inspire members to remember the church in their wills.

1. Legacy Giving Messages - Include short, simple reminders in every communication, such as, "Remember the church in your will."
2. Annual Seminars - Bring in a respected professional, such as an estate attorney, to speak

IKC Women's Retreat  
Merom Conference Center  
Sept. 16-18

## One Great Hour Of Sharing Special Offering



Most UCC congregations will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering on **March 6**. For more information on OGHS, click [here](#).

[OGHS](#) on Facebook  
[OGHS](#) on Twitter

## We Have Moved

Our new address is:

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Conference  
United Church of Christ  
1100 W. 42nd Street, Suite  
155  
Indianapolis, IN 46208



The Indiana-Kentucky  
Conference of the  
United Church of Christ  
was selected as a

about estate planning issues.

Personal Asks - Make private, one-on-one requests at an appropriate time.

For more hints and helps, download this free [Legacy Giving Manual](#).

## 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.

### Pension Boards Offers Financial Planning Services

The Pension Boards now offers financial planning services through Ernst & Young Financial Planning Services (EYFPS) at no cost to actively-contributing members of the Annuity Plan for the United Church of Christ. EYFPS can help evaluate your financial position, retirement planning goals, and other financial concerns.

Eligible members may speak with a financial planner at no cost. Financial planners are trained in topics of importance to members, including PBUCC-administered plans and programs. Click [here](#) for more information.

### NYE Update

National Youth Event (NYE) registration is now open. Because there is so much new information on the NYE 2016 [website](#), we suggest youth leaders visit the site, check out all the new information and news and then click the registration link. Registration remains open until May 27. Full payment is due at the time of registration. The age range for NYE is 13-18, so long as an 18-year-old has not begun college.

Check out the sub-themes that will be used throughout NYE:

Constant Contact  
All Star  
in 2011, 2012 & 2013

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

Sincerely,

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Tuesday, July 26

*Believe in the Earth!*

Wednesday, July 27

Morning-*Believe in Each Other!*

Evening-*Believe in the Unconventional!*

Thursday, July 28

Morning-*Believe in the Prophetic!*

Evening-*Believe in Justice!*

Friday, July 29

*Believe in Your Story!*

Saturday, July 30

*Believe in You(th)!*

One of the service projects at NYE 2016 is Locks of Love. Youth, youth leaders and anybody else who is registered can donate their hair to be made into wigs for children who have lost their hair due to illness or treatment. Appointments for a haircut can be made when registering for NYE 2016. Anyone wishing to make the gift has to have hair 10 inches long, so start letting that hair grow now! Parental consent to make the donation is required, in advance.

New information is being posted almost daily, now, on the [NYE website](#) so we encourage everybody to check it often.

### **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.

## **News From Our Partners**

### **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,

### **Chicago Theological Seminary Launches White Privilege Glasses Program**

Chicago Theological Seminary (CTS) has launched a new campaign called "White Privilege Glasses." The cornerstone of this effort is a minute-long video. The premise of this short film is, "what if we had glasses that helped us see privilege in everyday life?"

CTS President Rev. Alice Hunt explains, "Racism is the pre-eminent social justice issue of our time. The purpose of this spot is to challenge people to see the oppressive ubiquity of racism in our world... and to inspire dialogue and action."

Click [here](#) to visit the official White Privilege Glasses website, where you can watch the video, download press materials, and get more information.

### **UCC Disabilities Ministries & Mental Health Network**

Each year the UCC Washington DC office spearheads the denomination's work in social justice advocacy and legislative lobbying. People with disabilities, brain disorders/mental illness, and their allies have a vested interest in being included in social justice advocacy and legislative priorities. The link below will allow you to make your voice heard in what the UCC's priorities in Washington should be, so take this opportunity to be included. Help the UCC Washington office discern its work for 2016. Take [this survey](#) and help us to understand which issues are current priorities for you!

### **Global Ministries Updates**

Check out these recent blog updates from our partners with Global Ministries.

#### Shalom Center, Chile

Global Ministries is pleased to share new information on the ministries and values of long-term partner, Shalom Center in Chile.

[Click here](#) to learn how the Shalom Center is creating a safe space of reconciliation, after decades of repression, poverty, injustice and disasters.

#### Empowering Children & Youth In Sri Lanka

Partners bring hope through programs for children and families living on tea plantations in Sri Lanka. [Read more...](#)

#### Hello From Sri Lanka

An update from volunteers serving with the Church of American Ceylon Mission. [Read more...](#)

### **Promoting Health In Your Faith Community**

Health care professionals and others interested in learning about the promotion of health and wellness within faith communities are invited to a free information session on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Norton Healthcare Pavilion in Louisville, Ky. Please call (502)629-2700 to register.

Course Objectives:

- Describe the functions of a health minister
- Identify the roles of a faith community nurse
- List possible health ministry activities
- Review Office of Church and Health Ministries resources

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