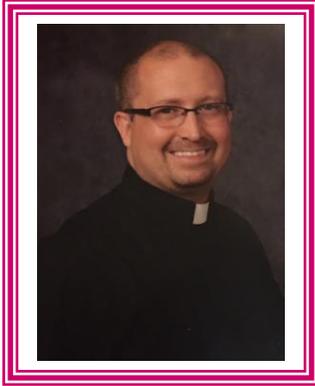


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EDUCATION DAY

Sponsored by the Indiana-Kentucky Conference
of the United Church of Christ



June 10, 2017

**University of Indianapolis
1400 E. Hanna Ave., Indianapolis, IN**

**Led By:
Rev. Chad Abbott**

Sacred Habits: The Rise of Creative Clergy – At a time when the church in the United States is struggling to make sense of its place in the public square, a space of inquiry is needed that intersects the work of religion scholars and local church pastors. What will the future of the church look like, and is there hope for transformation? Our new Designated Conference Minister, the Rev. Chad Abbott, has written a book entitled "Sacred Habits: The Rise of the Creative Clergy" focusing upon an emerging future for the church, one that embraces creativity and experimentation in the pastorate in the midst of a context of rapid decline. It is written to encourage pastors to bring wisdom to the work of parish ministry through the use of creativity and experimentation; for seminarians who are anticipating entering the parish and for congregations who are in the process of examining how to engage in practices, habits, and creative ideas. Sacred Habits is a collection of essays from local clergy, scholars, authors, and entrepreneurs who are utilizing their own creative habits to transform the Church. Several of the voices contained in this volume will be present on a panel for our education day to engage us in a conversation about the future of our work as Church. The IKC invites you to learn, offer your voice through conversation in small breakouts, and take back to your church a sense of inspiration for how we might re-imagine Church in the 21st century. Panel will include



Rev. Andy Kort
First Presbyterian
Bloomington, IN



Rev. Michelle Torigian
St. Paul UCC
Cincinnati, OH



Rev. Michael Mather
Broadway UMC
Indianapolis, IN



Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
Christian Theological Sem.
Indianapolis, IN

Breakfast & Registration 7:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Program: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Lunch: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00 per person*

****Registration fee for those not attending 54th Annual Gathering.***