



Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ

March 2016

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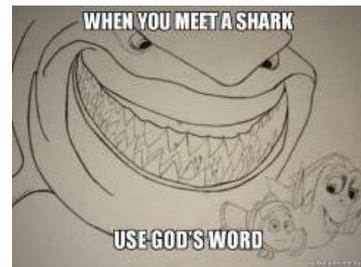
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Indiana-Kentucky Conference News

Life Is A Journey: Spring Connection Youth Retreat

Like Nemo, sometimes we get a little lost. How do we get back on track and find our way? Psalms 119:105 tells us that God's "word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path." Join us as we



walk (or swim) our way through this thing called life. We will use the word of God and "Finding Nemo" to figure out how to find our way by accepting ourselves and all the people we meet along the way.

This retreat is open to youth in grades 6-12. The registration fee is \$95 per person and includes lodging, meals and a retreat t-shirt. Register by March 30 to receive a t-shirt. Final registration will close on April 8. Click [here](#) for more information and to register now.

New Bible 101 Adult Retreat

Meet the Gospels! Matthew, Mark, Luke and John... Most of us think of the four Gospels as one, big mashed-up story that sometimes repeats itself. Well, the truth is that they can be very different and each tells a unique story. We'll spend a weekend studying some of Jesus' parables and how the Gospel writers relate them to us. We'll also explore new ways of reading, listening, hearing and praying. Come and explore the old, old story with new eyes and ears.

This Outdoor Ministries retreat is open to adults 18 and older and takes place April 8-10 at the Merom Conference Center. Registration costs \$105 per person

Spring Connection
Youth Retreat
Merom Conference Center
[April 15-17](#)

DPRMT Work Camp
Louisville, Ky.
[April 17-23](#)

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IKC Office Closed-
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Save The Date

Insurance Board Webinar:
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[June 8](#)

IKC Education Day
June 9

IKC Annual Gathering

and includes lodging and meals. Click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) for the registration form.

Your Help Is Needed At DPRMT Work Camps

Join the IKC Disaster Preparedness & Response Ministry Team at the upcoming work camps.

April 17-23: Work at Plymouth UCC in Louisville, Ky.

Projects: Painting, Repairing Plaster, Cleaning, Removing carpet, Building a Wall & Fixing Doors

Lodging & Meals: St. Stephen UCC in Louisville, Ky.

Fee: \$10/Person Per Day, Add \$10 For Each Overnight Stay

June 12-25: Flood Recovery Projects in Salyersville, Ky.

Projects: Painting, Cleaning, Cooking, Food & Clothing Distribution, Carpentry, Plumbing & Electrical

Lodging & Meals: Lakefront Church of God, Salyersville, Ky.

Fee: \$110/Person Per Week,

Partial Week Registration \$20/Person Per Day & Night

Contact [John Gantt](#) today for more information and registration materials. Please be sure to indicate the days that you are interested in working. Click [here](#) for a printable information sheet.

IKC Dreams & Visions

The IKC Design Team is still faithfully working through the Dreams and Visions process and will continue to send regular emails with updates, questions to ponder and results of our research. Keep an eye out for new emails titled "IKC Dreams and Visions."



IKC Dreams and visions

If you have any comments or questions, please send them directly to the Design Team's email:

ikcdesignteam@gmail.com. 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](#).

Summer Camp 2016

The 2016 summer camping season is quickly approaching. All your favorite camps are back this year, along with a few new offerings from the Outdoor Ministries Committee. Check out the links below for more information and to get registered.

[2016 Outdoor Ministries Brochure](#)
[Registration Forms](#)

University of Indianapolis
June 10-11

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

IKC Office Closed-
Annual Gathering
Compensation Day
June 13

Licensed Ministry Training
Indianapolis
June 18

Young Ambassadors
Generation 6
In Germany
July 7-30

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

iMissionworks!
Indianapolis
[Aug. 26-28](#)

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

Local Church News

IKC Church Saves Historical Building, Revives

Neighborhood

Check out [this article](#) on how the congregation at St. Peter UCC in Louisville, Ky. has found a way to save its historic building, while reviving the neighborhood surrounding the church.

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Cheerful Giving

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

Money to build or renovate buildings, retire debt or build financial reserves can be acquired through a capital campaign. Along the way, we learn yet another way to discover the joy of generosity. Here are some questions to consider ahead of a campaign:

How much money can we raise in a capital campaign?

A church's results depend upon the present level of giving, the type of project proposed and the degree of congregational ownership and enthusiasm for the project. Typically, a church can raise two to three times what it receives in its annual operating budget campaign, but is not confined to those parameters.

How far in advance do we need to plan for a campaign?

Early discussion - even a year in advance of your proposed program - will facilitate planning. If such advance planning is not possible for you, contact [Michael Erwin](#) to discuss your particular circumstances and help develop a campaign timetable. Now is the time to plan for fall 2016 or spring 2017 campaigns.

Should we seek outside counsel for our campaign?

A capital campaign consultant can consistently increase member participation by 60% and increase financial outcomes by 50%. Securing counsel can dramatically increase the likelihood of success both in the dollars raised and the enhanced comprehension by members of the congregation regarding Christian stewardship and the discussion of their money and possessions.

UCC News

Open Invitation To Dorhauer Installation

From ucc.org

The Rev. John C. Dorhauer will be formally installed as the United Church of Christ's ninth general minister and president during a [three-city worship service](#) in mid-April. The three events, scheduled on April 15 in New York City, April 16 in Chicago and April 17 in Seattle, will include a trio of UCC pastors and leaders who have been invited to offer three brief "vision statements" at each worship location.

But as organizers point out, these three services are not just about the installation of one person; rather they are planned as

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News From Our Partners

**Eden Seminary
Spring Convocation**
Eden Seminary's Spring Convocation is coming up March 29-30. This year's theme is "Forward from Ferguson: Prophetic & Pastoral Visions." Click [here](#) for more information on the event and [here](#) to register.



JOIN US FOR SPRING CONVOCATION as we focus on empowering the ministry of pastors and communities in responding to the challenge of racial justice in the church and its mission. Both clergy and laypeople are invited to Spring Convocation to listen to and interact with outstanding biblical and theological scholars.



Walter Bruggemann
Walter Macellus McPherson
Professor Emeritus of
Old Testament
Columbia Theological
Seminary

Gregory C. Ellison II
Associate Professor of
Pastoral Care and Counseling
Candler School of Theology

Iva E. Carruthers
General Secretary
Samuel Greer Proctor
Conference
Professor Emerita
Northwestern Illinois
University



For more information www.eden.edu
To go directly to registration -
www.eden.edu/springconvocation16

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a pivotal moment for the future and mission of the denomination. That's why everyone in the wider church is welcome to attend any of the three events or watch the proceedings online. [Read more...](#)

Political Activity Reminder From UCC General Counsel

In the midst of this election year, we are reminded by the UCC Office of General Counsel that organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code may not engage in activities that are considered to be political campaign interventions.

Violating this prohibition on political campaign activity can cause a church to lose its tax-exempt status. Click [here](#) to read the full statement from the General Counsel.

Important Update To NYE Registration

From ucc.org

Organizers of the United Church of Christ's upcoming [National Youth Event](#) are making a revision to the registration window to ensure youth participants have the first rights to register for the July gathering, before opening registration to reasonably accommodate families that hope to take part in the event.

The decision to delay family registration allows youth participants and chaperones a dedicated registration period until May 1. But in recognizing the importance of family, and understanding that an event at Walt Disney World holds a wide appeal, family members of participants will be able to register on a first-come, first-served basis beginning May 1. [Read more...](#)

Bi-Vocational Ministry Conference

Are you serving or seeking to serve in a bi-vocational ministry? If so, the Bi-Vocational Ministry Conference, sponsored by the UCC and partner denominations, might be for you. The conference takes place April 15-16 at Epworth By The Sea on Saint Simon's Island, Ga. The cost is \$50 per person plus housing. Registration for this event closes April 4. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Building The UCC Database Of Refugee Ministries

When the refugee crisis began making daily headlines last year, churches started asking what they could be doing to respond faithfully to this human tragedy. Has your church been part of this movement? Does your congregation feel called to become more involved? If so, the UCC would like to add your church to the growing

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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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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.

Sincerely,

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database of UCC congregations involved in refugee ministries, a resource that will encourage other congregations as they start the journey and strengthen the UCC's Refugee Ministries.

To contribute to the database, please be in direct contact with [Ariel Royer](#), UCC Partners in Service Volunteer, and [Mary Schaller Blaufuss](#), Team Leader, Global Sharing of Resources. For more information on the project, click [here](#).

New Annuity Plan Info On PBUCC Website

A list of Frequently Asked Questions about the Pension Boards Annuity Plan is now available on the [Pension Boards website](#). Links to the FAQs are also available on the Pension Boards [home page](#).

Free Lunch Webinar On Clergy Depression

Clergy often carry the joys and burdens of others, but behind their compassionate demeanor may lie deep turmoil. Join this often-taboo conversation about the stress and strains of being a pastoral leader and the impact it has on one's spiritual, emotional and psychological health.

This free videochat, hosted by the Ohio Conference, takes place April 7 from 12-1 p.m. (EDT) and is open to anyone. For more information, click [here](#) or contact [Nicole Havelka](#).

IB Free Webinar Schedule

The Insurance Board is pleased to announce the webinar schedule for the first half of 2016. These are **free** to all United Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ and Presbyterian Church (USA) churches. You can register [here](#) for all Insurance Board webinars.

PBUCC Investment Committee Votes To Eliminate Oil Sands, Thermal Coal Investments

At its recent meeting, the Investment Committee of Pension Boards UCC's Board of Trustees voted to eliminate investments in oil sands and thermal coal. The committee's action is based on our Investment Policy, which encourages the application of ESG factors in investment decisions. An article with more detail may be found on the Pension Boards' [website](#).

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