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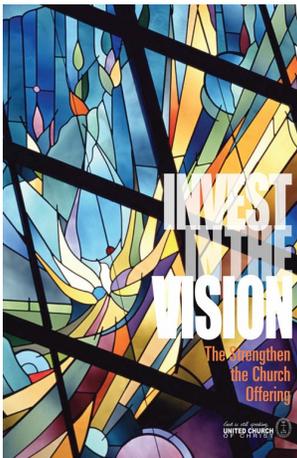
May 2016

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Upcoming Events

Strengthen The Church Offering
[May 15](#)



Town Hall Meeting
 Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Annual Gathering News

Please join us at the University of Indianapolis on June 10-11 for the [53rd Annual Gathering](#) that will include the corporate annual business meeting of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the



United Church of Christ. The Annual Gathering offers an opportunity to dream while awake and rejoice in a vision of what the future may hold.

Service Project Collections: Please continue to collect items and funds for the Church World Service Hygeine Kits that we will be assembling at Annual Gathering. We are asking each association to collect specific items for this project. Click [here](#) to see which items your association is responsible for. Please remember to email your total collection numbers (money and items) to [Charlie Overton](#) by May 27. We can't achieve our goal without you!

First Aid Station Volunteers Needed: In order to provide first aid stations at Annual Gathering this year, we need volunteers with a medical background available to serve. Volunteers need to be currently licensed in the state of Indiana. Please contact [Val Ruess](#) if you are able to help with this important part of Annual Gathering.

Hotel Room Block Now Expired: The room blocks reserved at both the Comfort Inn and Holiday Inn have now expired. If you still need a hotel room for Annual Gathering, you will need to book your room on your own.

Final Registration Deadline:
 The early registration deadline has now passed, and the final

[May 24](#)

Town Hall Meeting
Indianapolis

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Town Hall Meeting
Evansville, Ind.

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IKC Office Closed-
Memorial Day Observance
May 30

Town Hall Meeting
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Insurance Board Webinar:
Security & Your Church

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IKC Education Day
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IKC Annual Gathering
University of Indianapolis

[June 10-11](#)

DPRMT Work Camp
Salyersville, Ky.

[June 12-25](#)

IKC Office Closed-
Annual Gathering
Compensation Day
June 13

Christian Church In
Kentucky Ministry School

Lexington, Ky.

[June 20-23](#)

registration deadline is upon us. The last day to register for the 2016 Annual Gathering is Sunday, May 29. Click [here](#) for more information and to register now.

We look forward to dreaming and visioning with you at the Annual Gathering!

Indiana-Kentucky Conference News

Town Hall Meetings

The IKC Design Team invites you to attend one of our town hall meetings, scheduled for the end of May and early June. The



IKC Dreams and Visions

Design Team will share the results of their research conducted over the past few months. This information will be used to assist in the process of re-designing the Conference staff, structure and programs. We hope to present our findings and then listen to your reflections, concerns and hopes!

These town halls will also be an opportunity to learn more about the budget proposal that will be presented to the delegates of the Annual Gathering.

There is no cost for the event, but we request your registration so we can prepare appropriately for the meal at the in-person events. Click [here](#) for more information and to register now.

IKC Education Day

How do we deal with this season of change in the church? How do we create a community of faith that continues to feed our faithful members but also reaches out to those around us? This year, Education Day is focused on just this issue.

Education Day is open to UCC and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) authorized ministers and lay leaders. The event will take place June 9 at Faith UCC in Indianapolis. The deadline for registrations is June 1. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Cheerful Giving

By Rev. Michael Erwin

Pastor, Christ Church UCC & Church Financial Consultant

"The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being." Matthew 6:21 The Message

The first Saturday in May brings the Kentucky Derby into our lives. If you've ever placed a \$2 bet on a horse, you understand

Young Ambassadors
Generation 6
In Germany
July 7-30

National Youth Event
Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

[July 26-29](#)



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Save The Date

UCC Office Support Staff
Network Annual
Conference
Rockville, Md.
[Aug. 4-6](#)

National Member In
Discernment Gathering
Cleveland
Aug. 17-19

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

Commissioned/Licensed
Ministry Training Event
Indianapolis
[Aug. 27](#)

IKC Women's Retreat
Merom Conference Center

what Jesus meant by the verse above. You place your bet, and as soon as the gate opens, your eyes are fixed on your horse - through the turns, down the back side, and round again to the finish line. It's either joy or heartbreak. Now, imagine that your bet was \$2,000! You'd watch even more closely.

Try this experiment: increase your church giving for three months. After the time has elapsed, ask yourself if your heart is any closer to God, if your faith is any stronger and whether your commitment to God's ministry in your church has grown. That's a much better investment than betting on a horse race!

For those who missed the Annual Pledge Campaign webinar, click [here](#) for a recording of the webinar.

IKC Women's Board Update

By Gayle Morley Jahn
IKC Women's Board President

A reminder and invitation to the women of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference - you are invited to a women's luncheon Friday, June 10, at the IKC Annual Gathering. The IKC Women's Board has lots of information we want to share with you! Also, mark your calendars for the IKC Women's Retreat with the theme, "Planting Seeds," taking place at the Merom Conference Center Sept. 16-18. We hope to see you there.

Save The Date - Licensed Ministry Training Event

The next Commission/Licensed Ministry Training Event will be held Saturday, Aug. 27, from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Indiana Interchurch Center in Indianapolis. The registration fee is \$40 per person and the subject will be "Speaking into the Silence: Talking about Mental Health and the Church." [Rev. Sarah Lund](#), from Christian Theological Seminary, will lead the event. Click [here](#) to register now. Look for more information in the coming months.

UCC News

2016 Stewardship Theme Materials

It's time to think about your church's stewardship campaign, which means it's time to order your 2016 Stewardship Theme Materials. The 2016 stewardship theme is "Go and Do the Same" (Luke 10:37). Click [here](#) to explore all of the available coordinated materials from UCC Resources.



Sept. 16-18

Under Construction:
Building Our Faith
Together Retreat
Ocean Grove, N.J.
[Sept. 30-Oct. 2](#)

African American Women
In Ministry Conference
Whitakers, N.C.
[Oct. 13-15](#)



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Intergenerational Ministry Retreat

Discussions about intergenerational ministry abound in our churches today, and studies show the importance of positive intergenerational relationships on the faith formation of our children and youth. Yet churches are finding that building these intergenerational relationships is easier said than done. This event, "Under Construction: Building Our Faith Together," helps you to see and experience how one church does it.

Each fall, Christ Church in Summit, N.J., assembles an intergenerational portion of their congregation at the Grove Hall Retreat and Conference Center for fun, food, and formation. They've invited you to tag along and learn how they do it through observation and experience. The Faith Formation team of the United Church of Christ is sponsoring this experiential learning event taking place Sept. 30-Oct. 2 in Ocean Grove, N.J. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

New Global Ministries Children's Curriculum Available

A great new resource is now available from Global Ministries.



"Ahlan Wa Sahlan! Exploring the Holy Land" is a 10-part children's curriculum that builds on the widely used "Ahlan Wa Sahalan" Advent curriculum that was released last fall. This format is easily adapted to a number of settings including

vacation bible school, Sunday school, and even children's moments. Click [here](#) for more information on this resource.

African American Women In Ministry Conference

The 2016 African American Women in Ministry Conference will take place Oct. 13-15 in Whitakers, N.C. The theme this year is "Sisters' Lives Matter: Facing The Fierce Urgency Of Now!" Registration will open in July. Click [here](#) for more information.

Member in Discernment Gathering

The Ministerial Excellence, Support and Authorization (MESA) Ministry Team of the United Church of Christ invites Members in Discernment (MIDs) to gather Aug. 17-19 in the Church House in Cleveland for networking, mutual support, sharing resources and information, and inspiring worship. The gathering is for anyone who is officially a MID with a local association for any form of authorized ministry - licensed, commissioned and ordained. The purpose of the experience is to introduce MIDs within the UCC to the national setting of the Church and to build a foundation for vital relationships with lifelong partners in ministry. Invitations will be sent to all MIDs.

UCC & DOC Issue Joint Special Appeal For Ecuador

The United Church of Christ One Great Hour of Sharing and The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Week of Compassion have issued a [joint special appeal](#) for \$500,000 for Ecuador earthquake relief and recovery. The United Church of Christ and The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), with

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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our ecumenical partners, are well-positioned to respond to immediate needs and to be strategically active in long-term accompaniment as people recover their lives and livelihoods.



The situation is urgent. The need is great. Click [here](#) for ways you can help.

Refugees Welcome - Join The Movement

As we approach World Refugee Day, coming up on June 20, faith communities from multiple backgrounds, refugee resettlement organizations, refugee and human rights leaders, and organizations that work with refugees have formed a partnership to provide a vibrant welcome to refugees among us, and to encourage our country to continue to respond to the world's crisis by offering hospitality to most vulnerable refugees in need. The UCC has joined this campaign. Click [here](#) to learn more about Refugees Welcome.

News From Our Partners

United Church Homes Celebrates 100 Years

This year marks the 100th year of ministry with older adults for United Church Homes (UCH). As a part of this observance, there are several opportunities to connect with the ministry of United Church Homes and resources to help you do so.

May is the traditional time frame of lifting up this ministry with older adults. UCH has provided a [bulletin insert](#) for you to download and use now or in your own time.

They have also provided a [bible study and reflection](#) document for use by individuals or with small groups centered around the subject of "Transforming Aging."

UCH invites you to join their Centennial Celebration July 22-23 in Columbus, Ohio. This event will feature two full days of workshops, keynote speakers, a dinner party with live music and a special closing worship service where Rev. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President of the UCC, will be the guest preacher. For more information, click [here](#).

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