



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

June 2016

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UCC Office Support Staff  
Network Annual

### Indiana-Kentucky Conference News

#### Annual Gathering Service Project Results

Thanks to donations and volunteers from all corners of the Conference, we collected and put together 673 Church World Service Hygiene Kits at the 53rd IKC Annual Gathering. Other churches also brought 219 School Kits and four Baby Kits to send on the CWS truck! Thank you for your generosity and support of this project.



#### Cheerful Giving

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

We knew that Richard had named our church as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy. But we didn't know the amount. When the check arrived in the mail, the office administrator called and asked me to guess how much. I guessed \$34,000. She was taken aback by my guess. She had also asked both the treasurer and the finance chair, a CPA, the same question. One guessed \$1,000, the other guessed \$5,000. Probably, they were basing their guesses on their perception of our friend's simple lifestyle.

The source of my guess was different. The average bequest to charity in the U.S. in 2014 was approximately \$34,000. That seemed like a safe guess. As it turns out, the bequest he left the church was significantly more than that. We were all surprised!

I miss Richard - singing with him in the choir, or his beautiful solos, his infectious laugh, his positive attitude. He loved the church, and the depth of his love has been shown even now. I wish that I could have thanked him personally and privately for his planned gift. Perhaps, we should be more intentional with those who are still with us today.

#### IKC Women's Retreat Announced

The 2016 IKC Women's Retreat will take place Sept. 16-18 at the Merom Conference Center. The theme this year is Planting Seeds. The cost to attend the retreat is \$125 for the whole retreat or \$90 for those only attending Friday and Saturday. The deadline to register is Sept. 9. Click [here](#) for more information on the retreat and look for online registration to open this month.

#### Save The Date - Licensed Ministry Training Event

The next Commission/Licensed Ministry Training Event will be

Conference  
Rockville, Md.  
[Aug. 4-6](#)

National Member In  
Discernment Gathering  
Cleveland  
Aug. 17-19

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

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

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## Save The Date

IKC Office Closed-  
Labor Day Observance  
Sept. 5

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

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

Pension Board Pre-  
Retirement Seminar  
Indianapolis  
Oct. 10

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

Fall Assembly  
Youth Retreat  
Merom Conference Center  
Nov. 4-6

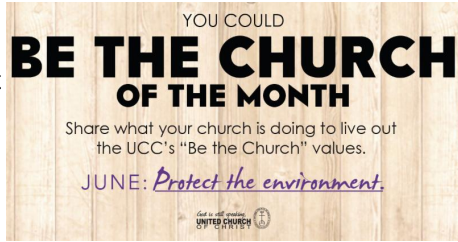
held Saturday, Aug. 27, from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Indiana Interchurch Center in Indianapolis. The registration fee is \$40 per person and the subject will be "Speaking into the Silence: Talking about Mental Health and the Church." [Rev. Sarah Lund](#), from Christian Theological Seminary, will lead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

## UCC News

### Be The Church Of The Month Initiative Kicks Off

We Know Your Church  
Is Doing Amazing  
Things That Show What  
It Means To "Be The  
Church..."

So share them with us-  
and you could "[Be the  
Church of the Month!](#)"



This UCC-wide, monthly contest began June 1. Send us information, photos, or video of what you're doing to [protect the environment](#). The winning church will receive a special prize and "Be the Church of the Month" for July!

### Who Funds The United Church Of Christ?

Interested on knowing some more facts about giving in the UCC? Check out this [blog post](#) by Rev. Dr. David Lindsey on the Vital Signs and Statistics blog.

### National Support Staff Conference Approaching

Support staff serving in all settings of the UCC are invited to the 2016 UCC Office Support Staff Network Annual Conference which kicks-off on Thursday, Aug. 4 and runs through Saturday, Aug. 6. The event is hosted by Rockville United Church in Rockville, Md. Hotel accommodations will be at the Hilton Gaithersburg.



The theme this year is Balance - Work & Life... something we all strive for, and hopefully something this conference will help participants achieve. Workshops at the event include Body Balance and Finding your Spiritual Geography, and keynote, Marchae Grair, the Social Media Associate for the national setting of the United Church of Christ in Cleveland.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

### 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 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 event takes place Aug. 17-19.

### UCC Professional Chaplains & Counselors Network

Soon the Ministerial Excellence, Support and Authorization (MESA) Ministry Team will launch an electronic newsletter, distributed bi-monthly, with the aim of addressing issues and concerns which affect the ministries of our ministers in settings outside the local church. Additionally, there is an excellent resource, the restored and revamped United Church of Christ Professional Chaplains and Counselors website:



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### CARD Blog On Bi-Vocational Ministry

Bi-vocational ministry has always been a part of the ministry experience. Click [here](#) to read a current reflection on bi-vocational ministry by Elizabeth Dilley and Malcolm Himschoot.

### Local Church News

#### Solar Energy Forum Hosted By Ft. Wayne Church

Plymouth Congregational UCC in Ft. Wayne, Ind. is hosting a free [solar forum](#) presented by an expert from Hoosier Interfaith Power and Light on June 18 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Come learn how solar panels can support mission & programs by reducing energy costs while promoting the care of our earth for all people. Clergy and lay leaders are invited.

Please call 260-423-942 or email [office@plymouthfw.org](mailto:office@plymouthfw.org) to register for this free workshop.

#### Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Workshop Offered At Indianapolis Church

Child sexual abuse is one of the most prevalent health problems children face with a wide array of consequences. Even with greater attention to prevention, still it is estimated at least one in 10 children will experience sexual abuse by their 18th birthday. This means you likely know a child for whom this is true. While it's easy to feel powerless, there are tools to help create safer communities for children.

Stewards of Children, a child sexual abuse prevention workshop, will take place Sept. 10 from 2-5 p.m. This workshop is open to anyone who wants to help make a difference in the lives of children. Rev. Jill Cameron Michel, Minister of Children, Youth and Families at Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Stewards of Children Facilitator, will be leading this workshop.

The cost of the workshop is \$10 per participant for a workbook. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Sarah Haas at [pastorsarah@friedensucc.org](mailto:pastorsarah@friedensucc.org) or 317-709-5857 by Aug. 26.

#### Marcia McFee Workshop Coming To Louisville, Ky.

Make worship more sensory-rich, more deeply spiritual, more participatory and anticipatory. St. Andrew UCC in Louisville, Ky. will host a worship workshop with [Dr. Marcia McFee](#) on Oct. 22. Dr. McFee is a renowned leader and designer of worship for regional and national gatherings including the UCC General Synod. The cost to attend is \$90 per person or \$350 per church and includes breakfast and lunch. Seminary students are invited to attend this workshop for free. For more information, please contact [Lori Miller-Price](#).

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