



Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ

July 2016

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Indiana-Kentucky Conference News

Mental Health & The Church - Ministry Training Event

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

Cheerful Giving

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

Capital Campaigns have the potential to raise money that can be directed toward long-term investments in a church's ministry. Often, when big dreams and visions arise, the question is: How do we pay for that?

How much money can a congregation typically raise in a three-year 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, and sometimes much more than that.

What happens if the project costs more than can be raised in a campaign? Many congregations undertake projects that cost more than can be raised in a single campaign. Before any campaign proceeds, a financing plan should be developed that details how a project will be funded. The plan may include indebtedness and a plan to retire that debt in subsequent campaigns.

For a free consultation about this and other financial issues, contact [Michael Erwin](#).

IKC Women's Retreat Taking Place In August



"Planting Seeds," the 2016 IKC Women's Retreat will take place Sept. 16-18 at the Merom Conference Center. 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 and to register now!

Service Project Results - 2016 IKC

[Aug. 26-28](#)

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Under Construction:
Building Our Faith
Together Retreat
Ocean Grove, N.J.
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Save The Date

Neighbors In Need Offering
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Indianapolis
Oct. 20

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Whitakers, N.C.
[Oct. 13-15](#)

Marcia McFee Workshop
Louisville, Ky.

Annual Gathering

By Charlie Overton, 2016 Annual Gathering Planning Committee

Indiana/Kentucky Conference --- you did a great job!

The service project this year was to bring items for Church World Service (CWS) Hygiene Kits, prepare them and load them on the truck for CWS.

We had a goal of 1,000 kits. We did come up a little short, but according to CWS folks, we did very well.

We prepared 673 complete Hygiene Kits. In addition to that, we were able to send 219 School Kits and 4 Baby Kits* that churches have been working on over the winter.

In addition to these completed kits, CWS was very happy to take a total of 14 boxes of extra items that were collected consisting of tooth brushes, soap, towels, washcloths and combs.

The driver said that they can always use Hygiene Kits - they had just received a request for 125,000 of them the Friday of our gathering.

So, good job and let's do more next time! Thanks to all for your efforts and thoughtfulness in participating in this project.

***Note from CWS:** Over time, requests for Baby Care Kits have decreased and we have a generous supply of these kits on hand. So we will not be promoting these kits in the future.

Dream Fulfilled & Hope Realized

The Sri Lanka Mission Partnership is thrilled to share the following story with you. As you may know, we created, developed and financially supported the Bishop Ambalavanar Girls Home in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka. It was our hope and dream to enable young girls caught in the terrible web of a long civil war in their land. We often wondered what happened to these children after the government closed the home a few years ago. By the generous and loving support of the churches in the IKC and the support of the Jaffna Diocese we share the story of [Priya Govindarajah](#) - a dream fulfilled and a hope realized.

Again, our grateful thanks to the IKC churches, church organizations and individuals whose generosity enabled this important mission.



UCC News

Be The Church Of The Month - July

"Be the Church of the Month" is a new, church-wide contest inviting all UCC churches to participate by living out the statements of the UCC's popular "Be the Church" message.



Congratulations to the "Be the Church of the Month" winner for July, [Clackamas UCC](#) in Milwaukie, Ore.

This contest is ongoing - on the first of every month, a new "Be the Church" statement will be announced, and submissions will

[Oct. 22](#)

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

Stewardship Sunday
[Nov. 13](#)

IKC Office Closed-
Thanksgiving Observance
Nov. 24-25

Christmas Fund Offering
[Dec. 18](#)

IKC Office Closed-
Christmas Observance &
Staff Vacation Time
Dec. 26-30

Young Ambassadors All
Generation Reunion
Jan. 7

IKC Confirmation Retreat
Merom Camp & Retreat
Center
[Jan. 27-29](#)

General Synod 31
Baltimore, Md.
[June 30-July 4](#)

Local Church News

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Workshop At Indy 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,

be due by the 22nd of the month. The winning church earns the "Be the Church of the Month" title for the next month. All winning churches and their accomplishments will be featured on UCC social media and ucc.org, and they'll receive a prize from the "[Be the Church](#)" collection from UCC Resources.

The "Be the Church" statement for July is: "Care for the poor." Enter the contest by sending information, photos and video of the amazing things your church is doing to live out this month's "Be the Church" statement: "Care for the poor." Send items to [Aimee Jannsohn](#) by July 22.

Last Chance To Register For Support Staff Conference
Support staff serving in all settings of the UCC are invited to the 2016 UCC Office Support Staff Network Annual Conference Aug. 4-6. 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 something this conference will help participants achieve. Click [here](#) for more

information and to register.

UCC Constitution & Bylaws Proposed Changes Feedback

After General Synod 30, the UCC Board of Directors [stated its intent](#) to obtain feedback on constitution and bylaw amendments which were considered but not ratified at General Synod. This is your opportunity to provide input to help guide their work.

The Board of Directors and officers seek to remove obstacles which inhibit effective governance. Your feedback on the constitution and bylaw amendments will help the Governance Committee to craft and the Board of Directors to present proposals which reflect input from across the UCC. Your feedback will help shape any proposals brought to General Synod in 2017.

Click [here](#) to take the survey, which should take 20-30 minutes to complete. Please provide your feedback by Aug. 16.

UCC Offering Assistance To West Virginia Flood Victims

Church World Service (CWS) has been working with the UCC and other denominations to provide relief supplies to those affected by the [flooding in West Virginia](#). This relief includes cleanup buckets, health kits and school kits. Matthew Stevens, director of congregational giving for CWS, shared thanks on behalf of CWS. "Please know that this response is only possible because of dedicated volunteers like you and your congregations. You folks help to provide the kits that we provide all around the world. Thank you!"

Just Peace Sunday

The 30th General Synod called on UCC churches to renew our witness as a Just Peace Church and annually designate a "Just Peace Sunday." On Sept. 18, churches across the country will give witness to our identity as a Just Peace Church. Click [here](#) to learn more about Just Peace Sunday and how your congregation



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. Please make checks out to Friedens UCC. On the memo line please write "Stewards of Children workbook." If you plan to attend, please RSVP to [Sarah Haas](#) at (317)709-5857 by Aug. 26.

News From Our Partners

Center For Progressive Renewal National Church Leadership Institute 2016

The Center for Progressive Renewal is hosting the National Church Leadership Institute Aug. 9-11 in Atlanta, Ga. Scholarships are available for UCC members, clergy and members in discernment. Apply for the scholarship using the link in the top right corner of the [event webpage](#).



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

can get involved.

Global Ministries Video Worship Resource

Check out this [video worship resource](#) in which Elena Huegel, Global Ministries missionary in Chile, tells an inspirational story. It describes the journey of a Mexican woman, traveling from despair to dignity and empowerment through a simple act of courtesy by a stranger.

New Mission Opportunity In Ohio

Trinity UCC in Wooster, Ohio has started a new mission trip location in their church, where your group can experience inner city life in a small town environment -- [North Street Mission](#). Groups will stay in Trinity's recently renovated building and do mission work at several agencies in the area, plus serve breakfast at the church.

Trinity has recently renovated their building to house groups and include showers, bunk beds, Wi-Fi and they provide two weekday dinners.

For more information, contact [Melissa Blyth](#) at (330)264-9250.

2015 5 For 5 Congregations

Congratulations to these IKC congregations -- giving to all five special offerings of the UCC in 2015!

Evansville Tri-State Association

Bethlehem UCC, Evansville
St. Paul's UCC, Evansville
St. Paul's (German Twp.) UCC, Evansville
St. Peter's (Highland) UCC, Evansville
Zion (Lippe) UCC, Mount Vernon
Zion UCC, Owensboro
United Church of Paducah, Paducah

Kentuckiana Association

St. Mark's UCC, New Albany
Bluegrass UCC, Lexington
Bethany UCC, Louisville
Chapel Hill UCC, Louisville
Faith Community Church UCC, Louisville
Immanuel UCC, Louisville
Lynnhurst UCC, Louisville
St. Andrew UCC, Louisville
St. Peter's Evangelical UCC, Louisville
St. Stephen UCC, Louisville

Lincolnlnd Association

St. John UCC, Cannelton
Zion UCC, Chrisney
St. Peter UCC, Dubois
Augustana UCC, Holland
St. Paul UCC, Holland

Northeast Association

Cross UCC, Berne
New Hope UCC, Bippus
Salem (Magley) UCC, Decatur
Zion UCC, Decatur
Plymouth UCC, Dunkirk
Temple Congregational UCC, Marion
Warren UCC, Warren

Northwest Association

First UCC, Bremen
Grace UCC, Culver



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Plymouth UCC, Goshen
Immanuel UCC, Highland
Peace UCC, Merrillville
St. John's UCC, Michigan City
Zion UCC, South Bend
Union Community UCC, Valparaiso
Zion UCC, Wakarusa
Salem UCC, Wanatah
St. John UCC, Woodland

Southeast Association

Prince of Peace UCC, Bargersville
Ellenberger UCC, Indianapolis
Faith UCC, Indianapolis
First Congregational UCC, Indianapolis
Immanuel UCC, Indianapolis
St. John's UCC, Indianapolis
St. John (Cumberland) UCC, Indianapolis
Zion UCC, Indianapolis
Evangelical UCC, Shelbyville
Zion UCC, Shelbyville

Wabash Valley Association

Saron UCC, Linton
St. Mark UCC, Terre Haute

Western Association

St. James Salem UCC, Francesville
Immanuel UCC, Lafayette
St. John's UCC, Medaryville
Community Church, Russellville

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