



Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ

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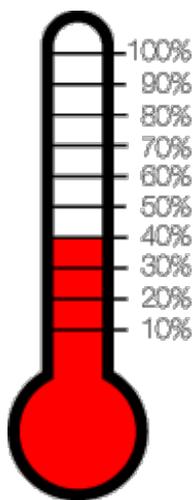
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2016 Budget Goal

OCWM Basic Support



Goal=\$635,000
We Have Reached 43%
Of Our Goal
As Of 7/31/16

Upcoming Events

Indiana-Kentucky Conference News

Mental Health Clergy Continuing Education Event

The Indiana-Kentucky Conference and the Christian Church in Indiana (DOC) are holding a special clergy continuing education event on Aug. 27 at the Indiana Interchurch Center in Indianapolis. Join colleagues from UCC and DOC churches around Indiana and Kentucky for this one day workshop titled "Speaking into the Silence: Talking about Mental Health and the Church."

[Rev. Sarah Lund](#), from Christian Theological Seminary, will lead the event. The registration fee is \$40 per person and includes lunch. Click [here](#) to register now. This event is open to all IKC authorized ministers (ordained, licensed and commissioned). There is some financial aid available if needed.

Pension Boards Pre-Retirement Seminar Oct. 20 In Indy

The Pension Boards is sponsoring a Pre-Retirement Seminar on Oct. 20 at the Indiana Interchurch Center. All members age 50 or over who have an annuity plan account balance are invited to attend. The event will begin with registration and continental breakfast at 8 a.m. and concludes at 2:35 p.m.

The seminar is offered at no cost and a one-time \$100 stipend is given to each first-time member to help defer your travel expenses. Space is limited, so we encourage you to register now. To register, please contact Sonia Santiago, Benefits Operations Assistant, at 1(800)642-6543 ext. 2646, or by e-mail at ssantiago@pbucc.org, no later than 4 p.m. (ET) Sept. 9. Please remember to have your seven-digit Pension Boards Member ID on hand if you reserve by phone, or include it in your message if you register by e-mail. Click [here](#) for the invitation letter and [here](#) for the tentative agenda.

Last Chance To Register For The IKC Women's Retreat



"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!

Cheerful Giving

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

Is the stewardship season a joyful celebration in your church? It can be when the focus is faith formation, instead of the church budget. Generosity is not primarily about money. It's about growing

National Member In
Discernment Gathering
Cleveland
Aug. 17-19

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

Speaking Into The Silence
Clergy Continuing
Education Event
Indianapolis
[Aug. 27](#)

Labor Sunday
[Sept. 4](#)

IKC Office Closed-
Labor Day Observance
Sept. 5

Stewards Of Children
Child Sexual Abuse
Prevention Workshop
Indianapolis
[Sept. 10](#)

IKC Women's Retreat
Merom Conference Center
[Sept. 16-18](#)

Just Peace Sunday
[Sept. 18](#)

Seniors Unlimited Retreat
Merom Conference Center
[Sept. 20-24](#)

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

Neighbors In Need
Offering
[Oct. 2](#)

Marriage Enrichment
Weekend
Merom Conference Center
[Oct. 7-9](#)

GLAUCE Fall Conference
Techy, Ill.
[Oct. 11-13](#)

Managing The Risk Of
Child To Child Abuse
Insurance Board Webinar
[Oct. 12](#)

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

givers' hearts and growing their faith. As the gospel teaches,
"Where your treasure is, there your heart will go."

A fall pledge campaign is an essential part of a comprehensive,
year-round stewardship and generosity program. A year-round
program helps members connect their generous giving to the work
of the gospel in their congregation. The pledge campaign gives us
an annual opportunity to reconsider our generosity.

Now is the time to start planning for your fall pledge campaign.
Consider the resources linked [here](#) to bring a faith focus to your
stewardship program this fall. For questions and more information,
contact [Michael Erwin](#).

GLAUCE Fall Conference Oct. 11-13

The [Great Lakes Association of United Church Educators](#)
(GLAUCE) Fall Conference will take place Oct. 11-13 at Techy
Towers in Techy, Ill. The theme this year is "Breakfast on the
Beach." Cathleen Starck Wille, a consultant in clergy and
congregation care, will be the keynote speaker. Click [here](#)
to register online and [here](#) for more information.

Local Church News

Marriage Enrichment Weekend Sponsored By IKC Church

"Two shall become one..." We heard that phrase when we took
wedding vows, and probably didn't think much of it. We did
become one couple, but we never lost the two individuals. Me,
you and us. When we ignore any of the three, we aren't making
the best of ourselves.

Join couples from across the IKC for a marriage enrichment
weekend Oct. 7-9 at Merom Conference Center. During this
retreat, participants will explore good ways of nurturing and
enriching the "us" to become fulfilling and satisfying to all three.
The retreat will be led by Rev. Dr. Vennard Walter, a practicing
psychotherapist and spiritual director from New Albany, Ind. The
cost is \$235 per couple.

This event is being sponsored by St. Peter UCC in Dubois, Ind.
and is open to couples from across the Conference. For more
information and to register for this event, contact [Rev. John
Sterrett](#) at (812)678-2271.

Anti-Bias Book Group

Are you interested in joining an anti-bias book group? Rev.
Sarah Haas, associate pastor at Friedens UCC in Indianapolis,
is starting a book group to discuss the book "Anti-Bias Education
for Young Children and Ourselves" by Louise Derman-Sparks
and Julie Olsen Edwards. She plans to meet for an hour once a
month to discuss a chapter of this book beginning this fall. Click
here for more information on the book. If you are interested in this
book group, please contact [Rev. Sarah Haas](#) at 317-709-5857.

UCC News

Be The Church Of The Month - August

"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.

The "Be the Church" statement for August is: "[Forgive Often](#)."
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: "Forgive Often." Send items to [Aimee
Jansohn](#) by Aug. 22.

Pension Board Pre-
Retirement Seminar
Indianapolis
[Oct. 20](#)

Marcia McFee Workshop
Louisville, Ky.
[Oct. 22](#)

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Save The Date

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](#)

New E-Newsletter For Chaplains & Ministers In Specialized Settings

The national office is preparing a new monthly e-newsletter to support chaplains and ministers in specialized settings, as well as those who support them through judicatory work. "Chapbook" will launch in September as a direct communication from Stephen Boyd, MESA's Minister to Chaplains & Ministers in Specialized Settings and the UCC's Ecclesiastical Endorser, sharing resources and connections critical to those in ministry beyond the walls of local churches. Ministers serving in specialized settings are encouraged to sign up for "[Chapbook](#)."

African American Women in Ministry Gathering

The African-American Women in Ministry Network will hold its biennial conference at Franklinton Center at Bricks, N.C. Oct. 13-15. This event is open to all African-American women in the UCC who are authorized ministers or members in discernment, and provides time for worship, conversation, networking and community-building. Click [here](#) to register now. Registration closes Sept. 1.

Observe Labor Sunday, September 4

The Sunday of Labor Day weekend is [Labor Sunday](#), a day to lift up workers, celebrate their contributions and support their struggles. It is also a day to commit ourselves to improving jobs so that all workers have wages, benefits, and work hours that allow them to thrive. Please consider offering a prayer, leading an educational event or action, incorporating workers into worship liturgy, or preaching with a focus on workers' issues. Resources are available for a Labor Sunday service including a lectionary-based [reflection](#), [bulletin insert](#), [liturgical elements](#) including Beatitudes for Workers and worker-justice [buttons](#). Click [here](#) for more UCC Labor Sunday resources and lift up workers on Sept 4.

News From Our Partners

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.

Managing the Risk of Child-Child Abuse in your Ministries

Oct. 12

2-3 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Our experts at Praesidium will address how you can reduce the risk of child to child abuse in your ministries.

CPR New Church Collaboratory To Be Held In Indy

The Center for Progressive Renewal is holding its first New Church Collaboratory Oct. 6-8 at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. The New Church Collaboratory creates the space for connection, collaborative learning and the cultivation of new things. This regional gathering brings together 50-75 new church visionaries at various times throughout the country. Each site bridges the divide between the mainline traditions and the progressive evangelical world allowing us to take the best of both worlds as we form and re-form the future church. Future sites include Nashville and New York. Click [here](#) for more information and to register for this event.

Health Ministries & Faith Community Nursing

Introduction to Health Ministries and Faith Community Nursing is a two-day course for individuals and church leaders interested in beginning or enhancing a faith community wellness program.



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in 2011, 2012 & 2013

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Stay Connected



The program takes place Oct. 14-15 at the Norton Healthcare Pavilion in Louisville, Ky. For more information and to register, click [here](#). Norton Healthcare is one of the CHHSM agencies supported by the IKC.

Resource Institute - Resources For Mental Health

The focus of the 2016 Resource Institute is "Working With Clergy and Congregations: Resources for Mental Health Care and Recovery Support." This event is a regional conference that UCC clergy and lay members that are interested in mental health and faith are invited to. It will be held Sept. 29-30 in Addison, Ill. (Chicago area).

The registration for the Institute is available by clicking the link for the Resource Institute on the Pathways to Promise [website](#). Click [here](#) for more information on this event.

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