

Twenty-Ninth General Synod Agenda at a Glance

Friday, June 28

MORNING

General Registration (8:30 a.m.)
 Synod 101 (11 a.m.)
 Exhibit Hall Opens (12 noon)

AFTERNOON

Educational Intensives (1 p.m.)
 Plenary (3 p.m.)

EVENING

Sponsored Meals (5 p.m.)
 Opening Worship (7:30 p.m.)
 The Rev. Neichelle Guidry Jones,
 Preacher

Saturday, June 29

MORNING

General Registration (7:30 a.m.)
 Worship (8:30 a.m.)
 Plenary (9 a.m.)
 Maria Hinojosa, Speaker

AFTERNOON

Testimony! Gala Luncheon (12 noon)
 Festival on the Marina Green (12 noon)
 Workshops (2 p.m.)
 Service Projects (2 p.m.)
 Meet the Candidates (2 p.m.)
 Sights and Sounds of the
 South Pacific Luau (5 p.m.)

EVENING

This Could Be Heaven (7:30 p.m.)
 Bernice Johnson Reagon &
 Toshi Reagon in Concert

Sunday, June 30

MORNING

Office Registration (All Day)
 Committees (9 a.m.)

AFTERNOON

Sponsored Meals (12 noon)
 Committees (2 p.m.)
 Worship (3 p.m.)
 The Rev. Martin Copenhagen, Preacher

EVENING

Sponsored Meals (5 p.m.)
 Awards Presentation (5 p.m.)
 Hearings (7:30 p.m.)

Monday, July 1

MORNING

Office Registration (All Day)
 Plenary (8:30 a.m.)

AFTERNOON

Sponsored Meals (12 noon)
 Plenary (2:30 p.m.)
 Peter Kageyama, Speaker

EVENING

Sponsored Meals (5 p.m.)
 Plenary (7:30 p.m.)
 Worship (8:45 p.m.)
 Pastor Julian DeShazier, Preacher

Tuesday, July 2

MORNING

Office Registration (All Day)
 Plenary (8:30 a.m.)

AFTERNOON

Sponsored Meals (12 noon)
 Exhibit Hall Closes (12 noon)
 Plenary (2:30 p.m.)
*New governance structure
 takes effect*

EVENING

UCCB Meeting (4:30 p.m.)
 Closing Worship (7:30 p.m.)
 The Rev. Jo Hudson, Preacher



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Session 1 Workshop;

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2 pm - Saturday, June 29 Room S-4B

Session 2 Workshop;

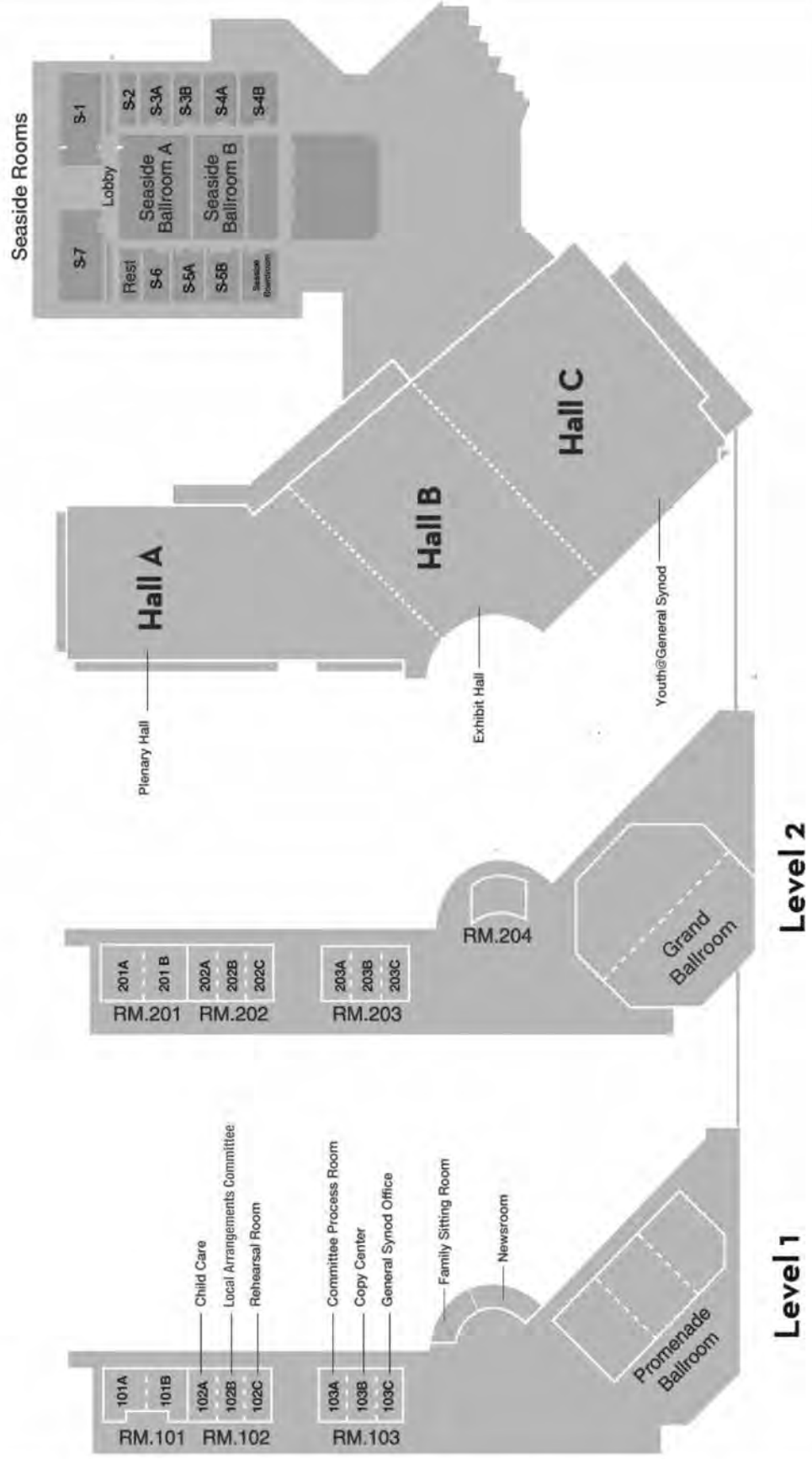
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3:45 pm - Saturday, June 29 Room S-4B

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Welcome to the Twenty-Ninth General Synod of the United Church of Christ

The Moderator, the Rev. Libby Tigner, the Assistant Moderators, Ms. Dale Bonds and the Honorable Brian Holeman, the Executive Council, the Collegium of Officers, and the members of the Southern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ join in welcoming you to the Twenty-Ninth General Synod in Long Beach, Calif.

The Local Arrangements Committee in Long Beach, under the leadership of the Rev. Paul Kittlaus and Mrs. Janet Vandevender, has been hard at work preparing to welcome delegates and visitors to Long Beach. The committee is the local hands-on connection for General Synod, representing over 120 local churches. The committee's goal is to provide overall support to the General Synod, ensure that you are warmly welcomed, that you can find your way around the city easily and comfortably, and that you fully experience this great celebration of our wider church family.

Thank you to the Local Arrangements Committee and the General Synod staff team!

General Synod 29 Local Arrangements Leadership

Thank you to the
Local Arrangements
Committee and the
General Synod
Staff Team!

Co-chairs:

Paul Kittlaus
Janet Vandevender

**Blitz Coordinator/
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Betsy Bacon

Festival on the Marina Green:

June Boutwell
Libby Tigner
Mary Flynn

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June Boutwell, co-chair

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Marty Steinman

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Kay Held

Shuttle/Transportation:

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Karen Miller

Youth Stewards:

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Stella Perez

Hospitality Committee:

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Robinmarie McClement, co-chair

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Reception:**

Sharon Kayser

Hotel Reception:

Kay Gault

**Children's Program/
Child Care:**

Susie Bjork
Ginger Joseph

Special Needs:

Sam Buchenau

VIP Transportation:

Misi Pouena Tagaloa
Ronda Holman

**Bed and Breakfast for
Volunteers:**

Paul Lance

**Environment, Worship, and
Stage Design:**

Gene Boutilier
Robert Stapp, Head Usher

**Southern California Nevada
Conference Staff:**

The Rev. Felix Villanueva,
Conference Minister
The Rev. Libby Tigner,
Associate Conference Minister,
GS29 Moderator
Keith Clark, Executive Associate
Conference Minister

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GOD'S VISION: TESTIMONY!

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

12 NOON

Grand Ballroom, Long Beach Convention Center

An afternoon gala to launch **Testimony!**,
a \$1 million campaign for the United Church of Christ's
New & Renewing Church Fund.

Experience the debut of "Open Frames," a theatrical performance that is inspired by the incredible history of the United Church of Christ ("the known"), the current state of the church ("the now") and the future of what "church" means for generations to come ("the next").

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COMPLETE AGENDA

THURSDAY, JUNE 27		
Committee of Reference Meeting	Renaissance Capri Room	8 a.m.
Executive Council Meeting	Renaissance Naples Ballroom	1 p.m.
General Registration Opens	Convention Center Lobby	5 p.m.
Executive Council Reception	Renaissance Naples Ballroom	5:30 p.m.
YOUTH@GENERAL SYNOD	HALL C	
PSALMS: History & Polity with the Rev. J. Bennett Guess		10 a.m.
STORIES: Chapman University presents Giovanni Ortega		2 p.m.
SONGS: A Conversation between Gospel & Jazz with the Rev. Geoffrey A. Black and friends		6 p.m.
Is It Well Healing & Affirmation Worship with the Rev. Yvonne V. Delk		7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, JUNE 28		
General Registration Opens	Convention Center Lobby	8:30 a.m.
Exhibit Hall Opens	Hall B	12 noon
Educational Intensives	<i>See pages 36-41 for full details.</i>	1 p.m.
PLENARY	HALL A	3 P.M.
General Synod Welcome		
Electronic Voting System Tutorial		
Administrative Business		
Report of the Nominating Committee / Nominations from the Floor for Board		
Sponsored Meals	<i>See pages 32-34 for full listing.</i>	5 p.m.
PLENARY AND OPENING WORSHIP	HALL A	7:30 P.M.
Renomination of the Rev. M. Linda Jaramillo, Executive Minister, Justice and Witness Ministries		
Prayer for Marriage Equality		
The Scarf Project Commissioning		
Recognition of Ecumenical and International Guests		
Worship with the Rev. Neichelle Guidry Jones		
Theological Reflection with the Rev. Quinn Caldwell and the Rev. Rita Nakashima Brock		
Executive Council Meeting	Renaissance Naples Rooms 1 & 2	10 p.m.

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COMPLETE AGENDA

FRIDAY, JUNE 28 (CONTINUED)		
YOUTH@GENERAL SYNOD	HALL C	
God's Vision: Living Out Loud. Living Out Love.		10 a.m.
Post-Demonstration Youth Shout-Outs		2 p.m.
DigDeep: Water is precious, and so is human dignity.		2:30 p.m.
Mime Art + Taize = Closing Reflection with Todd Farley, Adriel Ruben, and Michigan Conference Youth & Young Adults		3:30 p.m.
Youth Sing Out Choir Rehearsal		4:30 p.m.
Sports, Songs, Spirit & S'mores presented by Outdoor Ministries Association		9:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, JUNE 29		
Cov. Ministry Board Meetings	Renaissance Naples Rooms	7:30 a.m.
General Registration Opens	Convention Center Lobby	7:30 a.m.
WORSHIP	HALL A	8:30 A.M.
PLENARY	HALL A	9 A.M.
Report from the Collegium of Officers		
Re-nomination of the Rev. Geoffrey A. Black, General Minister & President		
Celebration of New Congregations		
Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Council for Health and Human Service Ministries (CHHSM)		
Celebration of the Wilmington 10 Pardon		
Theological Reflection		
Keynote Presentation: Maria Hinojosa		
Testimony! Gala Luncheon	Grand Ballroom	12 noon
Festival on the Marina Green	<i>See page 42 for details</i>	12 noon
Workshops	<i>See pages 43-58 for full listing</i>	2 p.m.
Meet the Candidates	S-2	2 p.m.
Sights & Sounds of the South Pacific Luau	Rainbow Lagoon	5 p.m.
THIS COULD BE HEAVEN: In Concert with Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon and Toshi Reagon	Hall A	7:30 p.m.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 29 (CONTINUED)		
YOUTH@GENERAL SYNOD	HALL C	
Border Immersion Experience with Council for Youth and Young Adult Ministries (CYIAM) and Centro Romero		6:30 a.m.
Youth Sing Out Rehearsal		4 p.m.
Prayers, Poets & Peacemaking with Climbing Poetree		9:30 p.m.
SUNDAY, JUNE 30		
General Registration Opens	Synod Office (Rm. 103C)	8 a.m.
Committee Meetings	<i>See pages 125-126 for listing</i>	9 a.m.
Sponsored Meals	<i>See pages 32-34 for a full listing</i>	12 noon
WORSHIP with the Rev. Martin Copenhaver	HALL A	3 P.M.
Award Recipients Reception	Hall B	5 p.m.
Sponsored Meals	<i>See pages 32-34 for a full listing</i>	5 p.m.
Hearings	<i>See page 123 for listing</i>	7:30 p.m.
YOUTH@GENERAL SYNOD	HALL C	
YouthRead with Lillian Daniel		11 a.m.
Youth Sing Out Rehearsal		12:30 p.m.
Youth Forum & Sing Out for Peace Concert		7:30 p.m.
MONDAY, JULY 1		
General Registration Opens	Synod Office (Rm. 103C)	7:30 a.m.
PLENARY	HALL A	8:30 A.M.
Renomination of the Rev. J. Bennett Guess, Executive Minister of Local Church Ministries		
Budget Presentation and Vote		
Committee Reports & Voting		
Election of the Collegium of Officers		
Theological Reflection		
Sponsored Meals	<i>See pages 32-34 for a full listing</i>	12 noon

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COMPLETE AGENDA

MONDAY, JULY 1 (CONTINUED)		
PLENARY	HALL A	2:30 P.M.
Committee Reports & Voting Keynote Speaker: Mr. Peter Kageyama Election of the United Church Board Election of General Synod 30 Moderator & Assistant Moderator, the Hon. Mr. Brian Holeman and the Rev. Sue Artt Committee Reports & Voting Recognition of New and Retiring Conference Ministers Theological Reflection		
Sponsored Meals	<i>See page 32-34 for a full listing</i>	5 p.m.
PLENARY	HALL A	7:30 P.M.
Committee Reports & Voting Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ Pension Boards Theological Reflection WORSHIP with Pastor Julian DeShazier		
TUESDAY, JULY 2		
General Registration Opens	Synod Office (Rm. 103C)	7:30 a.m.
PLENARY	HALL A	8:30 A.M.
Committee Reports & Voting Celebration of Mission 4/1 Earth Keynote Speaker: Dr. David W. Orr Celebration of Existing Covenanted Ministry Board Introduction of United Church Board Committee Reports & Voting Theological Reflection		
Sponsored Meals	<i>See page 32-34 for a full listing</i>	12 noon
Exhibit Hall Closes	Hall B	12 noon

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TUESDAY, JULY 2 (CONTINUED)

PLENARY	HALL A	2:30 P.M.
Committee Reports & Voting Invitation to General Synod 30 Installation of New Moderator and Assistant Moderator Theological Reflection		
United Church Board Meeting	Room 204	4:30 p.m.
CLOSING WORSHIP with the Rev. Jo Hudson	HALL A	7:30 P.M.

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General Information

For general information about Synod, locations of rooms, the schedules, or any other concerns, please stop by the information table located in the lobby of the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center and speak with volunteers and staff.

The plenaries and worship will be in Exhibit Hall A, the exhibits will be in Exhibit Hall B and the Youth and Young Adult Space is in Exhibit Hall C. You can easily navigate between the plenary and exhibit hall.

During the first days of Synod, please take some time to acquaint yourself with the convention center as most sponsored meals and other Synod related activities will take place here. Room locations for the various caucuses and meetings, sponsored meals, Synod operations and other related events can be found in this program under “General Synod Related Events” (pages 119-124).

Throughout Synod, a section of the plenary floor will be designated as “the bar of the house,” and as such, seating will be restricted to only delegates and associate delegates. On Sunday, however, you’re welcome to sit wherever you would like, as there will not be a “bar of the house.”

Although many have signed up for sponsored meals, delegates and visitors will find many restaurants in the immediate area. Below is a listing of area restaurants, or visit the Hospitality Table in the lobby for additional information.

Downtown Long Beach Restaurants and Shops

There are four distinct “clusters” of restaurants, night spots and amenities all within a fifteen minute walk from the Long Beach Convention Center, ranging from fast food to fine dining. Here is a partial listing with an approximate price range:

- \$ dinner and beverage *under* \$15
- \$\$ dinner and beverage *under* \$25
- \$\$\$ dinner and beverage *over* \$25

See Downtown
Long Beach
maps, pp. 18-19.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Restaurant Key

\$ under \$15

\$\$ under \$25

\$\$\$ over \$25

The Pike (directly across Pine Avenue from the Convention Center)

Islands Fine Burgers and Drinks 55 S. Pine Avenue

\$\$ Burgers, sandwiches, salads

California Pizza Kitchen 61 S. Pine Avenue

\$\$ Specialty pizza, pasta, salads

Sharkey's Mexican Grill 51 The Paseo

\$ Mexican

Xtreme Pizza 21 The Paseo

\$ Pizza

Auld Dubliner 71 S. Pine Avenue

\$\$ Irish pub

The Aquarium of the Pacific (south of Shoreline Drive)

Bubba Gump Shrimp Company 87 Aquarium Way

\$\$ Seafood, sandwiches, salads

Boston's Gourmet Pizza 90 Aquarium Way

\$\$ Pizza, pasta, salads

Chili's 30 W. Shoreline Drive

\$\$ Southwest

Outback Steakhouse 20 W. Shoreline Drive

\$\$ Steaks and sandwiches

PF Chang's China Bistro 340 S. Pine Avenue

\$\$ Chinese

Tokyo Wako 310 S. Pine Avenue

\$\$ Japanese table-cooking, sushi

Famous Dave's 300 S. Pine Avenue

\$\$ BBQ

Gladstone's 330 S. Pine Avenue

\$\$\$ Seafood, reservations recommended

Shoreline Village (south of Shoreline Drive, 1 block east)

Yard House 401 Shoreline Village Drive

\$\$ Brewery, burgers, sandwiches, salads

Tequila Jack's 407 Shoreline Village Drive

\$\$ Mexican

Parker's Lighthouse 435 Shoreline Village Drive

\$\$\$ Seafood, steaks, reservations recommended

Pine Avenue (on or near Pine Avenue between Ocean and Fourth)

Rock Bottom Brewery 1 Pine Avenue

\$\$ Brewery, burgers, sandwiches, salads

L'Opera 101 Pine Avenue

\$\$\$ Italian, reservations recommended

Alegria Cocina Latina 115 Pine Avenue

\$\$ Mexican

La Creperie Café 130 Pine Avenue

\$\$ Crepes, salads, pasta

George's Greek Café 135 Pine Avenue

\$\$ Mediterranean

Café Sevilla 140 Pine Avenue

\$\$ Spanish

King's Fish House 100 W. Broadway (at Pine)

\$\$\$ Seafood, reservations helpful

Subway 100 W. Broadway (at Pacific)

\$ Sandwiches

Broadway Pizza 120 E. Broadway

\$ Pizza, sandwiches, pasta

Taco Beach 211 Pine Avenue

\$ Mexican cantina

Johnny Rocket's 245 Pine Avenue

\$ Burgers

Kabob Curry 108 W. Third

\$ Indian Pakistani

Omelette Inn 318 Pine Avenue (breakfast & lunch only)

\$ Omelets, sandwiches, salads

Potholder, Too 301 W. Broadway (breakfast & lunch only)

\$ Breakfast, sandwiches, salads

La Traviata 301 N. Cedar Ave.

\$\$\$ Italian, reservations recommended for dinner

Coffee

Java Junction 111 W. Ocean Blvd.

Starbucks Lobby of Renaissance Hotel, 111 E. Ocean Blvd.

Starbucks 242 Pine Avenue

It's a Grind 247 Pine Avenue

Drug Store

CVS 596 Long Beach Blvd.

Walgreen's 600 Long Beach Blvd.

Rite Aid 601 Pine Avenue

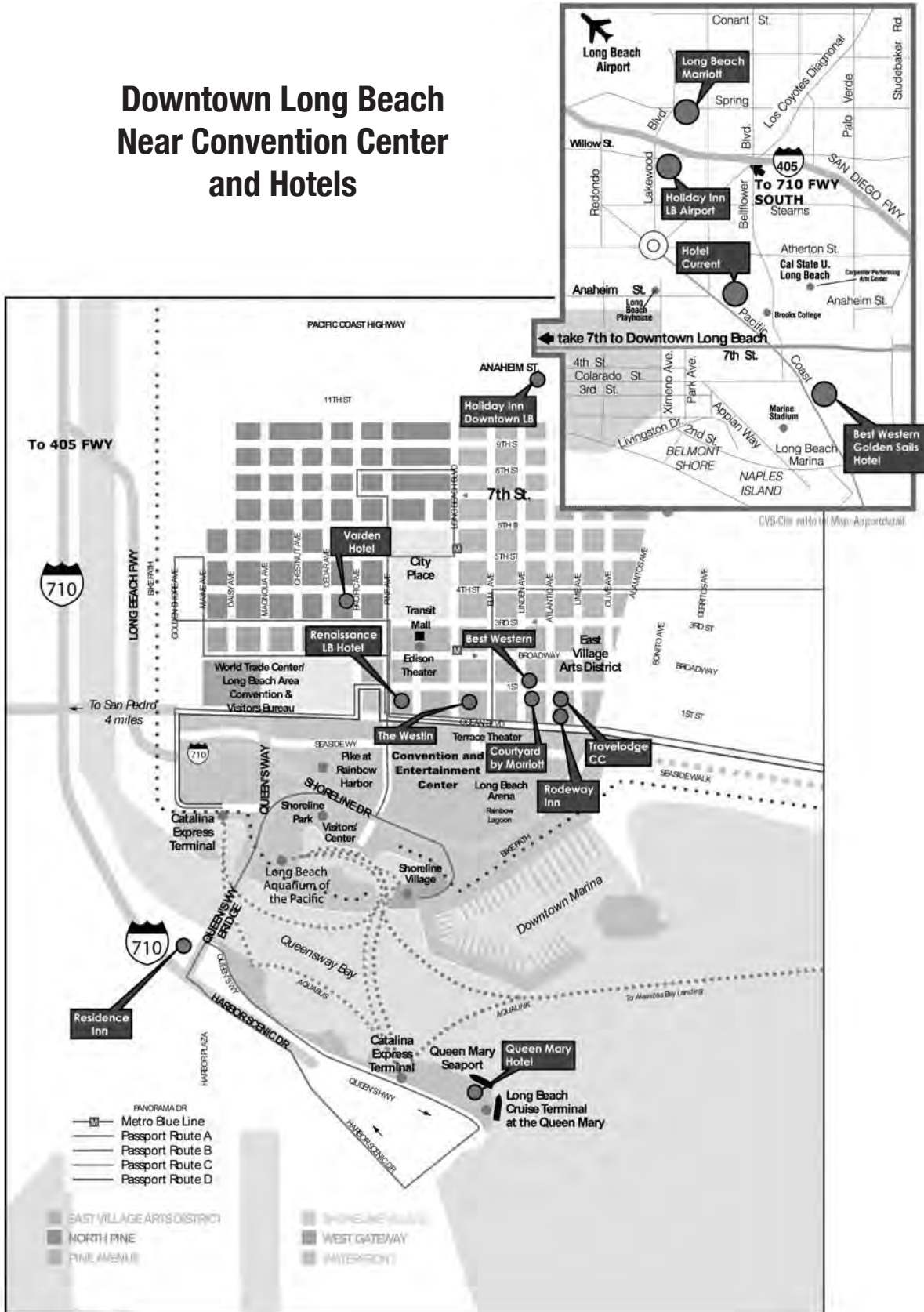
Grocery

Von's 600 E. Broadway

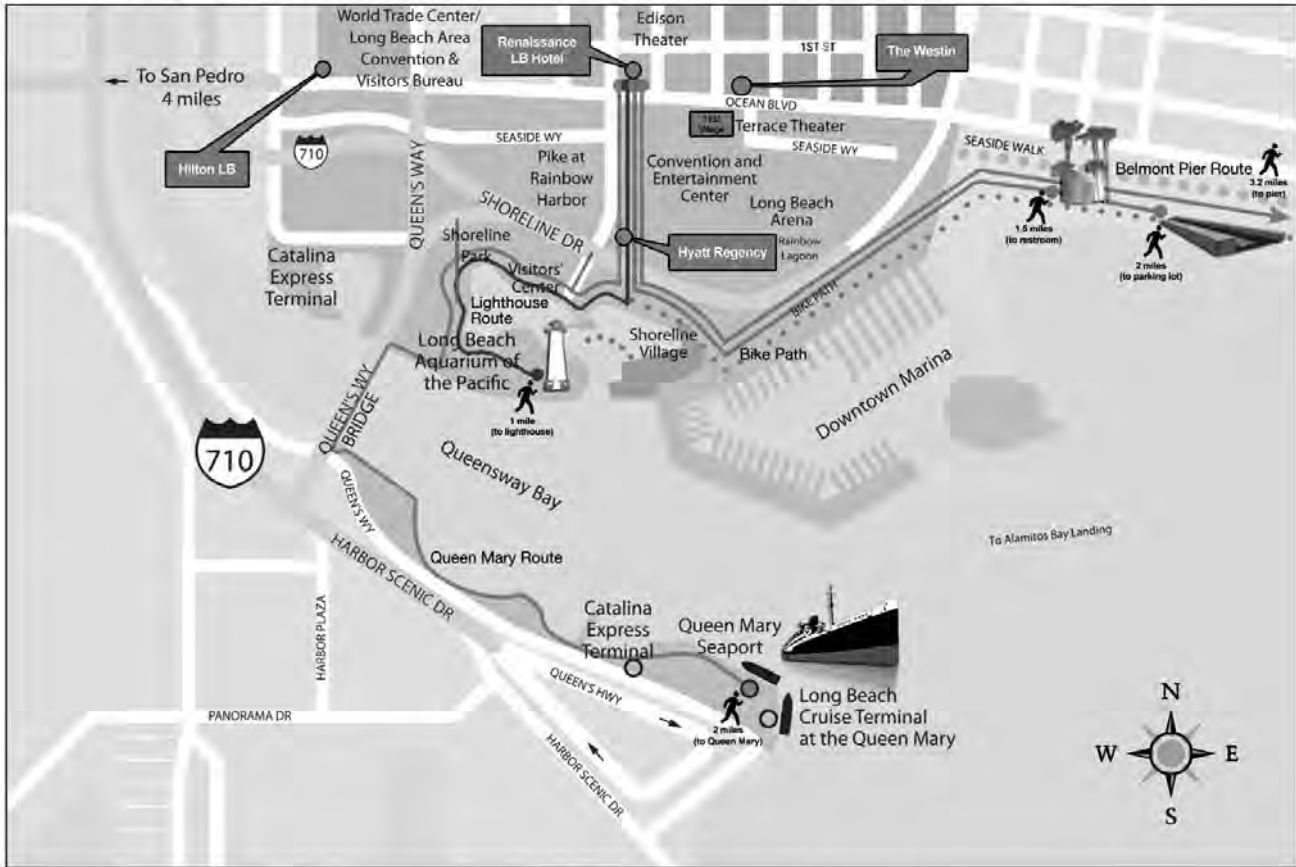
Albertson's 450 Long Beach Blvd.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Downtown Long Beach Near Convention Center and Hotels



Bike Paths Near the Convention Center



Legend

Distance Markers	The Lighthouse	Restroom	Parking Lot	The Queen Mary	Queen Mary Route	Bike Path Routes
					Lighthouse Route	Belmont Pier Route

Map not to scale - Distances are approximated

- 2 Mile Loop - Lighthouse Route (turn around at lighthouse)
- 3 Mile Loop - Bike Path Route to Restrooms (turn around at restrooms)
- 4 Mile Loop - Bike Path Route to Parking Lot (turn around at parking lot)
- 4 Mile Loop - Queen Mary Route (turn around at Queen Mary Main Entrance)
- 6 Mile Loop - Belmont Pier Route (turn around at Belmont Pier)

Sights and Sounds of the South Pacific **LUAU**

Saturday, June 29th

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Rainbow Lagoon Park

adjacent to the Long Beach Convention Center

With entertainment and music provided by members of the Samoan Ministries Table of the Southern California Nevada Conference, this is an opportunity to hear the music and see the dance that is integral to the Samoan culture. You may even get to learn to dance the hula or make a candy lei! **A buffet dinner will be served.**



Tickets are \$45 per person and can be purchased in the Synod Office. *Seating is limited.*

Registration

Most delegates and visitors will arrive at Synod having already registered and your only “registration related task” is to pick up your materials and credentials at the registration table located in the convention center on the lobby level. Everyone must be registered except for those that will only be attending the Sunday afternoon worship service. The community is invited to join us for the Sunday afternoon worship service.

Registration Hours

Thursday, June 27	5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday, June 28	8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 29	7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 30	Registration assistance in the Synod Office
Monday, July 1	Registration assistance in the Synod Office
Tuesday, July 2	Registration assistance in the Synod Office

The Convention Center and Security

The convention center lobby areas are public spaces; however the plenary and exhibit halls and the meeting rooms are only accessible with your Synod credentials (in the materials that you received at the registration table), so be sure to wear your name badges while in the convention center. If you should lose your badge, you can obtain a replacement at the registration table.

We don't recommend that you wear your name badge while navigating the city.

Wireless Access

Internet access will be available at no charge for delegates and visitors. We ask that you only connect to the WiFi on an as needed basis to free up bandwidth. To access the wireless network, on your device locate your wireless settings and connect to the SSID network GS29, open a web browser and you will be auto directed to the login screen. Enter passcode 2013. If you experience problems connecting, please go to the General Synod Office in room 103C in the convention center.

Messages and Emergency Contacts

At the Information Desk on the lobby level of the convention center, there will be a message board where phone messages can be posted. Please be sure to check it frequently. You may also direct mail and telephone calls to your hotel in which you are staying.

First Aid

There are two First Aid stations, staffed and operated by the convention center. One is located near Hall C, and the other is by the Seaside Rooms (across from S1 and elevators, next to the stairs).

Shuttle Services

There will be a shuttle service to the convention center from all of the contracted Synod hotels. You will find the shuttle schedules in the hotel lobbies and convention center. While the shuttle service is continuous, there will be reduced service during the times that Synod is in session, and the service to downtown hotels will be available only at peak times. Long Beach has a free transit system as well; for more information, visit lbtransit.com/services/passport.aspx.

Special Needs

The Special Needs table is located on the lobby level of the convention center near the registration area. If you need assisted listening devices, large print bulletins or need to make reservations for accessible shuttle service, please stop by the Special Needs table for assistance. There will be spaces throughout the plenary hall for wheelchairs; persons with hearing disabilities are encouraged to come to the front of the hall for an unobstructed view of the signer during all plenary sessions and worship services.

Child Care

Pre-registered onsite child care for ages 0-3 and a children's program for Pre-K through 8th grade (which will include offsite field trips) will be offered during all scheduled business sessions and worship services. The fee is \$5 per child per session. All child care staff and volunteers have been screened in compliance with the Southern California Nevada Conference Safe Church Policy. The child care room is 102A.

Youth and Young Adult Opportunities

The youth and young adult program will be in Hall C of the convention center. Pre-Synod activities hosted June 26 through June 28 are for participants registered with the Youth@General Synod program only. After hours outreach, workshops, worship and plenary sessions are open to all youth and young adults who are registered for Synod at-large.

The Council for Youth and Young Adults Ministries (CYYAM) will host a special border immersion experience in collaboration with the UCC's Centro Romero on Saturday, June 29. CYYAM will also host a sponsored lunch open to all, Monday, July 1, 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. (Hall C). Registration is required.

Synod 101: For First-Time Attendees

How can I find the information I need? What is General Synod anyway? Ask questions and learn the basics of Synod from Kimberly Whitney, the UCC's minister for community life and assistant to the Collegium. She will show you how to take in all that Synod has to offer. Synod 101 takes place on Friday, June 28, at 11 a.m. in room 203C in the convention center.

Hearings

Hearings, on Sunday at 7:30 p.m., are opportunities for delegates and visitors to ask questions and to engage in dialogue about some of the issues and concerns that will come before the General Synod. See page 123 for topics and locations.

General Synod Award Recipients

You are cordially invited to take part in the celebration of our General Synod 29 United Church of Christ covenanted ministries' and related entities' award recipients! Join us on Sunday, June 30, from 5 to 6 p.m. as we gather around the stage in the Exhibit Hall to recognize these remarkable leaders in their respective areas of mission and ministry. Some will have accepted their accolades in other settings at Synod and some will receive their awards during the reception on Sunday. All will be honored on stage for their passion, dedication, creativity, excellence, advocacy, and service! Light refreshments will be served.

Celebrate the
General Synod
award recipients
Sunday at 5 p.m.
in the Exhibit Hall!

The Synod worship services can be found beginning on page 81.

Worship Themes

The theme for General Synod 2013 in Long Beach is “God’s Vision: _____” inspired by the Prophet Habakkuk:

I will stand at my watch-post,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what the Holy One will say to me,
and what God will answer concerning my complaint.
Then God answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

Habakkuk 2: 1-3: NRSV, adapted

In this transitional moment for the UCC, we will seek God’s vision throughout the five worship experiences of General Synod.

On Friday evening, we will look for God’s prophetic vision: edgy, risky, calling us to the edge of ministry for justice. The Rev. Neichelle Guidry Jones of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago will preach on the classic text of prophetic vocation leading to Jesus “on the edge”: Luke 4: 14-30: “Spirit of the Lord is upon me....”

Saturday Morning Prayer will help us create a space in ourselves for God’s vision: accepting Jesus’ invitation to “Come away and rest” (Mark 6: 30-32). We will engage in a prayerful, joyful, contemplative time, calling us to make “space for grace” in our own selves and in our community.

Sunday's Service of Holy Communion will celebrate God's vision of being all in all in our world: We will explore Revelation 22: 4 in The Message translation: "Everyone Mirrors God" in a diverse community of justice and peace. The Rev. Martin Copenhaver, senior minister of Wellesley United Church of Christ, in Wellesley, Mass., will preach.

Monday Evening Prayer will open us up to the power of God's vision, calling us to transformation. After a day of business which will help move us from the old structure into the new, we will call on Pastor Julian DeShazier, senior minister of University Church in Chicago, also known as hip hop artist J.Kwest, to lead us in a prayer of letting go, and opening up space for the new thing God is doing in our midst.

In Tuesday's Closing Worship, God's Vision calls us to New Life, where we will use the musical tradition of a New Orleans style Jazz Funeral to celebrate all that is past and look toward the future. The Rev. Jo Hudson will send us forth with words of hope, justice and joy.

General Synod Offerings

The Standing Rules of the Twenty-Ninth General Synod require the Executive Council to determine the number and recipients of offerings at Synod. As has been the case at all the most recent Synods there will be three offerings again in Long Beach.

The Friday evening offering will be designated for the UCC's Southern California Nevada Conference. Sunday's offering is for national and global ministries of the United Church of Christ, and the Tuesday evening offering has been designated for the United Church of Christ Scholarships for Ministerial Preparation.

Organ Concert and Hymn Sing



Saturday, June 29, 2 p.m.
First Congregational Church of Long Beach
241 Cedar Avenue

Experience the sounds of the 70 rank "Mighty Möller" pipe organ, the largest pipe organ in Long Beach and one of the largest in Southern California. The church's organist, Dr. Marc Dickey, will play a variety of music that represents the instrument's amazing range of sounds, and Director of Music Curtis Heard will lead the audience through some favorite hymns from *The New Century Hymnal*.

A large, dark bell is mounted on a stand, viewed through a glass window. A stylized, light-colored dove is overlaid on the front of the bell. The text "It's about Liberty and Justice for ALL!" is superimposed over the top part of the bell. The background shows a bright, outdoor scene with buildings and trees.

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THE REV. NEICHELE GUIDRY JONES

The Rev. Neichelle R. Guidry Jones currently serves as the Associate Pastor to Young Adults at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. She is a graduate of Clark Atlanta University (2007, B.A., Religion and Mass Media Arts) and Yale Divinity School (2010, M.Div.). As a current Fund for Theological Education Doctoral Fellow, Neichelle is a current Ph.D. student in Liturgical Studies at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill.

Neichelle is founder of *Shepreaches Magazine*, a virtual resource for young African-American women in ministry (shepreaches.com).



THE REV. MARTIN B. COPENHAVER

The Rev Martin B. Copenhaver has been senior pastor of Village Church UCC (Wellesley, Mass.) since 1994. Martin is a magna cum laude graduate of Dickinson College and received his M.Div. degree from Yale Divinity School. He has been the senior pastor of large churches since he was 27 years old, having served congregations in Connecticut, Vermont and Arizona before coming to Village Church.

Martin is the author of five books, including *Living Faith While Holding Doubts*, and is a member of the Stillspeaking Writers’ Group. He also writes for a number of periodicals, including *The Christian Century*, where he also serves as an Editor at Large. Martin serves on the Board of Trustees of Andover Newton Theological School, where he also teaches preaching, and on the Board of Advisors of Yale Divinity School.



PASTOR JULIAN DESHAZIER

Pastor Julian DeShazier is senior minister of University Church in Chicago (a United Church of Christ and Disciples of Christ congregation). He is a Chicago native, and a graduate of Morehouse College and the University of Chicago Divinity School. Prior to joining University Church, Julian served as Teen Pastor at Covenant United Church of Christ, and has also worked extensively with the Coca-Cola Leadership Program and Fund for Theological Education.

For nearly a decade, the ministry of Julian “J.Kwest” DeShazier has been an exploration in the relationship between music and faith. He is a 2007 Holy Hip Hop Award winner, and has been celebrated as “Living Black History” by Urban Ministries International, while sharing stages at every major gospel music festival. His song, “So Blessed,” was featured on the Grammy-nominated compilation Holy Hip Hop: Taking the Gospel to the Streets.

PREACHER BIOS



THE REV. JO HUDSON

The Rev. Jo Hudson is a spiritual leader, pastor, mentor, and community builder who most recently served as senior pastor of Cathedral of Hope United Church of Christ (UCC) in Dallas.

A native Texan, she received her Ph.D. in Educational Administration from Texas A&M University and graduated with honors from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. Hudson is the former President of the South Central Conference of the UCC, served for 10 years on the Board of Directors of the UCC Justice and Witness Ministries, served on the UCC Pension Boards, is a member of the Forum on Military Chaplaincy, is a member of the Board of Youth First Texas and the Board for the Center for Progressive Renewal, and currently serves on the Board of Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Mo.



THE REV. QUINN G. CALDWELL

The Rev. Quinn G. Caldwell currently serves as pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church in Syracuse, N.Y. He is a former associate minister at Old South Church in Boston. Caldwell graduated from Cornell with a B.S. degree in natural resources and received his M.Div. degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Caldwell co-authored *The Unofficial Handbook of the United Church of Christ* and is a member of the Stillspeaking Writers' Group. He also facilitates the Feed Your Spirit Writers Group (ucc.org/feed-your-spirit) and led the creation of the Bless! DVD, study guide and booklet.



THE REV. RITA NAKASHIMA BROCK

The Rev. Rita Nakashima Brock serves as research professor in theology and culture and founding co-director of the Soul Repair Center at Brite Divinity School. Brock is also a commissioned minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

A native of Fukuoka, Japan, Brock is the first Asian-American woman ever to earn a doctorate in theology (Claremont Graduate University, 1988) and the first ever to serve on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Religion. An award-winning author, she co-authored *Soul Repair: Recovery from Moral Injury After War* (2012).



MS. MARIA HINOJOSA

As the anchor and executive producer of the long-running weekly NPR show *Latino USA*, and as anchor of the Emmy Award-winning talk show *Maria Hinojosa: One-on-One* from WGBH/ La Plaza, Maria Hinojosa has informed millions of Americans about the fastest growing group in our country.

Hinojosa has won top honors in American journalism including four Emmys, the 2012 John Chancellor Award for Excellence in Journalism, the Robert F. Kennedy Award for Reporting on the Disadvantaged, the Studs Terkel Community Media Award, and the Edward R. Murrow Award from the Overseas Press Club for best documentary for her groundbreaking “Child Brides: Stolen Lives.” In 2009, Hinojosa was honored with an AWRP Gracie Award for Individual Achievement as Best TV correspondent. In 2010 she was awarded an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, by DePaul University in Chicago, as well as the Sidney Hillman Prize honoring her social and economic justice reporting. In 2012, she additionally received an honorary degree from Simmons College, was named among the top 25 Latinos in Contemporary American Culture by the *Huffington Post*, and gave the prestigious Ware Lecture.



DR. DAVID W. ORR

David W. Orr is the Paul Sears Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies and Politics, and senior advisor to the President, Oberlin College (Oberlin, Ohio).

He is the author of seven books, including *Down to the Wire: Confronting Climate Collapse* (Oxford, 2009) and co-editor of three others. He has authored nearly 200 articles, reviews, book chapters, and professional publications. In the past 25 years, he has served as a board member or adviser to eight foundations and on the Boards of many organizations including the Rocky Mountain Institute and the Aldo Leopold Foundation. Currently, he is a trustee of the Bioneers, Alliance for Sustainable Colorado, and the Worldwatch Institute. He has been awarded seven honorary degrees and a dozen other awards including a Lyndhurst Prize, a National Achievement Award from the National Wildlife Federation, and recently a “Visionary Leadership Award” from Second Nature. He has lectured at hundreds of colleges and universities throughout the U.S., Europe, and Asia. He headed the effort to design, fund, and build the Adam Joseph Lewis Center, which was named by an AIA panel in 2010 as “the most important green building of the past 30 years,” and as “one of 30 milestone buildings of the 20th century” by the U.S. Department of Energy. He is the executive director of the Oberlin project and a founding editor of the journal *Solutions*.

SPEAKER BIOS



MR. PETER KAGEYAMA

Peter Kageyama is an internationally recognized expert on community development and grassroots engagement. He is the author of *For the Love of Cities* which explores in detail the value of emotional engagement with our cities, how that connection is created and nurtured, and how it can be turned into a development resource for places.

As the co-founder and producer of the Creative Cities Summit, an interdisciplinary event that brings together citizens, thought leaders and practitioners around the big idea of the city, Peter has been a central connector in the field of place and community making. He is the former President of Creative Tampa Bay, a grassroots community change organization based here in the region. He has spoken all over the world about bottom up community development and the amazing people that are making change happen.



DR. BERNICE JOHNSON REAGON

For more than a half-century, Bernice Johnson Reagon has been a major cultural voice for freedom and justice; singing, teaching—speaking out against racism and organized inequities of all kinds. Song and singing has remained a constant in her life. In 1973, while a graduate student of history at Howard University and vocal director of the DC Black Repertory Theater, she formed the internationally renowned African American women’s a cappella ensemble Sweet Honey In The Rock. She led the group until retirement in early 2004. Her pioneering work as a scholar, teacher, and artist have been recognized with the Heinz Award for the Arts and Humanities (2003), the Leeway National Award for Women in the Arts (2000), the Presidential Medal for contribution to public understanding of the Humanities (1995), and the MacArthur Fellowship (1989).



MS. TOSHI REAGON

The New York Times hails Toshi Reagon as “... one of the most compelling performers on the modern-rock scene” and The New Yorker said Toshi is “Fierce and uncompromising ... a shower of retro funk, urban blues, and folk ... to hear her is to believe.”

Toshi has had the pleasure of working with Lenny Kravitz, Lizz Wright, Ani DiFranco, Carl Hancock Rux, Nona Hendryx, Pete Seeger, Chocolate Genius and many other amazing artists, including her favorite collaborator, her mom, Bernice Johnson Reagon. Toshi has been the recipient of a NYFA award for Music Composition, The Black Lily Music and Film Festival Award for Outstanding Performance. She is a National Women’s History Month Honoree, and is the 2010 recipient of OutMusic’s Heritage Award.

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SPONSORED MEALS

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SPONSORED MEALS

(meals are listed by day/date and meal time)

Friday, June 28, 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Andover Newton Theological School Dinner

Hosted by: Andover Newton Theological Seminary
Renaissance Hotel Long Beach (Verona Room)

Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations

Hosted by: Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations
Renaissance Hotel Long Beach (Naples I&II)

Justice Leaders Recognition Reception

Hosted by: Justice & Witness Ministries
Long Beach Convention Center (1/2 Grand Ballroom)

Open & Affirming Banquet

Hosted by: UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns
Long Beach Convention Center (1/2 Grand Ballroom)

Science & Technology Evening with Dr. Joan Roughgarden

Hosted by: UCC Science & Technology
Renaissance Hotel Long Beach (Naples III)

Saturday, June 29, 12 noon – 2:30 p.m.

Testimony! Gala Luncheon

Hosted by: Financial Development
Long Beach Convention Center (Grand Ballroom)

Saturday, June 29, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Sights and Sounds of the South Pacific Luau

A fundraiser for the Southern California Nevada Conference
Rainbow Lagoon Park (adjacent to the convention center)

Sunday, June 30, 12 noon – 2:30 p.m.

Bangor Theological Seminary – Alumni and Friends Luncheon

Hosted by: Bangor Theological Seminary
Renaissance Hotel Long Beach (Naples I)

Celebration of Women's Leadership Luncheon

Hosted by: UCC Women
Long Beach Convention Center (1/2 Grand Ballroom)

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Eden Theological Seminary Luncheon

Hosted by: Eden Theological Seminary
Long Beach Convention Center (Promenade Ballroom C)

The Rev. Joseph H. Evans Pastoral Scholarship Fund Luncheon

Hosted by: United Black Christians (UBC)
Long Beach Convention Center (1/2 Grand Ballroom)

UCC Chaplains & Specialized Ministers Luncheon

Hosted by: UCC Chaplains & Ministers
Renaissance Hotel Long Beach (Naples III)

Pacific School of Religion Lunch for Alumni and Friends

Hosted by: Pacific School of Religion
Renaissance Hotel Long Beach (Naples II)

Chicago Theological Seminary – Alumni & Friends Luncheon

Hosted by: Chicago Theological Seminary
Renaissance Long Beach Convention Center (Room 305)

Monday, July 1, 12 noon – 2:30 p.m.**Making Relatives – Council of American Indian Ministries Luncheon**

Hosted by: CAIM
Long Beach Convention Center (Room 202C)

Council for Youth and Young Adult Ministries Luncheon

Hosted by: CYYAM
Long Beach Convention Center (Hall C)

Lancaster Seminary Luncheon

Hosted by: Lancaster Theological Seminary
Renaissance Hotel Long Beach (Naples I&II)

PAAM & Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches Luncheon

Hosted by: PAAM/Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches
Long Beach Convention Center (Promenade C)

Wider Church Ministries/Global Ministries Luncheon

Hosted by: Wider Church Ministries/Global Ministries
Long Beach Convention Center (1/2 Grand Ballroom)

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Monday, July 1, 12 noon – 2:30 p.m. (continued)

Yale Divinity School Luncheon

Hosted by: Yale Divinity School

Long Beach Convention Center (Room 202A)

Monday, July 1, 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Continuing the Conversation about Sex – Dinner

Hosted by: Faithful and Welcoming Churches (FWC)

Long Beach Convention Center (Room 203B)

Tuesday, July 2, 12 noon – 2:30 p.m.

Council of Hispanic Ministries Luncheon

Hosted by: Council for Hispanic Ministries

Long Beach Convention Center (Promenade Ballroom B)

Celebrate Our Church's Wider Mission – Luncheon

Hosted by: Our Church's Wider Mission

Long Beach Convention Center (Promenade A)

Taking Action for Health, Dignity and Justice – Luncheon

Hosted by: UCC Health Care Justice Program; UCC HIV/AIDS Network (UCAUCAN); and the UCC Faith Community Nurses

Long Beach Convention Center (Promenade C)

Keynote speaker: the Rev. Edwin Sanders

United Seminary Gathering for Alums and Friends – Luncheon

Hosted: United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

Long Beach Convention Center (Room 202B)



Pledge to take action against bullying!

The Scarf Project is here in Long Beach! More than 1,300 rainbow scarves have been knit, crocheted or woven to help raise awareness about LGBTQ teens endangered by bullying. If you have a scarf to donate, drop it off at The Scarf Project kiosk in the convention center lobby. If you'd like to take a scarf and **pledge**



to take action against bullying, visit The Scarf Project Booth #348 in the Exhibit Hall.

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The Scarf Project: www.ucc.org/news/ucc-scarf-project-for-general.html

Educational Intensives

Friday, June 28, 2013

1:00-2:30 PM

Delegates should attend the intensive that correlates to their committee assignments.

On Friday afternoon, delegates and visitors have an opportunity to learn about the subject matter concerning the resolutions; this is a time for education only, not to debate or advocate on behalf of or against the issue. The presenters are experts in the field and have been asked to present the facts and issues central to the specific resolution in an unbiased manner and context, so that delegates are better informed of the complexity of the issues when they begin their deliberations of the resolutions on Sunday morning.

Delegates should attend the intensive that is related to the committee to which they have been assigned. Committee assignments were sent via email in late May and delegate committee assignments are designated on each delegate's credentials. If a delegate has been assigned to Committee 5, that delegate is expected to attend the Educational Intensive for Committee 5.

All the intensives are held in the Long Beach Convention Center in the room indicated in the description below. Please note that Committee 7 will be considering two resolutions and will, therefore, hear from experts on each issue during their Educational Intensive.

INTENSIVE #1 The Doctrine of Discovery – Room 101A, is presented by Amy Lonetree, Ph.D., associate professor of American Studies at the University of California-Santa Cruz and Jon Daenke, Ph.D., visiting professor in American Studies at the University of California-Santa Cruz. The resolution calling for the United Church of Christ to repudiate the Doctrine asks the UCC to move beyond the theology which authorized the Doctrine of Discovery. The Doctrine of Discovery was a legal principle that played a central role in justifying the Euro-American claims of North America. The Doctrine allowed newly arriving Europeans the immediate right to claim lands already occupied by Indigenous populations without their consent. The talk will explore the origins of the Doctrine of Discovery, the elements of ethnocentrism and racial superiority that lie at its heart, and the ways that the legacies of the Doctrine affected, and continue to affect, Indigenous sovereignty. The resolution asks the Church to understand the relationship between Christian faith and culture, mission and coercion.

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INTENSIVE #2 Carbon Neutral Church Buildings – Room 101B.

The Minnesota Conference has brought a resolutions calling on the UCC to respond to climate change and provides a framework for individual congregations, Conferences, and the National Setting to address one of the contributing factors to climate change, the building sector, and respond to climate change by reducing and offsetting carbon emissions with the goal of becoming a carbon neutral denomination. Charles Hollingsworth, vice president of the UCC’s Cornerstone Fund, a leader in offering “green” options to its client churches, will address the pros and cons of the resolution; while the reasons to reduce church building carbon emissions are often evident, they do come at a cost, economic and in labor. Mr. Hollingsworth’s experience in commercial banking and real estate will provide delegates attending this session an excellent overview of the issues involved.

INTENSIVE #3 Bullying and Discrimination – Promenade

Ballroom A, is the subject of the presentation by Carol Stanley, Ph.D. Dr. Stanley is a clinical psychologist, retired from Antioch University, who is now in private practice, specializing in family and adolescent issues in the Seattle area. She will explain the various forms of bullying and the different looks of bullying at different stages of life. She looks at best practices for schools and community organizations to combat bulling and explains how victims can get information and help. Part of Dr. Stanley’s presentation will look at the consequences of bullying and how cyber-bullying effects our communities. In addition to her professional expertise that she brings to this session, Dr. Stanley sits as a Local Church Ministries Board member and as one of its representatives to the General Synod’s Executive Council.

INTENSIVE #4 Mountaintop Removal Coal Mining –

Promenade Ballroom B. Since 2000, over 500 mountains have been lost to the practice of mountaintop removal (MTR) and over 2,000 miles of streams have been polluted with toxic chemicals. The process of getting to a coal seam literally dynamites the tops off mountains and dumps the rock and debris into adjacent valleys. Opponents of the practice claim it threatens local communities with coal slurry ponds, tears up local roads with truck traffic, and provides fewer jobs than traditional coal mining. The Rev. Jim Deming is minister for environmental justice for the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries and he will present this Educational Intensive. He serves on the Board of Directors for Appalachian Voices. He has served congregations in Ohio and Tennessee and worked with legal aid, Interfaith Power and Light, Kentucky/Tennessee Water Environment Association, and Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.

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INTENSIVE #5 Educational Expenses of those Preparing for Authorized Ministry – Promenade Ballroom C, is presented by the Rev. Anita Bradshaw, Ph.D. The call for a fifth All Church Offering benefiting seminary students will be examined in this session. Rev. Bradshaw has seen and lived on all sides of the issue. She is a former seminary student and seminary faculty and staff member and local church pastor who has also served at the National Setting of the church, as the chair of the Office of General Ministries Board of Directors, and on the General Synod's Executive Council, familiar with the master development plan and how an additional offering may impact the overall development effort and in particular the four existing All Church Offerings. She is currently engaged in a research study of virtual church under the auspices of the Chicago Theological Seminary. She holds two advanced degrees from Yale University in theology and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. Rev. Bradshaw brings a uniquely personal perspective to the issues of this resolution.

INTENSIVE #6 Divestment in Fossil Fuel Companies – Room 201A. Several Conferences have brought a resolution proposing that all UCC divest from fossil fuel companies. Supporters say the resolution is part of a worldwide movement which focuses on leaving as much of the earth's carbon reserves as possible in the ground, claiming the enormity of the challenge demands that the human community engage numerous strategies. As part of that worldwide campaign, the resolution proposes that all UCC entities, along with individuals affiliated with the UCC, divest from fossil fuel companies and encourage political leaders to enact laws that will lead to a sustainable planet. The complex environmental and fiduciary ramifications of this proposal are explained by Timothy Smith, Senior Vice President and Director of Environmental Social and Governance Shareowner Engagement at Walden Asset Management in Boston. Walden Asset has been a leader in integrating environmental, social and governance analysis into investment decision making for the past 38 years. In 2007, Mr. Smith was named one of the Top 100 Most Influential People in Business Ethics.

INTENSIVE #7 Tax Reform – Room 201B, is presented by Edith Rasell, Ph.D., and will begin with a brief review of a few key concepts and terms related to the tax system to ensure that everyone will be able to fully participate in the conversation. Then the discussion will turn to three topics, a review of prior General Synod statements about taxes, an examination of important aspects

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of the current federal tax system including who pays and how much, the adequacy of tax revenues, and changes in the tax code over the past 40 years and, finally, a look at tax reforms proposed in the draft resolution and learn about the views of supporters and opponents of these proposals. Rasell serves in the Justice and Witness Ministries as the UCC’s minister for economic justice, holds a Ph.D. in economics and is known for her ability to make complicated matters both understandable and interesting.

INTENSIVE #8 An Expansion of the Membership of the Council for Racial and Ethnic Ministries – Room 202A looks at the ramifications of the effort by the Southern California Nevada Conference to have ethnic Samoan members of the United Church of Christ recognized as a separate Historically Underrepresented Group, separate from the Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries, and then seated, as such, as a member-group of the Council for Racial and Ethnic Ministries (COREM). It is presented by the Rev. Marilyn Pagán-Banks of Chicago, co-chair of COREM, which has taken no stand on the resolution. Pagán-Banks has served at the center of the of the UCC’s eight-year governance restructure effort, an expert on the issue of inclusion. Her remarks will cover the historical perspective and the practical aspects of creating another Historically Underrepresented Group, including the need for Bylaw changes in 2015, should the resolution move forward.

INTENSIVE #9 Caring Physically and Spiritually for Veterans – Room 202B. The writers of the resolution “The Need for Compassionate Care and Healing to Our Veterans” believe that our nation’s veterans and their families are becoming a significant portion of our general population and faith communities. The session will examine various programs of outreach and support, attempt to raise awareness of the costs of military service and examine the Biblical foundations of the UCC’s extravagant welcome and how that is translated towards our men and women in uniform as we welcome them home. The Rev. Stephen Boyd serves in Local Church Ministries as the UCC’s minister for chaplains and specialized ministers, will conduct this presentation. Boyd is a retired U.S. Army chaplain, deployed to the Middle East from 2005 to 2007, and served as a local church pastor for over 23 years.

INTENSIVE #10 On the Status of Women in Society – Room 202C, examines the issues central to the resolution “Actions Seeking to Undermine the Status of Women in Society.” The resolution has

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been brought by the Connecticut Conference. This Educational Intensive is presented by the Rev. Loey Powell, who served as the last executive director of the UCC's Coordinating Center for Women in Church and Society. Powell currently serves as executive associate to the General Minister and President, with focus on leadership development and diversity initiatives. She previously served as the executive for administration and women's justice in the Justice and Witness Ministries. Rev. Powell is a nationally recognized expert in the field of women in society and in the workplace. She is a graduate of Pacific School of Religion and Oberlin College, and was ordained into the ministry of the UCC in 1978.

INTENSIVE #11 Funding Construction of Quality Affordable Housing – Room 201B. Quality affordable family housing is in crisis. One third of households are renters, and four out of ten pay more than 50 percent of their income for rent. Many are only one emergency away from being homeless. There is a national gap of 5-1/2 million quality affordable units. Currently the low-income housing tax credit program is addressing some of the need for additional units, but as government financial conditions deteriorate there is concern that this program might also be eliminated or seriously diminished. This resolution, "Advocating for Funding to Construct Quality Affordable Housing," has been proposed by the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries. So many factors, construction costs, interest rates, an aging population and others play into the myriad of considerations concerning this resolution. Jack Christy is the presenter of this Educational Intensive. He is the Senior Policy Advisor for LeadingAge California, an advocate for quality nonprofit senior living and care in California. The public-interest association represents more than 400 nonprofit providers of aging services that collectively serve more than 100,000 seniors.

INTENSIVE #12 Reconfiguring the Conference Boundaries – Room 204. This Educational Intensive looks at the problems facing the Conferences of the United Church of Christ in times of diminished resources. It is presented by the Rev. Davida Foy Crabtree, who retired in 2010 as the Connecticut Conference Minister and previously served as the Southern California Nevada Conference Minister. In recent years, and with very few exceptions, Conferences have been experiencing significant reductions in their budgets and pledges from local churches. Continual cuts to staff and programs have left some of those Conferences struggling to maintain a viable ministry. Emerging technologies and a repurposing of middle judicatory offices

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have the potential to save the denomination's critical resources. The General Synod has Constitutional authority to establish Conference boundaries. Rev. Crabtree, with her deep historical perspective and Conference administrative experience, will explore the possibility of merging or consolidating existing Conferences, or their resources.

INTENSIVE #13 U.S. Drug Use and the Impact on Honduras – Seaside Ballroom A. The session will offer an overview of ongoing violence in Honduras and its relationship to the drug trade in the United States. The presentation will offer a brief historical review of related events and information with the goal of familiarizing the committee with the topic. The discussion will focus on the ongoing violence in Honduras and its relationship to U.S. policy, human rights, and the ongoing drug trade that connects both nations. A review of past and related UCC resolutions will also be offered for consideration. The resolution has been brought by the Maine Conference and this intensive will be presented by the Rev. Michael Neuroth, Justice and Witness Ministry's Washington DC-based policy advocate on international policy.

INTENSIVE #14 Immigration Reform – Seaside Ballroom B. The Southwest Conference has brought a resolution calling on the United Church of Christ, its members, congregations, Conferences, and leadership to respond to the opportunity created by the 2012 elections and the new 113th Congress to engage in vigorous support of comprehensive immigration reform (CIR). CIR includes legislation protecting immigrant families and worker rights, ending mandatory detention and restoring judicial discretion in the immigration review process. In addition to addressing the issues of citizenship, the flow of immigrants into the United States and wage and work conditions, in a comprehensive manner, the resolution also calls for stopping construction of the border fence, and increasing the number of border entry points.

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JUN 29

12 - 4 p.m.

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on the Marina Green

- **Gourmet food trucks, including...**
Slammin' Sliders • Greenz on Wheels • Greasy Wiener • Ludo Truck
Sam Choy's Pineapple Express • Mangia Italian • Sweet Wheels
India Jones • Grilled Cheese • Palazzolo's Sorbetto and Gelatto
- **Giant "Big Kahuna" slide for kids (of all ages)**
- **Kite flying**
- **Bike rental**
- **Music stage with performances by the Pilgrim Pickers from Pilgrim Place ... and others**
- **Waterfront bike and pedestrian path**

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General Synod Workshops

General Synod workshops, held Saturday afternoon, are open to all delegates and registered visitors.

Listing by Time	
1 p.m.	
Boomer Clergy in Retirement: Gloom or Bloom? (Off-site trip to Pilgrim Place)	Meet in Room S-2
2 p.m.	
Alternative Models of Part-Time Ministry: What Works?	Room S-4A
Bars, Pies & Donuts: Reporting Church Numbers Without Putting People to Sleep	Room S-7
The Congo Crisis	Room S-3B
Evangelism 101 for ONA Congregations: Grow Your Church!	Room 101A
The Gift of Hindsight: Learning from our Recent Past Seaside	Ballroom A
The Global Conflict for Human Rights and Natural Resources	Room 201A
Global Migration	Promenade Ballroom A
God is still <i>building</i> ... And we're here to help.	Promenade Ballroom C
A Local Church Mental Health Ministry: Spiritual Support Group for Mental Health and Wellness	Room S-6
Media, Technology and Worship	Seaside Ballroom B
Mercy, Justice, Action	Promenade Ballroom B
Ministry to Boomers: Growing Older, Thinking Younger	Room 202A
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Alternative Models of Part-Time Ministry: What Works?

As fewer churches can afford full-time ministers, laity and clergy are exploring the opportunities and difficulties of part-time ministry. We will compare approaches, including (1) use and misuse of technology, (2) schedules other than “here every Sunday,” (3) yoking and other collaboration, and (4) fair contract terms and assessment practices.

The Rev. Karen Byrne, M.Div., Union Theological Seminary NYC, J.D., University of Virginia, part-time minister of Winslow Congregational UCC in Maine, commutes monthly from Washington, D.C.

2 P.M. – ROOM S-4A

Bars, Pies & Donuts: Reporting Church Numbers Without Putting People to Sleep

Learn ways to communicate financial information that gets your point across and helps your audience better understand their role in church financial health. We’ll discuss which numbers to report, graphics (bars, pies & donuts) that tell your church’s story, and financial dashboards that communicate easily. Attendees will receive a reference handbook.

The Rev. Cheri L. Lovell serves as marketing consultant for the United Church of Christ Cornerstone Fund.

2 P.M. – ROOM S-7

Boomer Clergy in Retirement: Gloom or Bloom?

(OFF-SITE TRIP TO PILGRIM PLACE)

Potential applicants in religious/non-profit service are invited spend Saturday afternoon exploring retirement at Pilgrim Place, a vital UCC-related community in Claremont, Calif. Bus will depart Long Beach at 1 p.m.; return at approximately 6 p.m. Tours, snacks and retirement dialogue with residents and a Pension Boards representative. See resident eligibility details at pilgrimplace.org.

Hosted by Pilgrim Place and UCC Pension Boards.

1 P.M. – ROOM S-2 (Meeting place before departure to Pilgrim Place)

Caring for Creation

The United Church of Christ’s Core Purpose claims our responsibility to serve God in the co-creation of a justice and sustainable world. This workshop focuses on helping participants understand how God is calling us, as congregations and individuals, to work for the care and renewal of Creation on a global, national and local level.

Presenters include Jim Deming, UCC Minister for Environmental Justice, and Jean Miller from Good Shepherd UCC in Cary, N.C.

3:45 P.M. – Promenade Ballroom A

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Christianity in a Multi-Faith Setting

The opportunity for interfaith dialogue often erupts in response to a community crisis, yet cultivating inter-religious understanding takes planning and time. Two UCC leaders, who have been immersed in a multi-faith educational setting, share their expertise — including the groundbreaking interfaith work happening both in and out of the classroom at Andover Newton Theological School and Hebrew College and Rabbinical School in Boston, Mass.

The Rev. Sarah B. Drummond is Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs & Associate Professor of Ministerial Leadership at Andover Newton Theological School. The Rev. Elizabeth Nordbeck is the Moses Brown Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Andover Newton.

3:45 P.M. – ROOM S-4A

The Congo Crisis

The Democratic Republic of Congo contains some of the world's richest deposits of gold, diamonds, copper and other minerals, which have led to a conflict that has caused the death of more than six million Congolese citizens. Learn about the Congo Crisis from a historical, social, and political context.

The Rev. Sandra Gourdet serves as Africa executive with Global Ministries, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ.

2 P.M. – ROOM S-3B

Evangelism 101 for ONA Congregations: Grow Your Church!

An Open and Affirming (ONA) covenant is sometimes a missed opportunity for church growth. Congregations grow when they connect with the LGBTQ community and use every opportunity to publicize their ONA covenant. Learn best practices from churches that attract LGBTQ seekers and young heterosexual couples who identify with the values of a welcoming church.

Andrew Lang serves as executive director of the UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns and administrator of the Open and Affirming Program.

2 P.M. – ROOM 101A

Faith Practices: A Resource for the Whole Church

We will explore the many ways that Faith Practices can be used in the life of a congregation. Participants will have an opportunity to get familiar with the resource and experience the breadth and depth of the material available. This workshop will offer something for everyone.

Rebecca Johnston served as a writer and editor for Faith Practices. She is a Partner in Education in the Wisconsin Conference and serves as an interim pastor.

3:45 P.M. – ROOM 204

Finding Funds for Ministry

A practical workshop that covers ideas from J. Clif Christopher's most recent books "Not Your Parents Offering Plate!" and "Whose Offering Plate Is It?" We will share best fundraising practices from our settings for ministry, and learn a simple, effective way to present the financial needs of the congregation.

The Rev. John H. Pomeroy serves as Western Area Mission Interpreter for the United Church of Christ Cornerstone Fund. John is also co-pastor of First Congregational Church of Pasadena with his wife, the Rev. Marlene W. Pomeroy.

3:45 P.M. – ROOM S-7

Generating Extra Monies for Your Congregation While Providing Affordable Housing for Your Community

Congregations can learn how to use church-owned, under-utilized property to generate affordable housing in their community, while also generating funds for their church. Retirement Housing Foundation (RHF) is a national non-profit provider of affordable housing and services for older adults, low-income families and persons with disabilities, and has worked with a number of churches (both within the UCC and from other denominations) to do just that.

Dr. Laverne Joseph, President and CEO of the Retirement Housing Foundation, is a recognized leader in the affordable housing field whose expertise is called upon at the state and national levels.

3:45 P.M. – ROOM S-4B

Get Thee to Nineveh: Choosing to plant or renew a congregation in a difficult, inner city community

Conventional wisdom says that when planting a congregation, one must choose the "right" location. But what if you are being called to plant or renew a church in the "wrong" community? Just as God instructed Jonah (against conventional wisdom) to go to Nineveh, this workshop will provide you with strategies for planting and renewing congregations in difficult locations.

Pastor Cean R. James is the founder of Grace Christian Fellowship, UCC in Philadelphia, Pa., a thriving church in the poorest and sickest zip code in the USA.

3:45 P.M. – ROOM 201B

The Gift of Hindsight: Learning from our Recent Past

Looking toward the future is one way to embrace God's Vision. But looking at the past also provides inspiration and courage. This workshop examines significant events since the formation of the UCC in 1957 to enrich and challenge congregations and members today.

Barbara Brown Zikmund is a retired seminary educator who has taught and written about American history and the UCC for many years. She serves on the UCC Historical Council.

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The Global Conflict for Human Rights and Natural Resources

Learn about the conflict over natural resources around the world, understand the impact on human rights and indigenous communities. Guests from partner churches in the Congo and the Philippines will participate in the workshop.

Derek Duncan, Advocacy Associate for Global Ministries (UCC and Disciples), works on international peace and human rights issues like militarization, food security, and resource extraction.

2 P.M. – ROOM 201A

Global Migration

Migration is one of the most pressing issues worldwide, being related to many other issues including climate change, human trafficking, war, economic injustice and sectarian conflict. The workshop will bring together domestic and global faith leaders for a panel presentation and moderated discussion in which various dimensions of global migration are examined.

Andrea Cano has served with the Geneva-based World Council of Churches, as a Global Ministries missionary and as an organizational consultant.

2 P.M. – Promenade Ballroom A

God is still *building* ... And we're here to help.

Learn the steps to prepare for a church building or land site purchase, church construction, major renovation project, or loan refinancing. New churches: find out how to prepare for your first building. Older churches: Find out how your church can become a “renewing” church. Bring us your most difficult church building and property challenges, and we’ll help you find a solution. Eight new initiatives of the United Church of Christ Church Building & Loan Fund will also be presented.

The Rev. Patrick G. Duggan serves as executive director of the Church Building & Loan fund. Ms. Sheila Kinser serves as associate director and chief loan officer, CB&LF.

2 P.M. – Promenade Ballroom C

3:45 P.M. – Promenade Ballroom B

A Just Peace for Israel Palestine: The Role of the UCC

What is God’s Vision for the UCC, a Just Peace Church, in achieving a Just Peace in Israel and Palestine? How can we educate, advocate and support our Global Ministries Partners toward a peace that will bring security, justice, prosperity and healing to all the peoples of the area?

Panelists include: Dr. Mira Rizeq, National General Secretary of the YWCA of Palestine, a Global Ministries partner; on the call of the Kairos Palestine Document; Dr. Shakeel Syed, Board Member of American Muslims for Palestine

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on the interfaith, non-violent resistance movement in Israel/Palestine and the United States; a speaker on the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement; and Moderator the Rev. John Buttrick, Steering Committee of UCC Palestine Israel Network.

3:45 P.M. – ROOM 202C

Justice for All Workers: Low-wage jobs, hotel workers, and support for worker justice

One-quarter of U.S. jobs pay poverty-level wages and provide few fringe benefits. Workshop participants will explore the biblical call for worker justice, learn about low-wage jobs, hear from Long Beach hotel workers about their struggle for justice, and discuss ways to improve low-wage jobs and support workers in our communities.

Presenters include local Long Beach, Calif., hotel workers; the Rev. Jerry Stinson, former senior minister of First Congregational Church of Long Beach, and Edith Rasell, UCC Minister for Economic Justice.

3:45 P.M. – ROOM 203C

A Local Church Mental Health Ministry: Spiritual Support Group for Mental Health and Wellness

Where is it safe enough to talk with others about mental health challenges? What can a church offer spiritually? This workshop offers hands-on information to form a mental health ministry and how to offer a spiritual support group, including a detailed format of such a group and guidelines.

Alan Johnson serves as Chair of the UCC Mental Health Network and is affected by mental health challenges in his own family. Johnson has also served as a co-facilitator of a bi-monthly spiritual support group for the last four years.

2 P.M. – ROOM S-6

Media, Technology and Worship

This workshop will offer an overview of how technology and multimedia experiences are changing the face of worship. This class is intended to help implement and expand media in worship, whether you are just starting out or have been producing media for years.

Jerry King is an award-winning producer and educator in the fields of broadcast, audio, and video production. King has 19 years experience in television, media, audio, lighting and worship as well as teaching video editing, camera techniques, acoustics, and psychoacoustics. He currently serves as the director of television and media for Cathedral of Hope UCC in Dallas.

2 P.M. – Seaside Ballroom B

Mercy, Justice, Action

How can we build on our essential service ministries by also addressing the root causes of suffering and justice? The Justice Leaders Engaging and Developing (Justice LED) program was created to help churches develop and inform faith-based justice

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ministries. Join us in this workshop to explore Justice LED as well as faith-based community organizing and other social change strategies and best practices. This workshop is for anyone interested in various justice strategies and ministries that have the potential to nurture faith, enhance congregational mission and effect social change.

The Rev. Kelly Burd, minister for justice leadership formation, and local activists will share experiences through national and local efforts.

2 P.M. – Promenade Ballroom B

Ministry to Boomers: Growing Older, Thinking Younger

This workshop provides an overview of the boomer generation, with all its subtle complexities and idiosyncrasies, and challenges leaders to consider how congregations must change, if they intend to tap the energy, talents and wisdom of this generation. Based on Keith Haemmelmann's book by the same title, this offering will provide a compass for your congregation seeking to chart a new course for ministering to and with boomers.

The Rev. Keith A. Haemmelmann has been in ministry for over 30 years, serving UCC congregations in Colorado, Chicago, and currently, St. Pete Beach, Fla. He has served as adjunct faculty at Andover Newton Seminary, as well as multiple boards throughout the United Church of Christ.

2:00 P.M. – ROOM 202A

The Pastoral Excellence Network: Strengthening and Sustaining Excellent Pastors

The Pastoral Excellence Network, a new nation-wide initiative, enhances the vitality of congregations by strengthening pastoral leadership. We help new pastors get a good start and assist seasoned clergy to be engaged meaningfully in peer support and learning. Come learn about our work and taste a Community of Practice experience.

Christina Braudaway-Bauman and Lawrence Peers, UCC clergy, are the Director and Director of Learning of the Pastoral Excellence Network.

3:45 P.M. – ROOM 201A

Physical Theatre: Ministry on Tour with Youth and Young Adults

Dance, mime, circus, and drama are the tools used by the Michigan Conference of Youth and Young Adults (MUCCY) to share their message and ministry. These youth and young adults, with the help of international performers, show you how to use physical theatre in your church or for your mission trip. You will learn some basic techniques that you can immediately perform in your own church, including illustrating a scripture text or sermon.

Members of the Michigan Conference Youth and Young Adults and special guests.

2 P.M. – ROOM S-3A

Praise Music and the Progressive Church

For leaders in progressive churches looking to broaden their worship horizons to include praise music: Discuss the unique power of emotional and fun singing in worship and the features of intellectually honest and theologically dynamic praise music. Explore ways to integrate praise songs with simple and/or conservative theology. Learn helpful tips on how to teach and lead congregations in praise and worship singing with a focus on communities for whom this music is new.

The Rev. Rob Leveridge serves as Associate Pastor of First United Church of Oak Park, Ill. He is also a songwriter and writes music for community worship as well as live performance.

2 P.M. – ROOM 101B

Realizing God’s Vision: Mission-Driven Stewardship

Avoid the stewardship season scares! In this workshop, we will explore stewardship as a ministry intimately connected to our lives as faithful communities. Participants will reflect on their own experiences and learn to involve their congregations in a culture of stewardship that transforms their communities and realizes God’s vision.

Christopher Marlin-Warfield, M.Div., is the church relations associate at Back Bay Mission, a community ministry of the UCC.

3:45 P.M. – Promenade Ballroom C

Science, Faith and Technology – We’re All on the Same Side

A recent Pew report showed that just over 50% of Christians in the U.S. think that “science and religion are often in conflict.” Would you like to help change that perception? If you work or study in a science or technology related field, and would like to connect with others in those fields, or if you want to learn more about helping your church go deeper in relating science and faith, join us at this workshop.

Deirdre King Hainsworth is a UCC minister and professor in Pittsburgh, where she’s teaching — and learning — about how to connect technology, faith, and vocation.

3:45 P.M. – ROOM S-6

So You Have An Affordable Housing Ministry: What Next?

Did your congregation build an affordable housing community 30 to 40 years ago and now finds that its membership isn’t interested in it any longer? Do you have an affordable housing community and are finding government regulations more impossible to become compliant? Or is your affordable housing community showing its age and you aren’t quite sure how you are going to be able to renovate it? This workshop will help to answer these and other questions related to current affordable housing ministries within your congregation.

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and is a recognized leader in the affordable housing field whose expertise is called upon at the state and national levels.

2 P.M. – ROOM S-4B

Storytelling for Faith Formation

Heighten your congregation’s Biblical literacy, empower spiritual imagination and spark passion for service through storytelling and story listening, essential faith formation tools for every age group. Go home from General Synod with new skills for storytelling in worship and education!

The Rev. Jane Anne Ferguson is a storyteller, pastor, chaplain, and retreat/conference leader who lives and works, plays and prays in Fort Collins, Colo.

3:45 P.M. – ROOM S-3B

Successful Music Resources for Small Choirs: Our Favorites

This workshop will provide useful and inspiring music for choirs with limited budgets and/or a small number of singers. The workshop will include a “reading session” of at least 15 favorite anthems, singing through and evaluating each piece in regards to choirs with limited resources. Each piece of music will be usable in several different worship settings and singable by many different types of groups.

Janice Hawthorne Timm serves as Minister of Music at United Church of Cloverdale, Calif.

3:45 P.M. – ROOM 101B

“Terra Incognita” Discovering and Designing the Future Church

The edges of unfinished maps can be viewed with monsters or adventure in the “terra incognita” (unknown land). A new world is being created right before our eyes. Participants will learn about Human Centered Design and how we can respond to the new world, innovate and create the future church.

The Rev. Phil Hart has served as Interim Conference Minister in the Ohio, Illinois and Northern California Nevada Conferences. He currently lives in San Francisco.

3:45 P.M. – Seaside Ballroom A

The UCC and Media Justice: The Next 100 Years

As the Rev. Everett Parker celebrates his 100th birthday, the UCC’s Office of Communication, Inc. — which he founded — continues to advocate for media justice and diverse voices. Learn about key battlegrounds of the 21st century and how to join the fight.

Cheryl Leanza is OC Inc.’s policy advisor and co-chair of the Telecommunications Task Force of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. Earl Williams, chair of the OC Inc. board, a lawyer, and Shaker Heights, Ohio, City Council member, worked with Everett Parker with the Citizens Communications Center. Sara Fitzgerald is a member of the OC Inc. board, former president of the Central Atlantic Conference board and a former Washington Post editor.

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Understanding PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder)

“What Comes After Welcome Home” is designed to assist churches to prepare for veterans, past and present, currently facing the challenges of civilian life, often with subtle or severe cases of PTSD. Tom’s personal story and a demonstration of his service dog “Scrubs” is an integral part of the presentation.

Thomas Skinner is a lifelong UCC member, Army veteran, and founder of Welcome Home Ministries, designed to raise awareness about PTSD.

3:45 P.M. – ROOM 202A

Veterans in our Faith Communities

This practical workshop will provide suggestions and encouragement for faith communities to welcome Veterans of all backgrounds “all the way home.” Veterans haven’t always felt welcome or at ease in our churches as they re-enter U.S. society and return to their home life. Our churches can promote and support a smooth transition home in many ways.

The Rev. Penny Phillips, MA, MDiv, BCC, has served Veterans over 16 years at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital. The issue of welcoming Veterans home is near and dear to her heart. The Rev. Thomas Crosby, M.Div., has served Veterans for four years at the Palo Alto, Va., Hospital. Issues of Veterans’ mental health and various addictions are his primary focus.

3:45 P.M. – Seaside Ballroom B

A Vision for the UCC

Bold, inspirational goals begin with a vision for the future. Discover some of the ways the UCC national setting is striving to reach four goals of being: a **Bold**, Public Voice, a **Welcoming**, Reachable Congregation, **Engaged** Disciples and **Excellent**, Diverse Leaders. Gifts to **Our Church’s Wider Mission** make this ministry possible.

Members of National Staff will lead this workshop.

2 P.M. & 3:45 P.M. – ROOM 202B

The Way We Do The Things We Do: Intentional Faith Formation

Opportunities for youth to engage in positive, safe environments are few and far between. They need opportunities to grow in their faith formation in ways that resonate with them and their unchurched peers. This workshop will address the successful methods we use for youth ministries that don’t compromise our beliefs.

UCC minister the Rev. Constance Simon has over 30 years of experience in Christian Education teaching and administration. She stresses education as a liberating force for all ages.

3:45 P.M. – ROOM 101A

Welcoming Children in Worship

Children need to worship in community. This workshop will examine the spiritual development of children, brainstorming ways to successfully welcome them into the entire service of worship while keeping the service accessible for all ages. Examples and resources from the workshop leaders' experiences leading successful intergenerational worship will be shared.

Debbie Gline Allen is the Minister of Christian Formation at UCC North Hampton (N.H.) and is the Chairperson of the Association of United Church Educators. Rebecca Johnston serves as an interim Pastor in the Wisconsin Conference UCC and is the Great Lakes Representative to the Association of United Church Educators.

2:00 P.M. – ROOM 204

Welcome the Stranger: Creating Immigrant Welcoming Congregations

The United States at its very heart is a nation of immigrants. Yet these core values have been lost in a culture and political climate that is ready to vilify the “stranger.” This workshop will return us to these values by meeting Jesus (the immigrant) in our communities.

The Rev. Randy J. Mayer, pastor/activist in Sahuarita, Ariz., and the Rev. Noel Andersen, Grassroots Organizer for Immigrant Rights with Church World Service in Washington, D.C.

3:45 P.M. – ROOM S-3A

Whatever Happened to the American Dream?

Child poverty, mass incarceration, inequality, social immobility, and racial and economic segregation increasingly define today's America. These destructive trends grow from public policies and are not inevitable. Workshop panelists and participants will discuss how we got here and how we can reclaim the American Dream.

Presenters include Justice and Witness staff Sala Nolan, Edith Rasell, and Jan Resseger, and the Rev. Art Cribbs, Executive Director, California Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice.

2:00 P.M. – ROOM 203C

The YWCA of Palestine-Witness and Presence in a Context of Conflict

This workshop will introduce UCC/Global Ministries partner, the YWCA of Palestine, and share the work it does.

Peter E. Makari, Ph.D., Executive, Middle East and Europe, Global Ministries, and Dr. Mira Rizeq, National General Secretary of the YWCA of Palestine.

2:00 P.M. – ROOM 202C

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Border Immersion Experience

hosted by the Council for Youth and Young Adult Ministries (CYIAM)

This is an all-day event. **Pre-registered and pre-paid participants** will depart Saturday, June 29, at 6:30 a.m. from the convention center bus round-about and return around 8 p.m. See signage at Convention Hall C. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner provided.

Participants will experience the U.S. – Mexico border through the ministries of the UCC's *Centro Romero* — an immersion center of Justice and Witness Ministries. Members of the Council for Youth and Young Adult Ministries will lead reflection on issues encountered. *This is an intergenerational event.*

Red Cross Blood Drive

Location: Convention Center Room 203A

Friday, June 28, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, June 29, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Learn of advocacy efforts with government agencies about who is allowed to donate blood. Help the UCC General Synod to meet a goal of *at least* 100 pints donated during this two-day drive. **No registration needed.**

Beach Walk & Clean-Up

Location: The Marina Green

Saturday, June 29, 12-4 p.m.

Pick up your trash bag at the Beach Clean-Up Station. Participants will walk the beach front for exercise and practice environmental stewardship by picking up trash. **No registration needed.**

Service and Immersion Projects

Saturday, June 29, Afternoon

All-Project orientation and commissioning begins immediately after the Saturday morning plenary, approximately 11:30 a.m. in Hall C.

Pre-registration and payment is required. Boxed lunches are provided.

Each experience includes hands-on service opportunities, reflection, and ideas for follow-up and further commitment. Participants will return to the convention center at approximately 4 p.m.

Project — Food Bank

Participants will assist with food distribution and learn about the network of systems in place to address hunger and advocate for food sustainability. Wear closed-toed shoes.

Project — Homeless Veterans Response

Participants will engage with national model program for homeless persons in Long Beach. Wear closed-toed shoes.

Project — Prison Visitation

Participants will visit the Terminal Island Federal Correctional Institution located in San Pedro, Calif., near Long Beach. The experience will include a tour by prison officials, conversation with volunteers who visit as part of the UCC-supported “Prisoner Visitation and Support Program,” and informal discussion of criminal justice and human rights.

Project — Retirement Communities

Visit facilities of the Retirement Housing Foundation (RHF) in the Long Beach area. The Retirement Housing Foundation is part of the UCC’s Council for Health and Human Service Ministries with a focus on affordable housing. Participants will join outreach projects with residents of these retirement communities.

Orientation is at
11:30 a.m. Saturday
in Hall C for all
pre-registered
volunteers.

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Exhibit Hall

Be sure to visit the exhibit hall (Hall B) which will feature displays, resources, shopping opportunities, refreshments and plenty of areas to sit down and catch up with old and new acquaintances!

Exhibit Hall Hours

Friday, June 28	12 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 29	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday, June 30	9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Monday, July 1	10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Tuesday, July 2	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Exhibitors

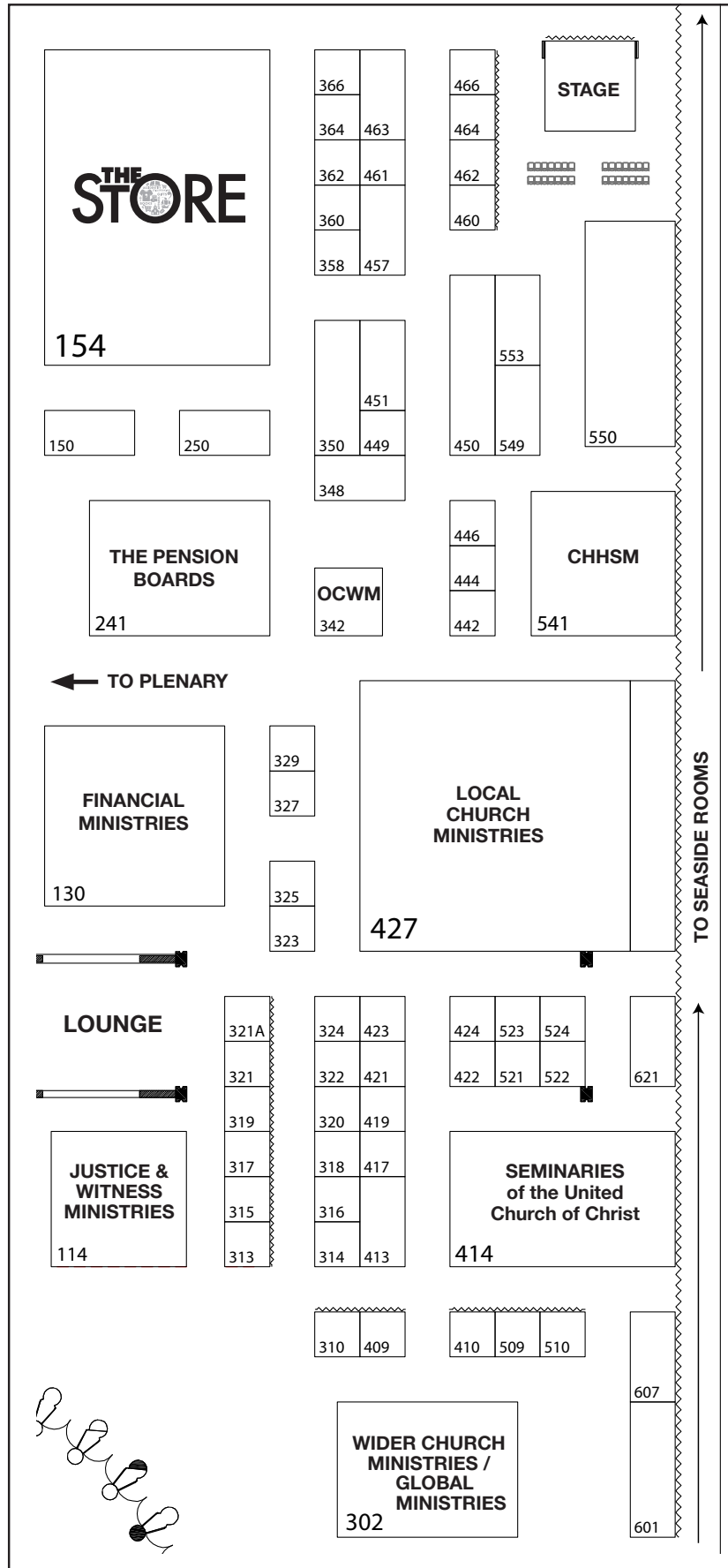
114 Justice and Witness Ministries, UCC: Visit the Justice and Witness Ministries interactive booth to learn new ways to address issues of injustice that matter to you, take mock protest photos, pick up exciting freebies, discover hopeful possibilities to seed in your community or just hang out with dear friends. To find us simply look for the large inflated dove hovering in the exhibit hall.

130 Financial Ministries, UCC: A bounty of financial services for churches and church members – all in one place! Attend a 20 minute workshop or stop for a visit to learn how the UCC Financial Ministries can help strengthen your ministry. From appealing investment options to financing for building projects, from insurance to protect your people and property to a planned giving program to prepare for the future. The Financial Ministries offer services to meet the range of church financial needs!

150 In Stitches and Stitching Hope – Global Partnership: In Stitches and Stitching Hope ... Global Partners in Women's Empowerment. New liturgical stole and banner designs created for worship and hand-painted fabric art created in Nicaragua! Buy General Synod stoles, banners, and paraments. Meet the women of Stitching Hope and shop their hand-painted stoles and fashion accessories. See all the In Stitches liturgical art, you have come to depend on ... our 20th year in arts ministry!!

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Exhibit Hall map
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EXHIBIT HALL



154 The UCC Store: Get it all @ The Store! From Synod t-shirts to books and resources, The Store features an abundance of great UCC and Stillspeaking merchandise, plus books by your favorite authors who are speaking at General Synod 2013, and much more. Visit us at Booth #154!

241 Pension Boards — UCC: Pension Boards — Celebrating our first 100 years of service to those who serve the church. Administers comprehensive employee benefits programs for the United Church of Christ, providing the highest standards of service, access and options to active and retired UCC clergy and lay employees — Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.

250 In Stitches and Stitching Hope – Global Partnership: In Stitches and Stitching Hope ... Global Partners in Women's Empowerment. New liturgical stole and banner designs created for worship and hand-painted fabric art created in Nicaragua! Buy General Synod stoles, banners, and paraments. Meet the women of Stitching Hope and shop their hand-painted stoles and fashion accessories. See all the In Stitches liturgical art, you have come to depend on ... our 20th year in arts ministry!!

302 Wider Church Ministries and Global Ministries: Come visit the “global marketplace” and learn how you can become more involved in mission through Wider Church Ministries and Global Ministries of the UCC. The exhibit features One Great Hour of Sharing, ways to volunteer in the United States and abroad, the UCC's disaster response work, advocacy issues and resources, Child Sponsorship opportunities, Global Ministries' work around the world, and much more.

310 Graze on Faith: Graze on Faith is a mission designed to heighten awareness of food and food issues within our respective communities. It is a prophetic call to action addressing local issues of land, food and sustainability. The frozen food program responds to the prophetic voice that says “settle the land and graze on faith.”

313 United Black Christians, UCC: Will provide information on the history of African Americans in the United Church of Christ.

314 Red Tent Gathering: In ancient times, the Red Tent was a safe and sacred place where only women gathered to experience, share, celebrate and mourn the distinct rhythms of women's life.

The Red Tent Gathering encourages each participant to explore the life of a biblical woman alongside her own, using interactive learning experiences. Each session comes complete with Leader's Guide and Participant's Guide.

315 Council for American Indian Ministry, UCC: CAIM will share information about our 23 ministries of the Council and distribute information on the Doctrine of Discovery, a General Synod resolution.

316 Friends of Sabeel-North America and UCC Palestine/Israel Network: Education and advocacy material related to the Palestine Israel conflict. Kairos Palestine and Kairos USA documents, study guides, statements by UCC leaders, legislative campaign materials and background and organizing suggestions for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaigns. Educational materials related to the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem. Information about conferences and witness trips.

317 Council for Hispanic Ministries, UCC: View our display featuring the work and ministry of the Council for Hispanic Ministries Regions.

318 Faithful and Welcoming Churches: Faithful and Welcoming Churches (FWC) represents the concerns of UCC congregations and clergy who consider themselves ECOT — evangelical, conservative, orthodox, or traditional. We invite you to stop by our booth and have a friendly conversation about why we believe there's still a place for us in the UCC. Have you hugged an ECOT today?

319 Pacific Islander Asian American Ministries, UCC: The Pacific Islander Asian American Ministries (PAAM) of the United Church of Christ is proud to present a variety of picture collections featuring images of both past and present members and leaders of PAAM. Informative and educational PAAM related materials are also available. PAAM items such as shirts and leis are also available for purchase. Proceeds will help support the different ministries of PAAM:

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LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD:



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Justice and Witness Ministries

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320 UCC Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations: Come and learn about the UCC's ecumenical and interfaith engagements. Pick up materials that will help you to form your own ecumenical and interfaith participation.

321 Ministers for Racial, Social and Economic Justice, UCC: Ministers for Racial Social and Economic Justice (MRSEJ); Celebration of the Education and Nurturing of Children; "American Missionary Association (AMA) Revisited."

321A Claremont School of Theology and Claremont Lincoln University As ecumenical and interreligious institutions, Claremont School of Theology and Claremont Lincoln University seek to instill students with ethical integrity, religious intelligence, and intercultural understanding.

322 Americans United for Separation of Church and State: Americans United for Separation of Church and State is a nonpartisan educational organization dedicated to preserving the constitutional principle of church-state separation as the only way to ensure religious freedom for all Americans. Founded in 1947, Americans United works in the courts, in Congress and state legislatures, at the White House, and in the arena of public opinion.

323 Appalachia Service Project: Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that fosters human development by addressing the housing needs of Central Appalachia. Our vision is to eradicate substandard housing in Central Appalachia and inspire lives of Christian service. Each year, 16,000 volunteers from over 30 states repair 600 homes for low-income families in Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

324 What Comes After Welcome Home? Understanding PTSD: Thomas Skinner is a lifelong UCC member, Army veteran, and founder of Welcome Home Ministries, which is designed to raise awareness about PTSD. Meet his service dog "Scrubs," learn about Awareness Adventure 2013, and see how Tom and Scrubs will be kayaking down the Mississippi River this summer giving presentations on PTSD along the way.

325 Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice: The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice is the nation's leading religious voice for reproductive justice. Come by for resources to enhance your pastoral ministry, your congregation's education program, and lots of ways to get involved in sacred advocacy.

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327 Earlham School of Religion: Stop by the Earlham School of Religion booth to learn more about learning opportunities here. ESR is a Christian graduate theological school in the Quaker tradition located in Richmond, Ind. ESR prepares individuals for leadership that empowers and for ministry that serves. This mission grows out of our Christian belief that God calls everyone to ministry. Using a transforming model of education, ESR encourages students to explore the intellectual, spiritual, and practical dimensions of their calls to ministry. esr.earlham.edu

329 Exhibit Information Booth: Questions about the Exhibit Hall? Stop by the Exhibit Information Booth!

342 Our Church's Wider Mission: Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) funds the work we do in the Associations, Conferences and in the national and global church. OCWM funds are invested in programs, resources, and tools needed to keep local UCC churches strong, effective, and growing. Stop by to visit national staff and tell us what you are doing to promote giving to OCWM. Together we are Changing Lives!

348 UCC Scarf Project: Pick up a handmade scarf and sign a pledge to take action against bullying! More than 1,200 scarves have been knit, crocheted and woven by UCC members to raise awareness about LGBTQ teens endangered by bullying. Wear or share the scarf to show your commitment to promoting nonviolence. Buttons also available at the booth.

350 Christians for Justice Action: Christians for Justice Action supports the justice work of the United Church of Christ.

350 Honduras Hope: Handcrafted sterling silver jewelry at discount prices! Free daily drawing! All profits go to benefit Honduran children and their families by providing school buildings, nutrition clinics, educational scholarship, housing and clean water.

358 Afrique Clothing and Bridalwear: Come and shop for beautiful and elegant African clothing and accessories.

360 The Pilgrim Press Author Book Signing Booth: Here's an exciting opportunity to meet the many authors presenting at Synod, including members of the Stillspeaking Writers' Group and best-selling authors from The Pilgrim Press. Check program book for dates and times. Books available for purchase in THE STORE.

362 Colores del Pueblo: We are a fair trade organization working with artisan and weaving cooperatives of Mayan women who make beautiful hand-woven stoles, clothing, scarves and shawls, purses and pouches, home decor and much more.

364 Richard Turner Author/Photographer: Richard Turner's new book, *I Can't Always See My Path ... But I Keep On Walking*, has been praised as a "masterpiece," a "treasure," "deeply moving," and "a gift to the world." Richard believes we are one with Spirit, interconnected to all living beings. His book is a simple message of tolerance, faith, and love and respect for all.

366 Ackley Consulting Group: Financial wellness can transform your own faith and be a reality for most churches. Ask about the benefits of using professional guidance for Capital Campaigns, Ongoing Giving, Planned Giving, Endowment Building, and more. Our experienced consultants are authorized UCC ministers with experience in multiple settings of the church, business and the nonprofit sector across the country. Get your FREE copy of our publication, "25 Creative Ways to say Thank You!"

409 MTS Travel: MTS Travel is the North American leader in providing innovative travel solutions for church, missions, and humanitarian travel. Whether individuals, groups, crisis response teams, tours, meetings or vacations — we can do it all! Specially negotiated contracts with airlines allow us to offer special rates/perks for our church, mission, and humanitarian travelers.

410 Heifer International: Thank you UCC members for your support! Heifer International is a global nonprofit, humanitarian organization dedicated to ending hunger and poverty and caring for the earth. Since 1944, Heifer International has provided livestock and environmentally sound agricultural training to more than 18.5 million families — 94.5million men, women, boys and girls. Stop by our booth today to learn about our FREE resources for your congregation.

413 Chapman University: Chapman University is 22 miles from Synod in Orange, CA and is your newest and largest UCC school. Come learn about our many programs/scholarships and sign up for a free campus tour and dinner on Monday, July 1. Conference youth leaders and those with UCC ministers in their family are eligible for half tuition and all UCC students receive \$2,000/year.

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414 The Seminaries of the United Church of Christ: The seven seminaries of the United Church of Christ have been recognized by the General Synod for their special commitment to the UCC, and play an important role in the life of the church and preparation of pastoral leaders:

414 Andover Newton Theological School: Andover Newton Theological School offers degree programs, certificates, and continuing education in a variety of online, traditional and intensive formats. We are the oldest and the boldest, with a proud heritage of innovation and a mission of educating ministers to become messengers of meaning, hope and love in diverse settings. Join us to celebrate God's vision for you.

414 Chicago Theological Seminary: Chicago Theological Seminary is an affiliated seminary of the United Church of Christ. For over 150 years, we have educated future leaders for a multitude of ministries. Since our beginning, CTS has pushed at the growing boundaries of the church in order to make our faith relevant and transform our society towards greater justice and mercy. Join us for a live virtual tours of CTS and a demonstrations of CTS's online experience.

414 Eden Theological Seminary: For over 160 years, Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., a seminary of the United Church of Christ, has been called to strengthen the life of the church by educating women and men for ministry, enlivening critical reflection of faith, and supporting bold Christian discipleship.

414 Lancaster Theological Seminary: "Nurturing the Spirit of love and justice, Lancaster Theological Seminary of the United Church of Christ is an intimate, inquiring community that educates and strengthens Christian leaders spiritually, intellectually, interpersonally, and professionally so that each is equipped to serve the Church and the wider world faithfully and effectively, today and tomorrow."

We are a richly diverse and dynamic community of students and faculty from many Christian traditions and backgrounds. Our mission is to educate and strengthen Christian leaders for congregations and other vocations serving church and society. We maintain an environment where students are both encouraged and challenged in their beliefs, and where each student's path toward spiritual formation is nurtured. Students have meaningful access to our renowned faculty and build lasting bonds with their peers as they learn, worship, and grow together.

414 Pacific School of Religion: One of the historic seminaries associated with the United Church of Christ, Pacific School of Religion is committed to equipping leaders who are compelled by their own spiritual formation and practice, who are rooted in the Christian theological tradition, and who have the skills to lead justice-driven change in churches, institutions, communities, and in individual lives.

414 BTS Center: The BTS Center, successor to Bangor Theological Seminary, offers innovative professional development and non-degree preparation for leadership in smaller, rural settings in particular. Our programs and partnerships will equip clergy and laity for digitally-integrated, theologically grounded, and effective 21st-century ministry.

414 United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities: United: where art does not simply illustrate theology, but where art is theology; where diversity is not an institutional goal but a dynamic experience of our generous and unruly Creator; where we teach peace and do justice, not to divide the church but to challenge dreamers and believers to heal the church and re-build a world broken by division and mistrust.

If traditional Christian values, a focus on leadership and bringing new life to the church are important to you, then you belong at United. We offer small classes, a dedicated faculty and the very latest in classroom technology. At United you will learn the classic disciplines; theology, Bible, Church history and ethics. If you are headed into pastoral ministry you will get hands on training within the local church. We invite you to explore the Christ-centered and Spirit led community that is United. We will assist you in every way as you prepare to serve Christ ever more faithfully.

417 Iliff School of Theology: Iliff is a progressive graduate school of religion, theology, and spirituality that is dedicated to positive social change. We prepare students to inspire, lead, and transform a spiritually and socially complex world and deeply engage religious and cultural traditions. Iliff stands among a handful of religiously progressive graduate schools committed to global peace and social justice.

419 Heidelberg University: Heidelberg is a community of learning that promotes and nurtures intellectual, personal and professional development. We are a welcoming, student-centered university affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Our curriculum effectively integrates liberal arts and professional preparation across disciplines

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to prepare students to be global citizens who communicate effectively, think critically and serve thoughtfully.

421 Elmhurst College: Founded in 1871, Elmhurst is a private, four-year college affiliated with the United Church of Christ. The curriculum combines liberal learning and professional preparation to equip students for lifelong learning, service and achievement. Our campus is a gathering place for the dynamic interaction of diverse people. Our goal is to educate the whole student for life in a global society.

422 Defiance College: Defiance College, a UCC-related college in Northwest Ohio, offers distinctive education and real-world experiences in 40 majors and through a variety of co-curricular events, travel, arts and athletics. The Design for Leadership, an online distance learning program in Christian Education and Church Leadership, offers certificates plus associate and bachelor degrees that meet the needs of professionals and volunteers serving in local church and church related settings.

423 Order of Corpus Christi: The Order of Corpus Christi is an ecumenical religious community of men and women, clergy and lay persons. The Order was founded by UCC clergy in 1987. It is grounded in Mercersburg theology, centered in individual spirituality and corporate sacramental worship, and dedicated to living into these ideals in the context of the 21st century church.

424 Innovation Lab: An interactive exhibit designed to collect insights from General Synod participants and share a vision about forming an “Innovation Lab” in the UCC. This Lab will promote, inspire and encourage the innovators and “creatives” in the UCC.

427 Local Church Ministries, UCC: Marketplace of Ideas: The Spirit in Our Midst — The Spirit of the Stillspeaking God is at work everywhere in the life of the church, in large events and quiet effort, we experience teaching and learning moments that lead to deeper spiritual growth and vitality. What great ideas, experiences, lessons and questions have you brought with you to General Synod 29? Let’s gather for rich conversations on a wide variety of topics:

427 The Association of United Church Educators (AUCE) is a network for all who are passionate about Christian faith formation. AUCE recognizes church education as a vital ministry in the life of

the church, and works in partnership with all of the faith formation networks in the United Church of Christ to share best practices and faith formation models and resources.

427 Congregational Vitality and Discipleship Ministries: Spin the Vitality Wheel. Tell us what makes your ministry, congregation and life vital. Win prizes! Learn about vital resources for discipleship and congregations.

427 Ministerial Excellence, Support and Authorization: The Ministerial Excellence, Support and Authorization ministry team (MESA) collaboratively supports UCC authorized ministers. MESA's constituents include persons preparing for authorized ministry, those serving as authorized ministers in local churches or specialized ministries, ministers in transition, and Committees on Ministry. Explore call, covenant, service and leadership in the future of God's church. Join us at the table! Members in Discernment, please stop by for a free gift.

427 Partners In Building: Partners In Building (PIB) is the first step in the loan process with Church Building and Loan Fund (CB&LF). New and renewing congregations are encouraged to apply with CB&LF within 6 – 24 months submission of the loan application which allows for building needs to be formally assessed. Funds are available for buying, building, renovating and refinancing. God is Still Building ... (and we're here to help). Come see us today!

427 Center for Progressive Renewal: What can you learn today that will empower your ministry and congregation tomorrow? Take the next step with the Center for Progressive Renewal focused on raising the level of leadership in the emerging progressive church.

427 Laity Empowerment Project: Resources for transforming congregations by igniting the spiritual lives, gifts and ministries of the laity.

427 UCC 2030 Clergy Network: The 2030 Clergy Network of the UCC is intended to strengthen, sustain, and mobilize all authorized UCC clergy in their 20s and 30s. Our booth will share how members and friends can engage each other, including Network-hosted events during Synod. Are you clergy, lay, or a seminarian who would like to learn more? Please stop by; we look forward to meeting you!

427 UCC Association of United Church Educators: Resources for Christian Faith Formation in the 21st century.

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427 UCC Council for Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Learn how the Council for Youth and Young Adult Ministries advocates, communicates, coordinates and networks with youth and young adults across the UCC.

427 Association of UCC Intentional Interim Ministers: The Association of UCC Intentional Interim Ministers (A UCC IIM) is a network of professional, experienced ministers who are called, trained and experienced in serving churches in times of diverse transition. We support and mentor each other, and serve as advocates for professional, Intentional Interim Ministry with conferences and with the denomination. We welcome those called and committed to this ministry.

427 UCC Outdoor Ministry Association: Come camping with the Outdoor Ministry Association of the UCC to broaden an understanding of interdependence of the whole of God's creation on behalf of the whole church.

427 Chaplains and Specialized Ministers: The fields of Chaplaincy and Specialized Ministry are becoming increasingly important to the United Church of Christ. Come and talk about the opportunities in specialized settings including the Armed Services, Veterans Administration, Prison Ministry and other settings. Information will be available on the UCC ecclesiastical endorsement process. Learn about our coffee ministry to service members through Holy Joes.

427 Send a Greeting to a UCC Chaplain or Military Member Overseas: Stop by and send a greeting to one of our UCC Chaplains and/or members of the military serving overseas.

442 Traditional and Contemporary Hmong Stitchery Arts: Handmade Hmong stitchery using traditional needlepoint and reverse applique techniques. Traditional themes used in stitchery including Hmong folktales and "refugee journey" stories. Hmong stitchery also used in new ways for the American context including on stoles, purses, pillow covers wall hangings, table runners, jackets, aprons and cell phone cases.

444 Back Bay Mission: Back Bay Mission, a community ministry of the United Church of Christ, serves the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the wider church community through faithful witness for social justice and compassionate service to the poor and marginalized. Come learn how you and your congregation can get involved in the exciting work of strengthening neighborhoods, seeking justice and transforming lives!

446 Uplands Village: Uplands Village a continuing care retirement community is home to more than 300 diverse people who bring astonishing range of experiences and backgrounds united by a shared belief that retirement living can not only allow, but expand opportunities to live lives of commitment in the service of others. Upland Village offerS accommodations at every level including single family homes, duplexes, assisted living, nursing care and Home Health.

449 Equal Exchange: Please come enjoy free samples and learn how Fair Trade benefits famers at the booth for the UCC Coffee Project, a partnership between Equal Exchange and the UCC Justice and Witness Ministries. You can try delicious Fair Trade chocolate, almonds and other products while learning about our programs for congregations, including serving, selling, and fundraising with Fair Trade products.

450 UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns: Resource center for Open and Affirming congregations and for church members curious about the ONA program. Find support for your ONA ministry — including resources on marriage equality, advocacy for LGBT youth threatened by bullying or suicide, effective evangelism and communication for ONA churches, transgender inclusion, and care for LGBT asylum-seekers and refugees. Not sure if an ONA covenant is right for your church? Visit us, and we'll talk!

451 Latin American Committee: Social justice- themed T-shirts and Central American handcrafts.

457 Orbis Books: Orbis Books is the publishing ministry of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Rooted in the Maryknoll's missional solidarity with the poor and disempowered — Gustavo Gutiérrez's *A Theology of Liberation* is foundational for liberation movements across the globe — Orbis' living voices include James H. Cone, Joan Chittister, Leonardo Boff, Ilia Delio, Roger Haight, Margaret A. Farley, and Stan G. Duncan (UCC).

460 Advanced Church Fund-Raising by VanderWyden Consultants: Does your building need renovations or do you need new facilities? With our no-pressure, UCC style, faith-raising process, we can help you raise the funds that you need. We have conducted over 300 successful Capital Campaigns in UCC Churches. Stop by our booth for a free copy of "10 Ways to Increase Giving" or to schedule a free consultation.

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461 Woman of the Cloth: Bright and modern church vestments bring depth and richness to worship. The Rev. Sandy Johnson designs stoles in contemporary fabrics that speak to the ancient traditions of the church in fresh new ways. Beautiful fabrics and skillful tailoring are the hallmarks of these unique and creative expressions of your ministry.

462 Tafesilafa'i: Offering Pacific Islander art, attire, books, CDs, jewelry and welcome. Proceeds to fund the 2013 Tafesilafa'i Festival at the Aquarium of the Pacific. Tafesilafa'i is a 501 (c)(3) faith-based conversation that started in 1997, creating a place locally where the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander community can gather to reflect upon God's blessings within their families. www.tafesilafai.org

463 Crafts from Jerusalem: Features shawls made by Palestinian women in the Holy Land as well as Roman (biblical) glass from the first century AD mounted in silver as earrings, pendants, and pins. Other artifacts and designs from the Holy Land such as nativity sets and crosses made of olive wood are just some of the treasures you will find here.

464 Stevens Worldwide Van Lines: The Clergy Move Center at Stevens Van Lines, through our national service agreement with the United Church of Christ, is proud to serve the relocation needs of UCC pastors, educators, family members and administrative leaders of the Church who are moving in the U.S. and internationally. Call to speak to a move counselor at 800-248-8313 for a no obligation estimate.

466 West Love Color and Culture: West Love Color and Culture is the premiere community artisan visual arts exhibitor of linen and silk cultural artwear and textiles for the purpose of enhancing cultural awareness and valuing diversity, encouraging wholistic wellness and promoting mind, body and spiritual therapy.

509 Church World Service: Stop by the Church World Service exhibit to learn more about their life-saving work and the many ways UCC congregations are partnering with CWS to overcome hunger and poverty. CROP Hunger Walks, Blankets+, CWS Kits, Alternative Gift fairs, assisting refugees to resettle in the USA, advocating for peace and justice — congregations looking to engage in mission to a hurting world can find lots great opportunities here.

510 Living Water World Missions: Living Water World Missions is a non-profit organization existing to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. By sending teams of 8-20 people to teach, we empower local leaders in other countries to build and operate affordable and sustainable water purification systems for their communities as well as health education. We invite you to join our mission.

521 United Theological Seminary: The UCC House of Studies at United provides theological coursework, support and hospitality for students with UCC affiliations. Students learn about UCC history, theology, polity and worship through online courses, and prepare for renewal ministry and leadership. More details at www.united.edu on the “Future Students” then “Houses of Study” menu, or drop by our booth #521 for brochures about our ONLINE M.Div. and D.Min. degree programs.

522 UCC Scholarships and Grants: Learn more about the UCC Scholarships and Grants ministry which provides assistance for persons preparing for ministry: funds for continuing education and grants for community outreach. Pick up a brochure or listen to the stories from scholarship and grant recipients on how scholarships and grants have helped to change lives.

523 UrbanSpirit: UrbanSpirit, a different sort of mission destination, offers a program of poverty education in Louisville, Ky. Are you bold enough to take on a week-long simulation of life at minimum wage? At UrbanSpirit, the project is you.

524 A Church on the Border: Pushing the Edge of Faith: This booth highlights the various border and immigration ministries of The Good Shepherd UCC as it sits on the migrant trail 35 miles from the US-Mexico Border. Visit our booth and be inspired to come to the Arizona border and witness the beauty of the desert, the agony of the struggle, and the compassion of the borderlands people.

541 Council for Health and Human Service Ministries: Learn more about the diakonal movement of the UCC by exploring our different ministries and all they do to advance the work of Christ’s healing and service. CHHSM is also celebrating its 75th anniversary and our exhibit will feature stories of our members’ long and dedicated history and have Terry White’s book, *The Church’s Arm of Charity*, for sale.

549 WomenSpirit and Abiding Spirit Vestments: WomenSpirit, Vestments for Women and Abiding Spirit, Vestments for Men. Our selection includes robes, albs, stoles and chasubles. We carry clergy blouses along with other garments for women. High quality fabrics including natural fibers, natural fiber blends, and microfiber create beautiful garments for discerning clergy.

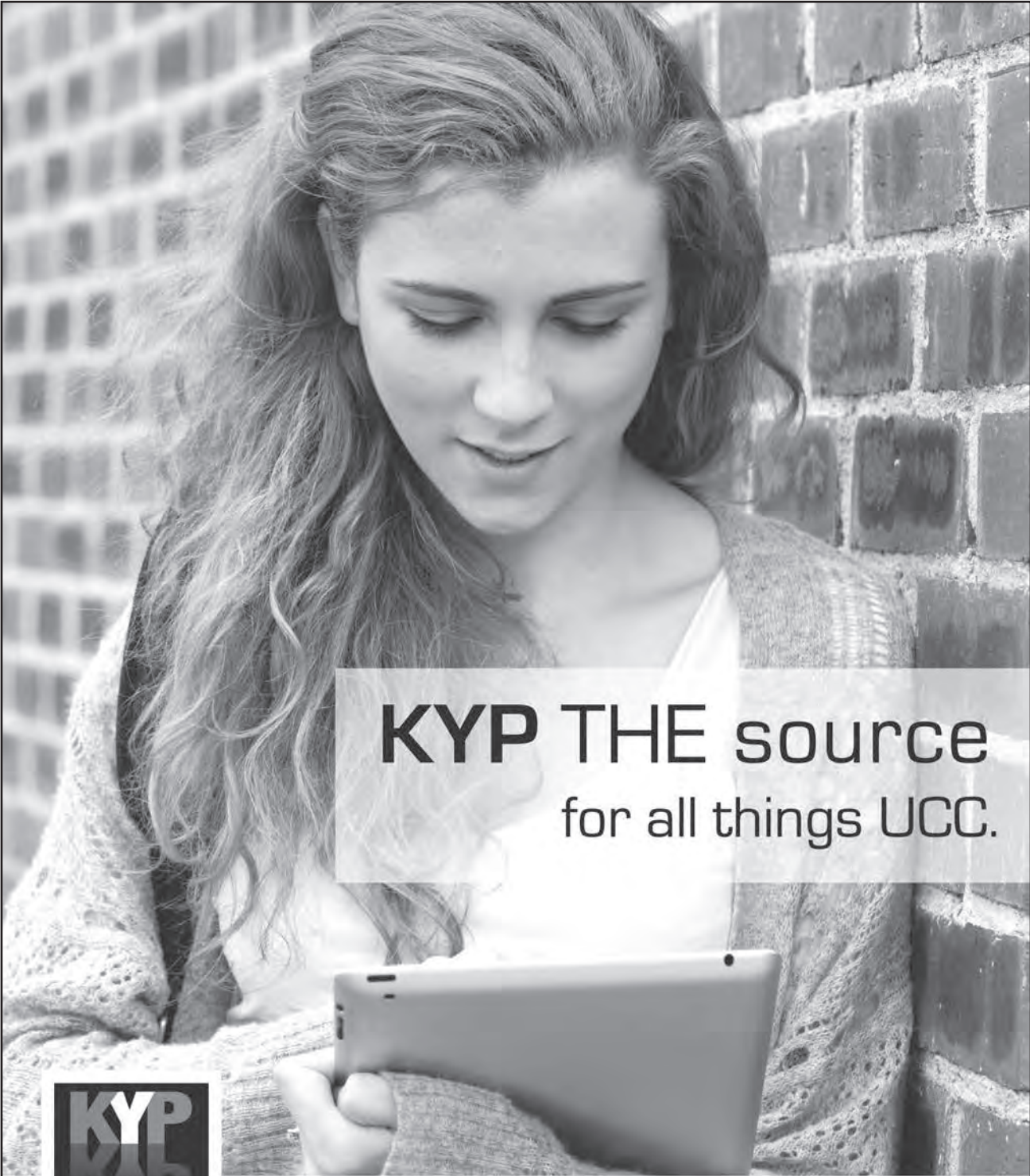
550 Eden Theological Seminary Bookstore: We are a church that believes that God is still speaking, and we're a place where one's soul and mind can both be nourished. So visit the Eden Seminary Bookstore booth to explore ideas moving through the broader Christian community and find resources on a variety of topics for your life and ministry.

553 Earth Wisdom Music II: Earth Wisdom Music II sells exquisite silk and velvet jackets, magic dresses that become six dresses, gift items and the best t-shirts in the known universe! earthwisdommusicandclothing.com

601 UCC Historical Council: The Congregational Library offers "one-stop shopping" for anyone wanting to learn more about the history of the Congregational and Christian churches: seminars, lectures, brown bag lunches, and of course a full library and archive available for research. We also provide help with anniversary planning and instruction in records management for local churches. The exhibit will also include information about the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society and the UCC Archives.

607 UCC Disabilities Ministries: United Church of Christ Disability Ministry and the Mental Health Network present strategies, ideas and resources for how inclusive churches can practice hospitality in ways that are accessible to all. This exhibit focuses on the energies of "Widening the Welcome," a movement within the life of the church. Come and visit!

621 UCC Faith Community Health Nurses: The Nurses exhibit space will feature daily health demonstrations and activities, blood pressure measurements, chair massage, hip to waist ratios, and body mass index measures for children and youth. Information is available on Faith Community Nursing and health ministries to enhance health and wellness.



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Friday, June 28, 2013

“God’s Vision: Risk It”

“”Indicates that all are invited to stand in body or spirit.
 Congregation is invited to respond as indicated by **bold**.
 Musical settings are found in the numbered song section.*

GATHERING MUSIC

House Band

THE CALL

“Go to your watch post...”

CREATING AND BLESSING THE SPACE

THE CONCH SHELL

Tietie Afuafi
 Rachelle Solomua

THE RAMPART BRINGS US TO THE EDGE

MESSENGERS IN RELAY

THE PROCLAMATION

Rev. Dr. Martha Jacobs

Habakkuk 2: 1-3

*“I will stand at my watch-post,
 and station myself on the rampart;
 I will keep watch to see what God will say to me,
 and what God* will answer concerning my complaint.
 Then God answered me and said:
 ‘Write the vision;
 make it plain on tablets,
 so that a runner may read it.
 For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
 it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
 If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
 it will surely come, it will not delay.’”*

***HYMN**

“Standing at the Future’s Threshold”

Tune: NETTLETON

(“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”)

**Stand-ing at the fu-ture’s thresh-old, grate-ful for God’s guid-ing hand,
 Ask-ing no pro-tect-ed strong-hold, called to be a pil-grim band,
 Seek-ing ev-er for new vi-sion of the gos-pel for our day,
 We move for-ward in God’s mis-sion with our faith to show the way.**

WORSHIP – FRIDAY

Midst the teem-ing cit-ies' mil-lions, wit-ness to God's bound-less love,
Reach-ing for each sys-tem's lost ones, seek-ing jus-tice with each move;
Grant us cour-age, strength and pa-tience to con-tend with vi-cious power,
Lead us for-ward in the faith that gives us hope in test-ing's hour.

O-pen-heart-ed in ex-chang-es with the faith-ful not our own,
Trust-ing God's way with these strang-ers not to leave the truth un-known,
Join-ing them in shared en-deav-or where we have Christ's clear com-mand,
We have faith that calls us ev-er toward this good earth's prom-ised land.

Build-ing jus-tice as the bul-wark of the peace that God would give,
Mak-ing sac-ri-fice the hall-mark of the life we're called to live:
Grant us, God, to bear our wit-ness to this peace in Christ and move
For-ward with our faith's own ac-cess to the life of hope and love.

Je-sus Christ, e-ter-nal Sav-ior, Source of life and truth and grace,
We would ask no spe-cial fa-vor, with the low-liest seek our place,
Know the in-as-much of serv-ing, have your cross as our com-mand:
Lead us in this faith un-swerv-ing for-ward as your pil-grim band.

WELCOME

Elivette Mendez Angulo
Byron Buffalo
Toni Buffalo
Rev. John Edgerton
Bishop Yvette Flunder
Kahu Michael Warren

PASSING THE PEACE

INVOCATION

Here at the watch-post, we are excited!

A new energy comes from being together.

We are stationed here at this rampart
during this time and for this season...

God has called us here together with intentionality and purpose.

Thank you for standing watch with us:

**We need all our eyes and ears
and hearts and wisdom!**

For those who are gathered here today,
and for those who are holding us in their prayers,
may our individual lights shine together as one,
as together we seek strength, solace, hope, and grace
in God's vision.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, we pray for the gift of vision to fall upon your church.

You see us as we are.

What others may see as imperfections,

You see as beautiful possibility.

You love us in our differences and in our uniqueness,

For we image You in our diversity

and in our solidarity

with one another.

Wherever we are, may we seek your vision —

may we live your vision, Creator God.

Loving Lord, we call to You from our different locations

asking for Shalom, *Peace*:

that we may hear your voice,

follow your call,

and do your work.

We await your vision at the ramparts of our world:

the inner cities, the suburbs,

rural communities and border towns.

Each place holy: home to your people

and to You, O Just One.

Let us hear you as we listen to one another.

O Pentecost Fire,

we embody many languages and cultural traditions.

You speak through us all.

Let us hear You as we listen to one another.

Creator, we need your guidance.

Call to us from the ramparts of our lives.

Spirit, we are longing for answers.

Speak to us in our innermost being.

Lord, hear our prayer!

Come, Holy Spirit!

Come, Holy Spirit!

Come, Holy Spirit!

WORSHIP – FRIDAY

SONG

“Vision”

Congregation and House Band

(House band:)

*Be now my vision, O God of my heart...
...calling me back to you.*

**Be now my wis-dom and be my true word;
Ev-er with-in me, my soul is as-sured;
Moth-er and Fa-ther, you are both to me,
Now and for-ev-er your child I will be.**

(Band continues...)

*Give us vision that we may see...
...may we never part.*

**Sov-ereign of heav-en, my vic-to-ry won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav-en’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-fall,
Still be my vi-sion, O Rul-er of all.**

(House band finishes.)

SCRIPTURE

Jesus at the “Edge”

Rev. Delle McCormick

Luke 4: 14-30

“Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

*‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because God has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’*

*And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them,
‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’*

All spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’ He said to them, ‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’

And he said, ‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.’*

When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.

But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went on his way.”

SERMON

Rev. Neichelle Guidry Jones

DANCED RESPONSE

“My Life Is In Your Hands”

Words and Music: Kirk Franklin

OFFERING

Rev. Felix Villanueva

Tonight’s offering will benefit the Southern California-Nevada Conference of the UCC.

SONG (No. 1) “*Ven, Espíritu Santo / Come, Come, O Holy Spirit*”

Words and Music: Louis Marcelo Illenseer

(Portuguese:)

**Ven, Es-pí-ri-tu San-to. Ven, a-tien-de nues-tro lla-ma-do,
Ven, y’en-sé-ña-nos cual pue-blo’en es-pe-ran-za li-be-ra-do.**

**Ven, Es-pí-ri-tu San-to. Ven, a-tien-de nues-tro lla-ma-do,
Ven, y’en-sé-ña-nos cual pue-blo’en es-pe-ran-za li-be-ra-do.**

**Come, come, O Ho-ly Spir-it. Come and hear the plea of your peo-ple.
Come and teach your church to lis-ten to your call of hope and free-dom.**

**Come, come, O Ho-ly Spir-it. Come and hear the plea of your peo-ple.
Come and teach your church to lis-ten to your call of hope and free-dom.**

LITANY OF RESPONSE

Rev. Geoffrey Black
Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins

Go to the watch post of your life
and wait to hear what God will say to you;
keep watch to see what vision the Holy One will show you.

**With roots as deep as the earth,
and hands reaching to the heavens,
we wait for the One who is speaking still.**

**God, call us to the edge,
and show us the ways that lead to life!**

Go to the watch post of your life
and feel the stirring of God's Spirit within your soul;
prepare your heart with courage to receive the vision.

**With spirits free to sing and dance,
unburdened by the distractions of life,
we wait for the gift of emptiness.**

**God, call us to the edge,
and renew us with your powerful glory and grace!**

Go to the watch post of your life
and wait to hear what God will say to you;
keep watch to see what vision the Holy One will show you.

Let us pray:

Call us to the edge, O God!
Amid the chaos and tumult of our lives,
we have not always waited in silent contemplation;
we have not always danced with expectant joy;
we have not always made room in our hearts
to receive a difficult word or a challenging task.

**Yet our souls long for you, O God,
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

We proclaim for all the world to hear:
**Your word for the Church,
and your vision for the world,
is here and is coming just as surely
as the coming of the dawn.**

Help us be awake, Giver of Visions,
when the sun begins to rise.

**Help us shake off the terrors of the night
and find the courage to embrace your hope for our future,
through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.**

***SONG** (No. 2)

“Give Us Vision”

Words and Music: Jeff Olmsted

**I have one pray’r.
Let me know You are there.
I have one goal
To feel Your love in my soul.**

**Give me vi-sion that I may see my true i-den-ti-ty.
Give me pow-er that I may do, Your will in all things.
Lord, let me re-mem-ber You.**

**Give us vi-sion that we may see our true i-den-ti-ty.
Give us pow-er that we may do, Your will in all things.
Lord, let us re-mem-ber You.
Lord, let us re-mem-ber You.
Lord, let us re-mem-ber You.**

SENDING FORTH

Rev. Guidry Jones

POSTLUDE

SERVICE NOTES:

GATHERING MUSIC — General Synod House Band

See “General Synod Worship Team” following the printed orders of worship.

THE CALL — Rev. Dr. Martha Jacobs, Interim Minister, First Congregational Church, Chappaqua, N.Y.

CREATING AND BLESSING THE SPACE —

The Conch Shell —

Tietie Afuafi and Rachele Solomua, Members, First Samoan Church of Los Angeles, CA

The Rampart Brings Us to the Edge —

Synod Dancers: See “General Synod Worship Team” following the printed orders of worship.

Youth at General Synod

WORSHIP – FRIDAY

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Saturday, June 29, 2013

“God’s Vision: Receive It”

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GATHERING MUSIC

House Band

WELCOME

Rev. B.J. Beu
Rachel Chapman
Rev. Hyo-Jung Kim

PROCLAMATION
Habakkuk 2: 1a

*“What’s God going to say to my questions?
I’m braced for the worst.
I’ll climb to the rampart’s edge and scan the horizon.
I’ll wait to see what God says...”*

The Message

INVITATION

Mark 6: 30-32

*“So many were coming and going: the apostles had no leisure even to eat.
They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.
Jesus said to them,
‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’
And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.”*

THE CONCH SHELL

Tietie Afuafi
Andrew Fua

SILENCE

CHANT (No. 3)

“I Am Opening”

Words and Music:
Jack Fowler and Christy Snow

I am o-pen-ing.
I am o-pen-ing.
My heart is read-y to re-ceive.

We are o-pen-ing.
We are o-pen-ing.
Our hearts are read-y to re-ceive.
(Repeat as cued)

SILENCE

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Open us to your peace, Gentle Dove,
that bitter tears of grief
and longing for vengeance
may give way to sounds of laughter
and the blessed touch of compassion.

Open us to your justice, Holy One,
that the cries of the weak
and the prayers of the poor
may be heard throughout the land
and turn our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh.

Open us to your truth, Living Word,
that every word we speak
and every action we take
may bear witness to the light of Christ
and the glory of your image within us.

Open us to your grace, Guide and Guardian,
that regrets of the past
and fears of the future
may hold no power over us in the present,
as we rest secure in your presence.

SILENCE

PSALM 46

Verses 1-3, 8-10a

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

*God is a safe place to hide,
ready to help when we need help.*

WORSHIP – SATURDAY

Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

*We stand fearless at the cliff-edge of doom,
courageous in seastorm and earthquake!*

Come, behold the works of the Lord;

Attention, all! See the marvels of God!

Who makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;

*Bans war from pole to pole,
breaks all the weapons!*

God calls:
“Be still, and know that I am God!”

**Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am.
Be still and know.
Be still.
Be.**

SILENCE

CHANT (No. 3)

“I Am Opening”

**I am o-pen-ing.
I am o-pen-ing.
My heart is read-y to re-ceive.**

**We are o-pen-ing.
We are o-pen-ing.
Our hearts are read-y to re-ceive.
(Repeat as cued)**

MEDITATIVE POEM

“I Let Go of My Accumulations”

Howard Thurman

My ego is like a fortress.
I have built its walls
stone by stone

to hold out the invasion
of the love of God.

But I have stayed here long
enough. There is light,
over the barriers, Oh my God.
The darkness of my house
forgive
and overtake my soul.

I relax the barriers.
I abandon all that I think I am,
all I hope to be
all that I believe I possess.

I let go of the past,
I withdraw my grasping hand
from the future,
and in the great silence of this moment,
I alertly rest my soul.

As the sea gull lays in the wind current,
so I lay into the spirit of God,
my dearest human relationships,
my most precious dreams.
I surrender to God's care all that I have called my own.

I give back
all my favorite things
which I withhold in my storehouse.
I let go.

I give myself unto thee
O my God.
Amen.

SILENCE

CHANT (No. 3)

“I Am Opening”

**I am o-pen-ing.
I am o-pen-ing.
My heart is read-y to re-ceive.**

WORSHIP – SATURDAY

We are o-pen-ing.
We are o-pen-ing.
Our hearts are read-y to re-ceive.
(Repeat as cued)

SCRIPTURE

Habakkuk 2: 2-3

*“And then God answered: ‘Write this.
Write what you see.
Write your vision out in big block letters
so that it can be read on the run.
This vision-message is a witness
pointing to what’s coming.
It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait!
And it doesn’t lie.
If it seems slow in coming, wait.
It’s on its way. It will come right on time.’”*

The Message

INVITATION TO WRITE THE VISION

(Throughout the convention center there will be baskets of cloth strips. We invite you to take one of these cloths in the next day, between now and communion tomorrow, and as the vision comes clear in your heart and mind, write it down on the cloth. Wait for the vision — it will surely come — there is no hurry — wait on God and God’s vision.)

PASSING THE PEACE

As you pass the peace, you are invited to say: “Together let us seek God’s vision.”

BENEDICTION

SERVICE NOTES:

GATHERING MUSIC—General Synod House Band

See “General Synod Worship Team” following the printed orders of worship.

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Monday, July 1, 2013

“God’s Vision: Revive It”

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Musical settings are found in the numbered song section.*

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN

“Spirit of the Living God”

Tune: IVERSON

Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me;
Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me;
Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

INVOKING THE FIRE

Rev. Freeman Palmer

Lord, we gather together in this hall
Waiting for, longing for,
Needing the power of the Holy Spirit!
So on this summer’s night, we pray
Holy Spirit, come close!

With the fire that blazed but did not consume the burning bush ...

... With the fire that midwifed a new thing the world had never seen
Holy Spirit, come close!

To places far beyond these great walls ...

... To the lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered teen
in our cities and towns
who desperately needs to know that it gets better
Holy Spirit, come close!

Fall fresh, Spirit of the living God, on hospitals ...

... Come to these places.
 Set them ablaze
 with the flame of your love,
 the glow of your peace,
 the blaze of your justice
Holy Spirit, come close!

Last but not least, come close to us
 With the fire that spreads rapidly across our terrain ...

... Set our souls on fire this night.
 We bid you, we invite you, we beseech you, we implore you —
 We entreat you come, come here, come now —
 Come close.

Holy Spirit, come close!
Send us warmth, sustenance, and energy that give us life
Reshape us, reform, renew, remake and rebirth us
As your people and as your Church.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

PROCLAMATION

Rev. Elena Larssen

John 2: 17-20

“Jesus’ disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’ The religious authorities then said to him, ‘What sign can you show us for doing this?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ They then said, ‘This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?’”

MEDITATION

Pastor Julian DeShazier

RESPONSE

Synod Dancers

***SONG (No. 4)**

“Total Praise”

Words and Music: Richard Smallwood

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills
Know-ing my help is com-ing from You.
Your peace You give me in time of the storm.

WORSHIP – MONDAY

Chorus:

**You are the source of my strength;
You are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in to-tal praise to you.**
(Repeat chorus as indicated on screen)

A-men. A-men, a-men. A-men, a-men. A-men.

***BENEDICTION/SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

SERVICE NOTES:

GATHERING MUSIC—General Synod House Band

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Tuesday, July 2, 2013

“God’s Vision: Rejoice in It”

“”Indicates that all are invited to stand in body or spirit.
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GATHERING MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL

“Precious Lord”
 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

ACCLAMATIONS

“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19)

*“I am the Resurrection and the Life; all who believe in me,
 though they die, yet shall they live,
 and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.” (John 11: 25-26)*

*“Our bodies will return to the dust of the earth;
 and the breath of life will go back to God, who gave it.” (Ecclesiastes 12:6-7)*

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed!

***HYMN (No. 5)**

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Tune: CLOSER WALK

**I am weak, but thou art strong; Je-sus keep me from all wrong;
 I’ll be sat-is-fied as long, as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea,
 dai-ly walk-ing close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?
 Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
 Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea,
 dai-ly walk-ing close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**When my fee-ble life is o’er, time for me will be no more;
 Guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o’er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.
 Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea,
 dai-ly walk-ing close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

*LITANY OF NEW LIFE

Mark Unbehagen

Let it be! Let it be!
**New life, for the church,
for you, for me!
Let it be!**

New life doesn't forget the old, but springs forth from it.
New life emerges, in God's time —
sometimes very slowly;
at other times with the power of an unsealed tomb.
Surprise! God makes all things new.
**New life, for the church,
for you, for me!
Let it be!**

Like the children's game, God says: "Ready or not, here I come!"
And God re-creates, in God's time —
Resurrection power! Who dares say that God can't or won't?!
Surprise! God laughs with joy.
**New life, for the church,
for you, for me!
Let it be!**

Let it be!
Let it be!

*SONG

"Mourning into Dancing"

Words and Music: Tommy Walker

You've turned my mourn-ing in-to danc-ing a-gain.
You've lift-ed my sor-row, and I can't stay si-lent.
I must sing for Your joy has come!

**You've turned my mourn-ing in-to danc-ing a-gain.
You've lift-ed my sor-row, and I can't stay si-lent.
I must sing for Your joy has come!**

Where there once was on-ly hurt, You gave Your heal-ing hand.
Where there once was on-ly pain, You brought com-fort like a friend.
I feel the sweet-ness of Your love pierc-ing my dark-ness.
I see the bright and morn-ing sun as it ush-ers in Your joy-ful glad-ness.

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**You've turned my mourn-ing in-to danc-ing a-gain.
You've lift-ed my sor-row, and I can't stay si-lent.
I must sing for Your joy has come!**

Your an-ger lasts for a mo-ment in time.
But Your fa-vor is here and will be on me for all my life-time.

**You've turned my mourn-ing in-to danc-ing a-gain.
You've lift-ed my sor-row, and I can't stay si-lent.
I must sing for Your joy has come!**

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You've lift-ed my sor-row, and I can't stay si-lent.
I must sing for Your joy has come!**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Rev. Madison Shockley

Zechariah 8: 1-8

God's message:

*"I am zealous for Zion — I care!
I'm angry about Zion — I'm involved!"*

God's message:

*"I've come back to Zion,
I've moved back to Jerusalem.
Jerusalem's new name will be Truth City ...
And my mountain: Mount Holiness."*

*"Old men and old women will come back to my city,
sit on benches on the streets and spin tales,
move around safely — a good city to grow old in.*

*And boys and girls will fill the public parks, laughing and playing—
a good city to grow up in."*

God's message:

*"Do the problems of rebuilding seem too much?
But is anything too much for me?"*

The Message

WORSHIP – TUESDAY

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Rev. Gilberto Garcia-Rodriguez

Luke 10:1-11, 17-20

“After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The realm of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the realm of God has come near.’”

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!’ He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’”

HOMILY

“But Wait, There’s More!”

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

OFFERTORY

Megan Lee Osborn Snell

Tonight’s offering will support the United Church of Christ Scholarship Ministry.

(No. 6)

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Spiritual

**I’m gon-na live so God can use me an-y-time, Lord, and an-y-where.
I’m gon-na live so God can use me an-y-time, Lord, and an-y-where.**

**I’m gon-na work so God can use me an-y-time, Lord, and an-y-where.
I’m gon-na work so God can use me an-y-time, Lord, and an-y-where.**

**I’m gon-na pray so God can use me an-y-time, Lord, and an-y-where.
I’m gon-na pray so God can use me an-y-time, Lord, and an-y-where.**

**I’m gon-na sing so God can use me an-y-time, Lord, and an-y-where.
I’m gon-na sing so God can use me an-y-time, Lord, and an-y-where.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

K'lla L. Encabo

You are invited to Tweet your vision to: #GSWorship

*SONG (No. 7)

“Dream God’s Dream”

Words and Music: Bryan Sirchio

Dream God’s Dream! Holy Spir-it help us dream
of a world where there is jus-tice and where ev-‘ry one is free
to build and grow and love, and to sim-ply have e-nough.
The world will change, when we dream God’s dream.

I’m dream-ing of a world where the col-or of one’s skin
will mean less than what’s with-in the per-son’s heart.
A world where wa-ter’s clean and where air is safe to breathe.
And ev-‘ry child born has enough to eat.

**Dream God’s Dream! Holy Spir-it help us dream
of a world where there is jus-tice and where ev-‘ry one is free
to build and grow and love, and to sim-ply have e-nough.
The world will change, when we dream God’s dream.**

**I’m dream-ing of the call God is of-fer-ing to me,
how to use my en-er-gy and my best gifts;
to do the work of Christ to say God, please use my life
to spread Your heal-ing love and to live Your truth.**

**Dream God’s Dream! Holy Spir-it help us dream
of a world where there is jus-tice and where ev-‘ry one is free
to build and grow and love, and to sim-ply have e-nough.
The world will change, when we dream God’s dream.**

**I’m dream-ing of the way that I want my life to go.
I’ve got hope and I’ve got goals I’d like to meet.
I’m reach-ing for the stars, but I won’t for-get the scars
of Christ who died to show that the dream’s for all.**

**Dream God’s Dream! Holy Spir-it help us dream
of a world where there is jus-tice and where ev-‘ry one is free
to build and grow and love, and to sim-ply have e-nough.
The world will change, when we dream God’s dream.**

WORSHIP – TUESDAY

*HYMN (No. 8)

“Now Is the Time Approaching”

Tune: WEBB

**Now is the time ap-proach-ing, by proph-ets long fore-told,
When all shall dwell to-geth-er, se-cure and man-i-fold.
Let war be learned no long-er, let strife and tu-mult cease,
All earth a bless-ed gar-den that God shall tend in peace.**

**Let all that now di-vides us re-move and pass a-way,
Like mists of ear-ly morn-ing be-fore the blaze of day.
Let all that now u-nites us more sweet and last-ing prove,
A clos-er bond of un-ion, in bless-ed lands of love.
O long-ex-pect-ed dawn-ing, come with your cheer-ing ray!
Yet shall the prom-ise beck-on and lead us not a-stray.
O sweet an-tic-i-pa-tion! It cheers the watch-ers on
To pray, and hope, and la-bor till Christ’s new realm is come.**

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Geoffrey Black

*CELEBRATION!

“When the Saints Come Marching In”

Traditional

SERVICE NOTES:

GATHERING MUSIC—General Synod House Band

See “General Synod Worship Team” following the printed orders of worship.

PROCESSIONAL—

SYNOD DANCERS: *See “General Synod Worship Team” following the printed orders of worship.*

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WORSHIP – TUESDAY

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No. 1 “Ven, Espíritu Santo / Come, Come, O Holy Spirit”

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: D, D/F#, D7/F#, G, A7. Lyrics: Portuguese: Ven, Es - pí - ri - tu San - to. Ven, a - tien - de nues - tro lla - English: Come, come, O Ho - ly Spir - it. Come and hear the plea of your

System 2: Chords: D, D7, G, A7, Bm7. Lyrics: ma - do, ven y'en - sé - ña - nos cual pue - blo'en es - pe - pleo - ple. Come and teach your church to lis - ten to your

System 3: Chords: 1. D/E, E7, G/A; 2. Em9, A7, D. Lyrics: ran - za li - be - ra - do. call of hope and free - dom. ran - za li - be - ra - do. call of hope and free - dom.

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No. 2

“Give Us Vision”

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B^b C/B^b $A\text{m}^7$ $D\text{m}^7$ $G\text{m}^7$ B^b/C C/F $D\text{m}^7$

I have one pray'r. Let me know you are there.

B^b C/B^b $A\text{m}^7$ $D\text{m}^7$ E^b B^b/C F B^b

I have one goal to feel your love in my soul.

B^b/C F F B^b B^b/C F F B^b C^{11} F

1. Give me vi - sion that I may see
2. Give us vi - sion that we may see

$G\text{m}^7$ F/A C/B^b B^b/C F F B^b

my true i - den - ti - ty. Give me pow - er that
our true i - den - ti - ty. Give us pow - er that

C^{11} $A/C^{\#}$ $D\text{m}^7$ B^b/E^b $D\text{m}^7$ B^b/E^b F/B^b

I may do, Your will in all things.
we may do, Your will in all things.

$G\text{m}^7$ F/A C/B^b B^b/C F C/B^b B^b/C $D\text{m}^7$

1. Lord, let me re - mem - ber You.
Lord, let us re - mem - ber You.

$G\text{m}^7$ F/A C/B^b B^b/C $D\text{m}^7$ $G\text{m}^7$ F/A C/B^b B^b/C F

Lord, let us re - mem - ber You. Lord, let us re - mem - ber You.

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No. 3

“I Am Opening”

1 I am o - pen - ing I am
o - pen - ing We are

4 o - pen - ing My heart is
o - pen - ing Our hearts are

repeat until cue:

7 read - y to re - ceive We are
read - y to re - ceive.

last time:

10 to re - ceive
rit.

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No. 4

“Total Praise”

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills
know - ing my help is com - ing from You.
Your peace You give me in time of the storm.
You are the source of my strength.
You are the strength of my life.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills know - ing my help is com - ing from You. Your peace You give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength. You are the strength of my life." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Words: Richard Smallwood

Music: Richard Smallwood; Arranged by Stephen Key

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“Total Praise” (continued)

1.
I lift my hands in to - tal praise to You.

2. A - men. A -

You. A - men, a - men. A - men.

A - men, a - men. A -

men, a - men. A - men, a -

men, a - men. A - men.

men, a - men. A - men, a -

men. A - men.

men. A - men, a - men.

A - men, a - men.

men. A - men, a - men.

No. 5

“Just A Closer Walk with Thee”

1. I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 2. Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
 Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,

D. C. for Refrain

I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.
 dai - ly walk - ing close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Words and Music: Anonymous

No. 6

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I'm gon - na live so God can use me
 (I'm gon - na live so) (God can

a - ny - time and a - ny - where.
 use me) (a - ny time) (a - ny -

I'm gon - na live so God can use me
 where.) (I'm gon - na live so)

a - ny - time and a - ny - where.
 (a - ny time) (a - ny - where.)

2 I'm gonna work...

3 I'm gonna pray...

4 I'm gonna sing...

Words and Music: African-American Spiritual
 Score provided courtesy of *Hymnary.org*.

No. 7

“Dream God’s Dream”

♩ = 69

Dream God's dream! Ho-ly

Spir - it___ help us dream of a world where there is

jus - tice___ and where ev - 'ry one is free to

build and grow and love, and to sim - ply have e -

-nough. The world will change, when we dream God's dream.

1. I'm dream-ing_ of a world where the col - or of one's
2. I'm dream-ing_ of the call God is of - fer-ing to
3. I'm dream-ing_ of the way that I want my life to

skin will mean less than_ what's with - in the per - son's heart.
 me, how to use my_ en - er - gy and my best gifts;
 go. I've got hope and_ I've got goals I'd like to meet.

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“Dream God’s Dream” (continued)



A world where wa - ter's clean and where
to do the work of Christ to say
I'm reach - ing for the stars, but I



air is safe to breathe. And ev - 'ry__ chi - ld
God, please use my life to spread Your__ heal - ing
won't for - get the scars of Christ who__ died to



born has e - nough to eat, dream.
love and to live Your truth,
show that the dream's for all,

No. 8 “Now Is the Time Approaching”

1 Now is the time ap - proach - ing, by proph - ets long fore - told,
 2 Let all that now di - vides us re - move and pass a - way,
 3 O long - ex - spect - ed dawn - ing, come with your cheer - ing ray!

when all shall dwell to - geth - er, se - cure and man - i - fold.
 like mists of ear - ly morn - ing be - fore the blaze of day.
 Yet shall the prom - ise beck - on and lead us not a - stray.

Let war be learned no long - er, let strife and tu - mult cease,
 Let all that now u - nites us more sweet and last - ing prove,
 O sweet an - tic - i - pa - tion! It cheers the watch - ers on

all earth a bless - ed gar - den that God shall tend in peace.
 a clos - er bond of un - ion, in bless - ed lands of love.
 to pray, and hope, and la - bor till Christ's new realm is come.

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Twenty-Ninth General Synod Related Events

Key

CC = Convention Center
 RN = Renaissance Hotel
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Group/Function	Location
Child Care	CC Room 102A
Local Arrangements Committee	CC Room 102B
Rehearsal Room	CC Room 102C
Committee Process	CC Room 103A
Copy Center	CC Room 103B
General Synod Office	CC Room 103C
Family Sitting Room	CC Overview A
Newsroom	CC Overview B
Video Production	Show Manager Room A

Group/Function	Location	Time
WEDNESDAY		
Cabinet of the Council of Conference Ministers Meeting and Dinner	CC Room 203C	5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
THURSDAY		
CCM Meeting and Lunch	CC Room 203C	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Committee of Reference	RN Capri Room	8 a.m. – 12 noon
Conference Presidents, Chairs, Moderators Meeting and Dinner	CC Room 202A	1 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Executive Council Meeting and Reception	RN Naples Ballroom	1 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
It Is Well Healing and Affirmation Worship (Intergenerational Fellowship)	CC Hall C	7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
FRIDAY		
Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) Staff Meeting	CC Seaside Room 6	7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Red Cross Blood Drive	CC Room 203A	8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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SYNOD RELATED EVENTS

Group/Function	Location	Time
FRIDAY (Con'd.)		
New and Renewing Churches Think Tank and Lunch	CC Seaside Room 4B	8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Members in Discernment Reception	CC Room 101A	9 a.m. – 12 noon
JWM Board Meeting	CC Room 202C	9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Conference Presidents, Chairs, and Moderators Meeting	CC Room 202A	9 a.m. – 12 noon
United Black Christians Board of Directors Meeting and Lunch	CC Seaside Room 3	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Synod 101	CC Room 203C	11 a.m. – 12 noon
Credentials Committee	CC Seaside Room 2	11 a.m. – 12 noon
Youth Stewards Lunch	CC Seaside Room 6	12 noon – 1 p.m.
Intensive #1	CC Room 101A	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Intensive #2	CC Room 101B	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Intensive #3	CC Promenade Ballroom A	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Intensive #4	CC Promenade Ballroom B	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Intensive #5	CC Promenade Ballroom C	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Intensive #6	CC Room 201A	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Intensive #7	CC Room 201B	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Intensive #8	CC Room 202A	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Intensive #9	CC Room 202B	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Intensive #10	CC Room 202C	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Intensive #11	CC Room 203C	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Intensive #12	CC Room 204	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Intensive #13	CC Seaside Ballroom A	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Intensive #14	CC Seaside Ballroom B	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Intensive #15	CC Seaside Room 1	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Marriage Equality Rally	CC Front Steps	4:45 p.m.
UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns Sponsored Dinner	CC Grand Ballroom (Half)	5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
JWM Sponsored Reception	CC Grand Ballroom (Half)	5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY (Con'd.)		
Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations Sponsored Dinner	RN Naples Rooms 1 & 2	5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Science and Technology Sponsored Dinner	RN Naples Room 3	5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Andover Newton Theological Seminary Sponsored Dinner	RN Verona Room	5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Ministers for Racial, Social, and Economic Justice Opening Convocation and “What About the Children Conference”	CC Promenade Ballroom A	9 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Executive Council	RN Naples 1 and 2	10 p.m. – 11 p.m.
SATURDAY		
Iowa Conference Caucus	CC Room 202B	7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Hawaii Conference Caucus	CC Seaside Room 5A	7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Local Church Ministries Board Meeting	Westin Ocean Ballroom	7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
New Hampshire Conference Caucus	CC Room 202C	7 a.m. – 9 a.m.
Office of General Ministries (OGM) Board Meeting and Breakfast	RN Naples Room 1	7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Ohio Conference Caucus	CC Room 203C	7:30 – 8:30 a.m.
JWM Board Meeting and Breakfast	RN Naples Room 2	7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.
Wider Church Ministries (WCM) Board Meeting and Breakfast	RN Naples Room 3	7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.
Red Cross Blood Drive	CC Room 203A	8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Testimony! Gala Luncheon	CC Grand Ballroom	12 noon – 2 p.m.
Festival on the Marina Green	Marina Green	12 noon – 4 p.m.
Historical Council Reception for Former Officers	CC Seaside Room 5	2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Organ Concert and Hymn Sing	First Congregational UCC of Long Beach, 241 Cedar Ave.	2 p.m.
Search and Call Fair	CC Seaside Room 1	3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Sights and Sounds of the South Pacific Luau	Rainbow Lagoon Park	5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Transgender Mixer	CC Room 204	9 p.m. – 11 p.m.

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SUNDAY		
Hawaii Conference Caucus	CC Room 203A	7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Indiana-Kentucky Caucus	CC Seaside Room 2	7 a.m. – 8 a.m.
New York Conference Caucus	CC Promenade Ballroom C	7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
JWM Staff Meeting	CC Seaside Room 6	7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Illinois South Conference Caucus	CC Seaside Room 3	7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.
New Hampshire Conference Caucus	CC Seaside Room 5	7 a.m. – 9 a.m.
Ohio Conference Caucus	CC Room 203C	7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Committee #1	CC Room 101A	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Committee #2	CC Room 101B	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Committee #3	CC Promenade Ballroom A	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Committee #4	CC Promenade Ballroom B	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Committee #5	CC Room 201A	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Committee #6	CC Room 201B	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Committee #7	CC Room 202A	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Committee #8	CC Room 202B	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Committee #9	CC Room 202C	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Committee #10	CC Room 203B	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Committee #11	CC Room 204	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Committee #12	CC Seaside Ballroom A	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Committee #13	CC Seaside Ballroom B	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Committee #14	CC Seaside Room 1	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Committee #15	CC Seaside Room 4	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Eden Theological Seminary Sponsored Lunch	CC Promenade Ballroom C	12 noon – 2:30 p.m.
UBC Sponsored Lunch	CC Grand Ballroom (half)	12 noon – 2:30 p.m.
Women’s Ministries Sponsored Lunch	CC Grand Ballroom (half)	12 noon – 2:30 p.m.
Chicago Theological Seminary Sponsored Lunch	CC Room 203C	12 noon – 2:30 p.m.
Bangor Theological Seminary Sponsored Lunch	RN Naples Room 1	12 noon – 2:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY (Con'd.)		
Pacific School of Religion Sponsored Lunch	RN Naples Room 2	12 noon – 2:30 p.m.
UCC Chaplains & Ministers Sponsored Lunch	RN Naples Room 3	12 noon – 2:30 p.m.
Award Recipients Reception	CC Hall B	5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Church Building & Loan Fund (CBLF) Wine and Cheese Reception	CC Room 203C	5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Budget Hearing	CC Room 201	7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Nominating Process Hearing	CC Room 203B	7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Fellowship of Affirming Ministries Hearing	CC Room 204	7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Stillspeaking Writers' Group Reception	CC Room 203A	9 p.m. – 11 p.m.
God Loves Uganda Film Screening	CC Room 101B	9 p.m. – 11 p.m.
International Guest Reception	CC Room 203C	9:30 p.m. – 11 p.m.
MONDAY		
Indiana-Kentucky Caucus	CC Room 202A	7 a.m. – 8 a.m.
Iowa Conference Caucus	CC Room 202B	7 a.m. – 8 a.m.
Hawaii Conference Caucus	CC Room 203A	7 a.m. – 8 a.m.
JWM Staff Meeting	CC Room 203B	7 a.m. – 8 a.m.
Illinois South Conference Caucus	CC Room 201B	7 a.m. – 8 a.m.
New Hampshire Conference Caucus	CC Room 202C	7 a.m. – 8 a.m.
Ohio Conference Caucus	CC Room 203C	7 a.m. – 8 a.m.
New York Conference Caucus	CC Room 201A	
Pacific Islander and Asian American (PAAM) & Association of Hawaiian Evang. Churches Sponsored Lunch	CC Promenade Ballroom C	12 noon – 2:30 p.m.
Yale Divinity School Sponsored Lunch	CC Room 202A	12 noon – 2:30 p.m.
Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM) Sponsored Lunch	CC Room 202C	12 noon – 2:30 p.m.
WCM Sponsored Lunch	CC Grand Ballroom (half)	12 noon – 2:30 p.m.

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MONDAY (Con'd.)		
Council for Youth and Young Adult Ministry (CYYAM) Sponsored Lunch	CC Exhibit Hall C	12 noon – 2:30 p.m.
Lancaster Seminary Sponsored Lunch	RN Naples Rooms 1 & 2	12 noon – 2:30 p.m.
Faithful & Welcoming Dinner	CC Room 203B	5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Committee on Ministry Ice Cream Social	CC Promenade Ballroom C	9 p.m. – 11 p.m.
TUESDAY		
Indiana-Kentucky Conference Caucus	CC Room 202A	7 a.m. – 8 a.m.
Hawaii Conference Caucus	CC Room 203A	7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
JWM Staff Meeting	CC Room 203B	7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Illinois South Conference Caucus	CC Room 201B	7 a.m. – 9 a.m.
New Hampshire Conference Caucus	CC Room 202C	7 a.m. – 9 a.m.
New York Conference Caucus	CC Room 201A	7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Ohio Conference Caucus	CC Room 203C	7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) Sponsored Lunch	CC Promenade Ballroom A	12 noon – 2:30 p.m.
Council for Hispanic Ministries Sponsored Lunch	CC Promenade Ballroom B	12 noon – 2:30 p.m.
UCC Health Care Justice Program; UCC HIV/AIDS Network (UCAN); and the UCC Faith Community Nurses Sponsored Lunch	CC Promenade Ballroom C	12 noon – 2:30 p.m.
United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities Sponsored Lunch	CC Room 202B	12 noon – 2:30 p.m.
United Church of Christ Board Dinner	CC Room 204	5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
JWM Board and Staff Reception	RN Renaissance Room 3	9:30 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Committee Assignments

In late May delegates to the Twenty-ninth General Synod were notified of their committee assignment.

Assignment to committee is completely random, selected by computer draw, and cannot be changed. Delegate credentials will indicate which committee a delegates has been assigned.

Delegates are asked to attend the educational intensive corresponding to their committee assignment at 1 p.m. Friday afternoon, June 28, 2013, in the Long Beach Convention Center. The educational intensives are designed to give delegates a working knowledge of the issues central to the resolution they will consider in committee. The Synod Committees will then meet at 9 a.m. Sunday morning, June 30, 2013, to make a recommendation on the disposition of the resolution.

Please note that Committee 7 will consider two resolutions and Committee 14 has been created to hear business not yet submitted so there will be no educational intensive for those delegates assigned to Committee 14. Also, the resolution regarding church camps has been sent directly to the full Synod so it will have no educational intensive or committee session.

All of the room designations below are in the convention center.

Committee	Resolution	Room
1	Calling for the United Church of Christ to Repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery Which Authorized the Genocide of Indian People and the Theft of Indian Lands	101A
2	On Making UCC Church Buildings More Carbon Neutral	101B
3	Resolution Against Bullying and Discrimination	Promenade Ballroom A
4	Mountaintop Removal Coal Mining in Appalachia	Promenade Ballroom B
5	Resolution Calling for an All Church Offering for Supporting the Educational Expenses of Member in Discernment Preparing for Authorized Ministry of the United Church of Christ	201A
6	Resolution Urging Divestment from Fossil Fuel Companies	201B
7	(2 Resolutions) Advocating for Tax Reform as Christian Stewardship and Public Duty; and Resolution on Advocating for Funding to Construct Quality Affordable Housing	202A
8	The United Samoan Ministries of the United Church of Christ Request to be Recognized as a Historically Underrepresented Group and Member of the Council for Racial and Ethnic Ministries	202B
9	To Recognize the Need for Compassionate Care and Healing to Our Veterans.	202C
10	Resisting Actions Seeking to Undermine the Status of Women in Society.	203B

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Committee	Resolution	Room
11	Restructuring of Conference Boundaries	204
12	A Call to Respond to the Drug-Related Gang Violence in Honduras Resulting from the Illegal Drugs Market in the United States.	Seaside Ballroom A
13	Resolution Supporting Compassionate Comprehensive Immigration Reform and the Protection of the Human Rights of Immigrants.	Seaside Ballroom B
14	An Anticipated Resolution Regarding the United Church of Canada.	S1
Direct to Plenary A Resolution In Support of Outdoor Ministries of the United Church of Christ No committee session		



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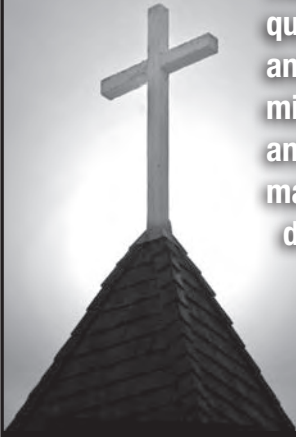
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