

**Central Southeast Ohio Association,
Ohio Conference
June 20, 2018**



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CSEmail Newsletter

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The Association Office is open on Tuesdays from 10a - 1p or by appointment.
I will normally respond to your phone/email messages
within 24 hours of receipt Monday through Thursday. Messages are not checked Friday - Sunday
If you have news or photos to share and/or dates you would like to add to the calendar to be included in our
next CSEmail, please submit to me by Friday at 4:30p
Submit your articles, photos (jpeg, png format please) and attachments to
debras@ocucc.org

Quick Links

2018 Calendar of Events

**CSE Authorized
Clergy and MID
Directory**

**CSE Pulpit Supply
List**

Vision Team Meeting for CSEOA

Saturday, July 7th
10a-12p
Advent UCC

Council Meeting

Saturday, July 14th
9:30a-12:30p
Location TBD

DCAM Meeting

Saturday, August 11th
1p
Grace UCC, Lancaster

**CSE Church
Directory**

**CSE Departments,
Council and
Committees**

**2018 Calendar of
Prayer**

**MESA COM &
MOM Information
and Manuals**

**2018 Online
Training for COM**

**CSEOA
Website**

DPAM Meeting

Wednesday, July 11th
9:30a-3:30p
David's UCC, Canal Winchester

Female Clergy Lunch

(We invite female clergy in the Ohio Conference to meet monthly for lunch, fellowship, sharing of resources and support.)

We plan to meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Columbus area.

Our next gathering is:

June 26th
at 11:30 at
the Ikea restaurant (I 71- Gemini Exit).

Ohio Conference Annual Gathering

September 28th and 29th
Westerville Community UCC

CSEOA Annual Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 27th

Calendar of Prayer

June 24, 2018

Highwater Congregational UCC, Newark

July 1, 2018

Search Committee of Ohio Conference

July 8, 2018

CSEOA Department for Congregational Vitality

July 15, 2018

Little Muskingum Congregational Church,
Marietta

July 22, 2018

Mt. Carmel UCC, Clearport

July 29, 2018

North Congregational UCC, Columbus

Meet our New Transitional Conference Minister: Rev. David Long-Higgins

Dear Friends,

Your Board of Directors held a special meeting on June 11 in which we approved Rev. David M. Long-Higgins as our new Transitional Conference Minister. He will begin his ministry with us on September 1.

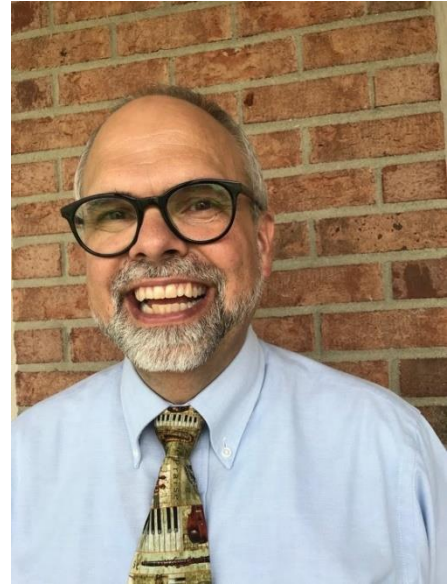
Rev. Long-Higgins graduated from Heidelberg University, in Tiffin, and from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. He is currently the Senior Pastor at David's United Church of Christ in Canal Winchester, Ohio, where he has served since 1996. He has been active in the wider church, most notably serving on the Global Ministries Board for the past nine years, three years on the Wider Church Ministry Board, and two years on the Executive Council of the United Church of Christ. He has also been active within Central Southeast Association and the Ohio Conference.

The Search Committee was impressed with Dave's passion, spirituality, and a deep understanding of the current reality within the Ohio Conference. It was also impressed with his communication skills, both in person and in writing, and felt these would be critical as the conference considers the recommendations from the Vision Team.

Please join me in welcoming Dave to this new role within the Ohio Conference!

Grace and peace,

Cathy Green
Moderator, Ohio Conference



**Ohio Conference
Restructuring Vision Meeting
For CSEOA
Saturday, July 7 from 10:00 am - noon
Advent UCC
2303 N Cassady Ave
Columbus OH 43219**

The presentation by the Ohio Conference Visioning Team for the restructure of a conference for our churches in Ohio, Northern Kentucky and West Virginia will be held at Advent UCC at [2303 N Cassady Ave Columbus, 43219](#) on Saturday, July 7th at 10:00am. You and members of your churches are requested to attend, to be a part of hearing what is proposed. You will get to ask questions, as well as provide feedback to the Vision Team members. There is no cost but we do request you register so we can have enough materials on hand for everyone.

[View Vision Team Proposal HERE](#)



[Register Here](#)

End of Life Seminars Wednesdays July 11, 18, 25 7-9p North Congregational UCC

The Caring Ministry Team of North Congregational UCC, located at [2040 W Henderson Rd, Columbus](#) invites you to participate in a free three-session seminar that will help you consider the ethical and legal issues surrounding end of life care.

[DETAILS HERE](#)



Soon to be Ordained!

**Council has approved
DPAM
recommendations to
ordain...**

**Nick Knoblauch
Joanna Samuelson**

Beth Staten

Congratulations!
Dates to be announced soon!

Chicken Noodle Social
St Michael's UCC, Baltimore
July 19th, 4-7p
[Click HERE for Details](#)

Dublin Community Church
United Church of Christ
is looking for
Part-Time Youth Leader

[View Job Description HERE](#)

David's UCC Hosts PFLAG Meeting

Your first reaction to learning that your loved one is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, or Questioning (LGBTQ) may include:



fear for your loved one, hurt, confusion and every emotion in between! What you might be experiencing is normal.

A good first step for you and your loved one is to attend a meeting.

Did you know PFLAG Columbus hosts two monthly meetings in Central Ohio? The gatherings are held on:

the third Sundays from 7 to 8:30 pm at
Norwich Township Fire Station,
4283 Davidson Road, Hilliard, Ohio; and on

the fourth Sundays (June 24th) from 4 to 5:30 pm at
David's United Church of Christ, 80 West Columbus Street,
Canal Winchester, Ohio.

All are welcome; though an adult must accompany children under 18.

PFLAG Columbus is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and is not affiliated with any political or religious organizations.

For more information about PFLAG Columbus, please call 614.771.1662 or visit www.pflagcolumbus.org or visit our Facebook page: [@PFLAGColumbus](https://www.facebook.com/PFLAGColumbus).

[View Brochure HERE](#)

Ohio Conference Visioning Team Update



New Vision Team Documents

The Wider Church Visioning Team has released a brief update of its work following the Conference-wide listening sessions. You will find the update and a draft of a purpose, vision, and mission statement on the Ohio Conference website under the tab "A New Vision." The new documents are listed near the top of that page (also linked below) under "Association Meeting Documents."

[Click Here to View](#)

[View Vision Team Proposal HERE](#)



**Ohio Conference Annual Gathering
September 28-29 Westerville Community UCC
Invitation From Ken Medema
See and Hear more from Ken at the Gathering!**

**United Church of Christ
Office Support Staff Network Gathering**

Dear Friends,

The United Church of Christ national offices are very pleased to invite you to join us for the 2018 Annual Gathering of the United Church of Christ Office Support Staff Network (UCCOSSN). This year's gathering on Thursday, July 19 through Saturday, July 21, is being held at the UCC Church House in Cleveland, Ohio.

We have received word that the grant that we requested has been granted!!! **This means that your lodging is now included.**

I hope that this means more of you can attend. We have to give our final room count to the hotel no later than noon on Thursday June 21st. So, we will be closing registration at that time. Please register as soon as you are able. If you need assistance with the registration fee, financial assistance is available. The application form can be retrieved from the registration site. Just let us know!

The UCCOSSN is our national organization dedicated to providing educational, networking, and motivational opportunities to all church, association, conference, and national setting staff members who support the ministries of the United Church of Christ and its affiliated organizations. The annual conference is a chance to reconnect and refresh, and then return to our individual tasks with a sense that we are not alone in our work ... there is an entire network in place to lift us up and reinforce how valuable each and every one of us truly is. The theme this year will be [The 3 Great Loves](#)

[Find out more and REGISTER HERE](#)

[Agenda / Schedule](#)

Churches Currently in Transition....

- **Heidelberg UCC, Stoutsville** is in the process of beginning their search for a new minister.

Come Worship with Us!

Open and Affirming (ONA) is the United Church of Christ's (UCC) designation for congregations, campus ministries, and other bodies in the UCC that make a public covenant of welcome into their full life and ministry to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.

Find an ONA Church Near You
<https://openandaffirming.org/ona/find>



UCC RESOURCES

the hub for all things UCC



UCC DESK CALENDAR 2019

One free calendar is shipped to each church and all retired clergy.*

This popular, 18-month (July 2018 - December 2019) planning calendar for the UCC is 8.5" x 11" and spiral-bound. Includes:

- Complete lectionary readings for every Sunday
- Special mission offering dates
- Special observances
- Directory of national staff

Pre-Order your 2018-19 Desk Calendar

[Here](#)

*Retired clergy: please check with your Conference if you don't receive one.

Volunteer: Summer Communities of Service

[Apply Here](#)

UCC Series: History, Theology and Polity for Congregations and Committees



Each learning session includes a facilitator guide, video, resources, and activities to help folks explore the unique history, governance structure, and theological commitments of the UCC. You can access all the lessons and resources through this site, as well as download any files you need.

The complete facilitator guide is also available for purchase.

[Click HERE to Explore](#)

Creation Justice Webinars

Successful Climate Action

For this month's [Creation Justice Webinar](#), the UCC has teamed up with [350.org](#) and the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth. Masada Disenhouse from [350.org](#) will share about how faith communities can make a difference on climate through local campaigns. She will talk about inspiring past successes as well as current efforts to transition our society away from fossil fuels.

[Sign-up today for this webinar!](#)



Have you read the PARISH PAPER?

The Parish Paper is a wonderful resource to which the Ohio Conference has subscribed on behalf of all Ohio Conference churches. Each issue stands alone as a topic of interest and importance to being a living and growing congregation.

Check it out...

[June](#) - Making the Nursery a Place of Belonging

[July](#) - Inviting Informing and Including Newcomers

[August](#) - How to Raise Money for Your Community Projects

[COM Training online](#)

[Constitution and By Laws Adopted 10-25-14](#)

[CSEOA Vision - Future Story 2020](#)

[CSEOA Strategic Plan 2013-2020](#)

[Ohio Conference Website](#)

[Outdoor Ministries](#)

[Member In Discernment Manual Rev. 7 10-9-2013](#)

[How Do I Transfer My Standing?](#)

[NEW UCC Ministerial Code](#)

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