

# Central Southeast Ohio Association, Ohio Conference February 6, 2019

## Special Called Association Meeting

**Date:** Saturday, March 9, 2019

**Location:** Grace UCC, Lancaster

**Address:** 1185 Pleasantville Rd, Lancaster, OH 43130

**Agenda:**

8:45- 9:10 Check-In

9:10 Opening Devotional

9:20 Approve a quorum

9:25 Extend a Call to Rev. Patricia Battle as Association Minister

9:30 Moderator's Explanation of the history and vision task, Temporary Structure, Consultant's Recommendations, Current Structure Recommendations from

Association Council

10:00 Listening Sessions about the Current Structure

10:45 Break

11:00 Reports of the Listening Sessions

11:50 Closing comments and benediction Rev. Patricia Battle

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## Staff Changes for 2019

Members of Central Southeast Ohio Association,

This year has seen a lot of changes in the staff keeping the Personnel Committee quite busy. I want to thank the members of the Committee for their commitment and diligence.

I also want to update you on the most current changes. Debbie Smetts, our Office Administrator, and Joan Davidson, our Association Registrar, made the decision not to renew their contracts which expire at the end of 2018. Both Deb and Joan have been with us since our new model was initiated and have served us faithfully – and patiently – throughout the initial transition. We are grateful for the gifts they have brought to their positions and offer them our heart-felt thanks.

And now to introduce you to our new staff persons. Upon recommendation from the Personnel Committee Rev. Melodie Rezac was affirmed by the Association Council to serve as our Designated Term Association Administrator. Her responsibilities include nurturing the association's official link to the wider church, facilitating the search and call process, and supporting/collaborating with Rev. Patricia Battle, our Association Pastor. Melodie brings much experience and knowledge to this position, her skill at organization, and, most of all, her love for CSEOA. She is available to you by appointment.

And, we welcome Mary Plumley as our new Office Administrator. Mary most recently served as Coordinator/Registrar for the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure, a position she held for 13 years. We are excited that she has agreed to become part of Central Southeast! Beginning January 2, Mary's office hours will be Tuesday 10:00 – 3:00, Wednesday 1:00 – 5:00, Thursday and Friday 10:00 – 3:00. It certainly has been a year of flux; but with movement there is always life. Both Melodie and Mary are signs of that new life stirring in CSEOA.

Blessings,  
Jill Dunlap, Personnel Chair

## Your Feedback is Requested

Take the survey

Please take a SHORT (1-3 minutes) survey regarding the newsletter. We are interested in your opinion and all surveys will be read. Thanks!

### **Yearbook Reporting!** **Attention Church Staff** **Central Southeast Ohio Association, UCC**

It's time once again for the Center for Analytics, Research and Data (CARD) to begin preparing the 2019 UCC Yearbook. All churches of the Association are asked to prepare this information and submit to the UCC National Database.

\*NEW THIS YEAR! Supplemental Research Questions after completing annual report & for the first time ever CARD will offer **over 25 prizes** for churches that complete their annual report and answer the research questions.

In preparing to submit your church information, it would be helpful to read the following CHURCH YEARBOOK INSTRUCTIONS and complete the ONLINE DATA ENTRY FORM & SUPPLEMENTAL RESEARCH QUESTIONS (page 6-7-8) of the Yearbook Instructions before entering the data-hub.

Why Report Annual Data?

Church Yearbook Instructions

Church Number List

Online Data Entry Form

## You are invited...

## In Remembrance

Dear Friends,

It is with sadness that I announce that Rev. Dr. Marilyn Stavenger passed away on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, at her home in St. Louis, Missouri.

Rev. Dr. Stavenger was a UCC pastor for many years at Park United Church of Christ in Toledo, a retired professor at Eden Theological Seminary, and one of the founders of the Gateway ONA Convocation.

We will send more details regarding the memorial service as we receive it. Until then, we celebrate God's image lived fully in the life and ministry of the Rev. Dr. Marilyn Stavenger.

May God's healing and holding love surround Rev. Dr. Marilyn Stavenger's family and friends in these days.

Blessings

Rev. Dave Long-Higgins  
Transitional Conference Minister  
Serving Ohio, West Virginia and Northern Kentucky

## Treating Trauma & PTSD Seminar

Treating Trauma and PTSD: A New Frontier of Scientific Evidence & Practical Interventions  
Two Days with Dr. van der Kolk

**February 28 - March 1, 2019**  
Powell, Ohio

For more information

## The Faith Formation Task Force of the Ohio Conference UCC, Presents

**Learn It, Live It, Share It**  
**February 27 & 28 2019, Columbus Ohio**  
**Come Experience Lillian Daniel**

Detailed Information & Registration

**Calendar of Events**  
**What's Happening Now and in 2019**

[See News and Events HERE](#)

[A letter to the UCC Family of Faith: We can't let evil prevail](#)

## Celebrate Seminary Sunday on February 24

### Why Celebrate Seminary Sunday?

Our UCC seminaries are filled with faithful, committed students seeking the skills and wisdom necessary to lead the church in the 21st century. Our congregations need these students. In our region, we are blessed to have three fine UCC seminaries - Chicago, United, and Eden. Each of these seminaries provides quality education for pastors and lay leaders, and they provide research and resources that serve the entire UCC.

### How to Celebrate Seminary Sunday

- Lift up our UCC seminaries and seminarians in prayer, in mission moments, and in your bulletins.
- Post materials about Chicago, Eden, and United Seminaries on bulletin boards.
- Include a special prayer or litany in your service.

- Show a five-minute CUE Seminaries DVD.
- Include a gift to CUE Seminaries in your church budget or to take a special offering.
- DVDs, bulletin inserts, posters, and offering envelopes are available CUE Seminaries website: <http://www.cueseminaries.org/>

Please

join us on February 24 in supporting the current and future leadership of the UCC by celebrating Chicago, United, and Eden Seminaries.

If you would like someone from a CUE Seminary to visit your congregation to help with worship leadership for Seminary Sunday, please contact:

**Chicago Theological Seminary** Chad Schwickerath  
([chad.schwickerath@cts-chicago.edu](mailto:chad.schwickerath@cts-chicago.edu) or 773.896.2434)

**United Theological Seminary** Terri Burnor([tburnor@unitedseminary.edu](mailto:tburnor@unitedseminary.edu) or 633.4311)

**Eden Theological Seminary** Lorin Cope ([lcope@eden.edu](mailto:lcope@eden.edu) or 314.918.2549)

Each seminary will do its best to accommodate each request.

## Clergy Compensation Guidelines 2019 Ohio Conference UCC

The clergy compensation guidelines for 2019 are in. They were approved at the conference meeting in September. We include them here for your budgeting process for next year.

[Download Guidelines HERE](#)

## Position Opening

### Chaplain

Friendship Village Columbus is actively seeking a part-time Chaplain to add to our exceptional team and community.

The Chaplain will provide a pastoral presence to the entire Community of Friendship Village Columbus by providing opportunities for worship and learning, and to be available to all who seek comfort or growth in areas of faith and spirituality. The Chaplain must accept all faiths and walks of life, giving no denomination or religion exclusive rights, thus respecting and caring for all people, regardless of affiliation.

Qualified candidates will have a Master of Divinity degree, the endorsement of an ecclesiastical body (denomination), ordination, training and clinical pastoral education. Other preferred experiences include ministry with older adults and training related to spirituality and aging or end of life care, excellent oral and written communication skills, and the ability to travel throughout the local community.

Qualified candidates should apply by submitting their resume to [careers@fvcolumbus.org](mailto:careers@fvcolumbus.org), online at [www.fvcolumbus.org](http://www.fvcolumbus.org), or at 5757 Ponderosa Drive Columbus, OH 43231.

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## Quick Links

## 2019 Calendar of Events

**CSE Authorized  
Clergy and MID  
Directory**

**CSE Pulpit Supply  
List**

**CSE Church  
Directory**

**CSE Departments,  
Council and  
Committees**

**2019 Calendar of  
Prayer**

**MESA COM & MOM  
Information and  
Manuals**

**MOM/COM Zoom  
Training Registration**