

**Central Southeast Ohio  
Association,  
Ohio Conference  
March 20, 2019**

**Invitation to the May 4, 2019 meeting of  
the Central Southeast Ohio Association of  
the UCC**

*Information regarding location and schedule to be sent in April.*

At the special March 9, 2019 meeting several proposals were discussed that will be brought forward to the Association at our May 4th Spring meeting. The following proposals are being proposed for discussion and voting at that meeting.

**Proposal 1:** Change the Administrative Minister's position title to "Association Administrator."

**Rationale:** This role does not provide pastoral support; removing "minister" from the title will better align the title with the job description and role, communicating to the Association and beyond who to contact for administrative needs.

**Proposal 2:** The Administrative Minister position be changed from a called position to a hire position.

**Rationale:** The responsibilities of the position do not require sacramental duties. In addition, this role does not provide pastoral support. The Association will still be in alignment with the CSEOA Constitution & Bylaws: Article V, Section 1, Subsection (b) numeral 1. "This Association shall call one or more authorized ministers (part time or full time) to lead this Association".

**Proposal 3:** Change to Article III, Section G, Subsection (a) Numeral 1 of the CSEOA Constitution & Bylaws: Change “nine” to “twelve.”

**Rationale:** Due to the increasing responsibilities of this Department, additional members will facilitate the department's ability to provide adequate oversight of the work in a timely and efficient manner.

Rev. Patricia E. H. Battle, MBA, MDiv, BCC  
Association Pastor, CSEOA UCC

## Summary of March 9, 2019 Special Called Meeting

A special Called Meeting of the Association was held Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Grace UCC, Lancaster. Twenty-two churches were present, which is more than the quorum needed for voting. A motion was made and approved by written ballot to change the term of service for Rev. Patricia Battle from designated to called with an open ended date. The rationale for this discussion and vote is that Rev. Patricia Battle's designated term has been extended several times and the Personnel Committee recommended her call be changed to open ended.

Moderator Rev. Bill Nirote shared a Power Point presentation which traced our CSEOA organization and structure since the *Future Story* was approved in 2012. We have tried some things, some of which worked and others did not work as well. We have begun to use a "hybrid" structure which is neither fully network nor staff driven. Saturday's Listening Session provided an opportunity for questions which were noted in minutes and will be available to Association Council to help plan the Spring Association Meeting on Saturday, May 4, 2019. There will be additional opportunities for feedback.

Power Point Presentation – March 9, 2019

## Clergy Opening

United Church of Granville is now receiving clergy profiles.

[More Information](#)

## Yearbook Submissions

A big THANKS to everyone who contributed to their church yearbook.

If you corrections or additions, contact me.

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## Redefining the Trauma Zone: A Psycho- Spiritual Assessment of the State of the World

Speaker: MTSO Associate Professor of  
Pastoral Care and Counseling  
Francesca Nuzzolese

March 26, 7 p.m.  
Alford Centrum, MTSO campus  
3081 Columbus Pike, Delaware

Information

## The Death of Civility: On the Birth of Dignity-Based Interfaith Ritual and Practices

Speaker: Najeeba Syeed, scholar and  
peacemaker

April 4, 7 p.m.  
Alford Centrum, MTSO  
3081 Columbus Pike, Delaware

Information

Online Registration

### Spring Lantern Fellowship Women's Retreat

German–Ohio Partnership, Rev. Joyce  
Schroer will be the speaker.

Date: April 26–28, 2019  
Location: Camp Mohaven in Danville,  
Ohio

Registration deadline: April 17

[Information](#)

## On Food and Faith: Ministry in the Time of Climate Change

Seminar date: May 30 – June 1, 2019  
Where: MTSO, Delaware, Ohio  
Application deadline – March 29

[Information and Application](#)

## Mediation Skills Training Institute

When: May 13–17, 2019  
Where: Sterling Heights, MI  
Who: Clergy and lay leaders who are interested in learning skills to help deal more effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict  
The deadline to receive a \$200 tuition discount and register is April 12, 2019.

[More Information](#)

[Register](#)

## UCC Disabilities Ministries

Nominations are now open UCCDM Awards which will be announced at the General Synod, Sunday, June 23 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Submissions deadline is May 15.

[Details](#)

**Summer Mission Trip to Cincinnati**  
Weeks available in June and July

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## 2019

## Calendar of Events

### **Female Clergy Lunch**

Female clergy in the Ohio Conference are invited to meet monthly for lunch, fellowship, sharing of resources and support. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Columbus area. Our next gathering is: March 26, 2019, 11:30 a.m. at the Ikea restaurant (I 71- Gemini Exit).

### **Calendar of Prayer**

**March 24, 2019**

Move United Church, Columbus

**March 31, 2019**

First Congregational Church, Marietta

**April 7, 2019**

CSEOA Chaplains serving in Hospitals, Nursing Homes, the Military