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 rational 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
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

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
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

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.

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.

Summer Mission Trip to Cincinnati
Weeks available in June and July
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