

**Central Southeast Ohio
Association,
Ohio Conference
April 4, 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

**In observance of Holy
Week...**

The office will be closed Friday, April 19 and Monday April 22.

Also, the office will be open Monday, April 8 but closed Friday, April 12.

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.

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Templed Hills Camp

Templed Hills Camp would like your referrals.
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Tuesday, April 23, 2019

2 p.m. EST

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Spring Lantern Fellowship Women's Retreat

[Online Registration](#)

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](#)

Carrie Newcomer and Parker Palmer

**"What We Need is Hear:
Hope, Hard Times and
the Human Possibility"**

Saturday, April 27, 2019

7 p.m.

First Community Church

1320 Cambridge Blvd.

Columbus, Ohio 43212

\$35

Doors open at 6 pm

[Register](#)

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

Seminar date: May 30 – June 1, 2019

Where: MTSO, Delaware, Ohio

Application deadline – Extended to April 15

[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 Professional Day

“Grace, the precious treasure of Christian Faith, and how it affects everything from preaching and pastoral care to bylaws and budgets.”

Dr. David Greenhaw will lead this seminar on May 20, 2019 at Heidelberg University from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Registration deadline is Monday, May 10.

[Information and Registration form](#)

[Register Online](#)

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

Washington UCC of Cincinnati is holding a mission trip in Cincinnati.

[Brochure](#)

- Weeks available in June and July

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