Central Southeast Ohio Association
56th Annual Fall Meeting

Living Justice

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2019
Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Registration opens at 9:30 a.m.
Where: First Congregational UCC
444 E. Broad St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Everyone is invited to bring stories of living justice to be shared over lunch.

Action Items:
1. Approve 2020 Proposed Budget
2. Approve Constitutional Amendment for the Department of Church and Authorized Ministry (DCAM)
3. Approve terminating the Standing and Membership of Inactive Churches
4. Call Rev. Melodie Rezac as the Settled Administrative Minister

2020 Proposed Budget

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution & Bylaws of CSEOA

Terminating Standing and Membership of Inactive Churches

Call Rev. Melodie Rezac as Settled Administrative Minister

Register
Agenda

Nominations Needed for:

- Department for Church and Authorized Ministry – two open spots, each serving a three-year term;
- Department for Congregational Vitality – two open spots for a three-year term;
- Department for Preparation for Authorized Ministry – one open spots for a two-year unexpired term, and
- Vice Moderator of Central Southeast Ohio Association Council – must be a lay person.
If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Rev. Melodie Rezac, nominating committee chair, at 740–503–4803 or melodier@ocucc.org.

You Are Invited to...

Laura Degling Ordination to Ministry

Saturday, October 12, 2019
3:00 p.m.

North Congregational United Church of Christ
2040 W. Henderson Road
Columbus, Ohio 43220

Clergy are welcomed to robe and process, please arrive by 2:30 p.m. for preparatory instructions and prayer. All are invited to wear red to celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit.

RSVP
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Clergy Openings

David's UCC, Canal Winchester

Senior Pastor position is on hold.

First Congregational, Marietta

Accepting applications for Interim Pastor.

More Information
Grace United Church of Christ, Lancaster
Senior pastor search process on hold.
More Information

United Church of Granville
Senior Pastor position is open.
More Information

WHY DONATE TO OCWM? (Our Churches Wider Mission)

OCWM Video
Great for use to communicate the ministry and mission supported by gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support! (11 minutes)

OCWM Video – short version (1:43 minutes)

Continuing Education & Training

Anti-racism Training
Disciples of Christ is offering Anti-racism Training – October 30, Shaker Heights, OH
Information & Register

NOTE: If you have taken Ethical Boundary either Anti-racism training then forward your certificate to the office (maryp@ocucc.org) so we can update your record.

Periodic Vocational Support (PVS)
The Department of Church and Authorized Ministry is offering a session:
Wednesday, October 9, 7 p.m. at Zion UCC, Delaware
Register now for one session if you received an email or letter regarding PVS.
Do Something...to Reduce Gun Violence

We Need You and Your Youth! On October 2nd, at 7 pm, at First Community Church, United Church of Christ Congregations are invited to partner in the planning of an event that will bring a Parkland Shooting survivor, David Hogg, to the Columbus area in November. David has been challenging communities to work for common-sense gun legislation. We urge you to come for mutual inspiration, planning, and support. Even more, bring your youth. Our great hope is to support our youth in the shared work to end gun violence.

This first gathering of hope will be held at First Community Church, Brownlee Hall, South Campus, 1320 Cambridge Blvd, Columbus, OH 43212. Transitional Conference Minister, Rev. Dave Long-Higgins, will facilitate and Sr. Pastor, Rev. Glen Miles will preside.

More Details

“Lessons from the Frontlines: Sisters in the Struggle for Justice”

The next Creation Justice Webinar will feature four African American women who are leaders in the environmental justice movement: Leslie Fields from the Sierra Club, Adrienne Hollis from the Union of Concerned Scientists, Jacqueline Patterson from the NAACP, and Heather McTeer Toney from Moms Clean Air Force. We will focus on the moral center of the movement: frontline communities that suffer the most from environmental harms. Even if you can’t make it, register to receive a video recording. Sign-up for the webinar now!

Matching Ministry with Property & Mission

Part 1: Designing It

Thursday, October 10, 2019, 1 p.m. EST

Join us for a FREE interactive webinar for a discussion about how you can better match your church property to your ministry and mission. This two-part webinar series includes panelists that will discuss how to first design property that helps your congregation better match it to your ministry and mission, and then how to best build it. Each one-hour webinar includes a 45-minute panel presentation with 15-minute question and answer session. Pastors, church staff, and lay leadership are invited to attend.

Register

Abundant Aging Symposium in Columbus

What: United Church Homes' Ruth Frost Parker Center for Abundant Aging will host its fourth annual symposium with keynote speaker Dr. Joseph Coughlin, founder and director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology AgeLab.
When: Friday, Oct. 11, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

Where: Renaissance Columbus Westerville–Polaris Hotel

Invitation for Leaders of Faith Formation

Join us for this year’s Great Lakes Association of United Church Educators' event October 15–17 at Pokagon State Park in Angola, Indiana! If you are a leader of faith formation in any capacity in your local congregation, we invite you to be part of this enriching event that helps build your toolbox of resources. This year’s theme, Wisdom Feast, will be a workshop–intensive event in which our educators can pursue wisdom to build wise communities and wise practices. Questions? Contact Kim Nagy at knagy@kentuc.org. To register, follow link: http://glauce2019.eventbee.com.

Prayer, Purpose and Peace

Dublin Community Church United Church of Christ Women Of Religious Diversity (WORD) Presents Prayer, Purpose and Peace Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Please come to this special opportunity at Dublin Community Church! The morning sessions are for women, but the lunch and keynote speaker are for men as well.

United Church Homes Re–brands Four Senior Living Communities

Trinity Communities of Greater Dayton offers full range of living and healthcare options.
We Want YOUR Opinion on Climate

Each year the UCC partners with Blessed Tomorrow to conduct a climate survey. This survey helps us know what our members are thinking, how opinions change from year to year, where future possibilities for collective action reside, and how our denomination compares with the broader population. Take this 15-minute survey now!

CSE Quick Links

- Authorized Clergy and MID Directory
- Calendar of Prayer
- Church Directory
- COM Online Training
- Constitution and By Laws, adopted 10–27–18
- Departments, Council and Committees
- Manual on Ministry
- Member In Discernment Manual, rev 7, 10–9–13
- Pulpit Supply List
- Visit Our Website

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: October 22, 2019, 11:30 a.m. at the Ikea restaurant (I 71– Gemini Exit).

Calendar of Prayer

October 6, 2019
Hospice Ministries at Nationwide Children’s, Ohio Health, & Heartland Hospice

October 13, 2019
St. Paul’s UCC, Glenford

October 20, 2019
Iglesia Mision Cristiana in Nicaragua, International Partnerships of CSEOA churches

October 27, 2019
CSEOA Association Council

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If you have news or photos to share and/or dates you would like to add to the calendar, please submit to maryp@ocucc.org by Monday at 5:00 p.m.
Submit photos in jpg, png format.

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