



Central Southeast Ohio Association, Ohio Conference October 17, 2019

Central Southeast Ohio Association 56th Annual Fall Meeting Living Justice

Registration is open through Monday, October 21.

Voting representation is needed from twenty churches in order to have a quorum to conduct the business of the association.

Register Now!



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.

Meet David's UCC Settled Pastor



Having sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit David's UCC in Canal Winchester voted on October 13, 2019 to call Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell, as the Settled Pastor. He has accepted the call and will begin serving David's on December 1, 2019.

Rev. Darnell is presently the interim pastor of Warwick United Church of Christ, an open and affirming, multiracial and multicultural congregation in Newport News, Virginia. He previously served in pastoral roles at St. John UCC, St. Clair, MO; Bethesda UCC, Bethesda, MD; and New Church UCC, Peoria, IL.

For the past several years, James has been bivocational – working in fundraising full time, while serving part time in pastoral ministry. Since 2017, he has been manager of development research at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. He was baptized into the United Methodist Church as a child and joined the United Church of Christ as a teenager. He was ordained to the ministry in 2011 at his home church, The United Church + Die Vereinigte Kirche (UCC/UMC) in Washington, DC. It is one of four congregations in the UCC that still worships in German.

He has a BA in theatre history from Illinois State University and a Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary. James serves on the board of directors of the Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society and is a member of the UCC Historical Council. His many hobbies include community theatre, movies, old time radio, history, and all things German.

Clergy Openings



David's UCC, Canal Winchester

Senior Pastor position is filled.

[More Information](#)



First Congregational, Marietta

Accepting applications for Interim Pastor.

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Grace United Church of Christ, Lancaster

Senior pastor search process on hold.

[More Information](#)



United Church of Granville

Senior Pastor position is open.

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Upcoming Ordination

Congratulations to Sarah Kientz for being authorized for ordination. Look for more details soon!

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

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A Periodic Vocational Support Session has been added for Thursday, November 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dublin Community UCC.

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.

[Details and Registration](#)

Voices of Life & Hope Concert



Voices of Life & Hope In Song, Peace & Friendship

A community concert one year after
the attack at Tree of Life Synagogue

Sunday, October 27 at 4:00 pm
Congregation Tifereth Israel
1354 E. Broad Street

Jewish Communal Choir
First Congregational Church
Metropolitan Singers, Ft. Hayes
New Faith Baptist Church of Christ

Adhaan and greetings from
Abubakar Assidiq Islamic Center

Open to the community
RSVP appreciated
bit.ly/voicesoflifeandhopeconcert

Letter from Rev. Tim Ahrens

We Want YOUR Opinion on Climate

Answer Questions:
Save the Planet!



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!](#)

For: Pastor, Music Director or Church Leader . . .



The BLACKWOOD QUARTET of the historic Blackwood Brothers is available to minister in concert at your church.

Available Dates:

I can email you available 2020 dates if you wish. J

Cost:

\$350 + a love offering. Very Affordable.

Don't wait! Many other churches are receiving this same email. Please preview their ministry at www.BlackwoodQuartet.net. I look forward to your response.

Michael Heimple
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P.S. Please respond only if you are truly interested in hosting the Blackwood's. Thanks you!

NOTE: If this opportunity not work for your church, we would be grateful if you would forward this email to several of your Pastor friends. Thank you and sincerest Blessings on your ministry.

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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:

October 22, 2019, 11:30 a.m.

at the Ikea restaurant (I 71 – Gemini Exit).

Calendar of Prayer

October 20, 2019

Iglesia Mision Cristiana in Nicaragua, International Partnerships of CSEOA churches

October 27, 2019

CSEOA Association Council

November 3, 2019

The United Church, Mt. Sterling

November 10, 2019

CSEOA Department for Preparation for Authorized Ministry



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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 jpeg, png format.

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