



BREAKING FORTH

The Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ
invites you to our

Annual Meeting

April 27 – 29 in Yakima, WA

Celebrate the transforming power we experience in community!

Last Fall at N Sid Sen, we witnessed first-hand the impact that deep and authentic relationships can have. More than just a “get to know you” exercise, intentional conversations that identify the needs of people in our communities can have a profound impact on our ministries.

This year we’ll continue to deepen relationships and strengthen vitality in every setting of our conference. Leading us is Bishop Dwayne Royster, from Living Water UCC in Philadelphia. Bishop Royster is the Political Director for PICO (People Improving Communities through Organizing). Using a large group workshop method, we’ll learn and then practice how to identify and address the root causes of problems in our communities. Based on a belief in the transformation of people, institutions and communities, this will help us, as people of faith, learn how to partner with others so that we can make a difference.

We’ve kept the registration fee as low as possible. (If you are able, please pitch in a little more than the basic fee to help others who might not otherwise be able to attend.) The registration fee includes: the cost of the meeting rooms, Friday evening Mexican buffet, Saturday morning Continental Breakfast, beverages on Saturday afternoon, and a portion of the cost of the Banquet Dinner. Complete food descriptions will be posted soon. Registration fee is \$98; Late Registration will be \$115. Please see details when the registration is available online.

Our keynote speaker, Bishop Royster, will speak at the Saturday evening dinner; therefore we highly encourage you to add this meal when you register. The Saturday boxed lunch is optional. We have been told that this will be a busy weekend in Yakima and it may be a challenge to find a quick lunch at local restaurants.

We would also like to offer scholarships to those who otherwise would be unable to attend. The online registration will offer an opportunity to donate toward this fund in the amount of your choosing.

If you would like to attend but need some financial assistance, please contact the Rev. Mike Denton at 206-725-8383 ext. 2 or revdenton@gmail.com.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday, April 27

1:00 Registration Opens
1:30pm Gather as Community – General Session followed by break-outs
5:00pm Celebration! with Buffet Dinner

Saturday, April 28

9:00am - noon Conference Priorities, Learning in Community
2:00pm Business Meeting, small group gatherings
6:30pm Dinner Banquet, Bishop Royster speaking

Sunday, April 29

9:00-11:30am Worship

RESOLUTIONS: Please note that the deadline for submitting Resolution Proposals is Monday, March 20th. Please contact the Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz, Conference Moderator, at pilgenfritz@universityucc.org.

LOCATION: Yakima Convention Center, 10 N 8th Street, Yakima, WA 98901

HOTEL INFORMATION: We have a room block held for us at The Red Lion Hotel, located next to the convention center. **Please call 1.800.325.4000 to make your reservations.** It is important that you identify yourselves as being with the **PNW United Church of Christ** in order to get the special room rate. You have until 3/26 to make your reservations.

Single-Double Occupancy = \$92.00

Triple = \$102.00

Quad = \$112

REGISTRATION: Registration will be available soon. Deadline for making meal choices is April 16th. Cancellations made by noon, April 16th, will be charged a \$20 processing fee. *After April 16th there will be no refunds.*

CHILDCARE: Each infant or child through grade 5 *must be pre-registered* to allow for proper supervision. Please fill out the childcare registration form. Childcare is available during select portions of the weekend. Please check with the Childcare Providers for the exact schedule. Confirmation of enrollment will be made. Parents will be responsible for their children during meals and late-evening activities. There are no registration fees or childcare costs for children in childcare.

DISPLAY TABLES: You must pre-register for a display table through the Conference office by April 15, 2016. Tables will be covered and skirted. Please send an email to pncucc@gmail.com with your name, organization and any other information you think we will need. A table fee of \$25 may be charged to cover the cost of the table setup. Please ask for more information.

DELEGATES: Local church pastors and staff are asked to appropriately disseminate all Annual Meeting registration information to their delegates. If you are uncertain if you are a delegate, please check with your local church office. The following, based on the Conference by-laws, is provided for your information:

All clergy with standing in the Pacific Northwest Conference are considered to be delegates. They are not counted in the delegate designation from the local church. The method for determining delegates is:

- *Three lay delegates per congregation, PLUS*
- *One additional lay delegate for each 100 members (or fraction thereof) above 200, PLUS*
- *One additional lay delegate to be under the age of 26.*

The last available annual yearbook statistics will be used as the basis for computing the number of delegates.

Each Church will have an envelope that includes all of their Delegate Voting Cards at the registration table. *Your church's Fellowship Dues must be paid to the Conference before Annual Meeting in order for your delegates to be able to vote.*

Questions? Please contact us:

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