Conference Calendar

If you’d like your committee meeting or event added to the calendar, please send an email to pncucc@gmail.com.
Please see website for links to Conference check-in meetings: https://bit.ly/3aA3MJH

August
1  Worship Resources Check-in online; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1480494548; 1:00-2:30pm
   (also on 8/10; 8/17; 8/24; 8/31)
5  Pastoral Care Check-in online; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1480946522; 1:00-2:30pm
   (also on 8/12; 8/19; 8/26)
6  Moderators Check-in online; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1481017260; 7:00-8:00pm
   (also on 8/13; 8/20; 8/27)
7  Administrative and Financial Check-in; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1497218618; 1:00-2:00pm
   (also on 8/14; 8/21; 8/28)
7  Fun Friday Pastors Hour online; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1484579147; 4:00-5:00pm
   (also on 8/14; 8/21; 8/28)
13 Westside Committee on Ministry meeting; online; 9:30am-2:00pm
18 Environmental Justice meeting; online; 4:30-5:30pm
18 Board of Directors meeting; online; 6:00-7:30pm
19 Courtney’s Office Hour; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1490066906; 9:30-10:30am
   (also on 8/26)
20 Courtney’s Office Hour online; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1482248287; 2:00-3:00pm
   (also on 8/20; 8/27)
20 Stewardship/Finance sub-committee; online; 9:00-10:00am
20 Stewardship/Interpretation meeting; online; 10:00-11:30am
21 Eastside Committee on Ministry online; 10:00am-2:00pm
UCC Webinar: The Green New Deal and Reparations
August 5th at 1:00pm Eastern Time

When it comes to justice-oriented policy proposals that seek to fundamentally transform our society, the Green New Deal and reparations currently rise to the top. Yet, often they are discussed separately, despite clear and compelling connections. The Green New Deal Resolution proposed in Congress sought "to promote justice and equity by stopping current, preventing future, and repairing historic oppression." At the same time, the demand for reparations compels our society to address the historic injustices of systemic racism, including environmental racism. To explore such connections and how faith communities can work to advance just policies, this webinar will feature three panelists: Congresswoman Barbara Lee, 350.org’s North America Director Tamara Toles O’Laughlin, and the UCC’s Economic Justice Minister Sekinah Hamlin. Register here: https://UCC.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kzxMjKPoSQS7nZLPmnJ1Qw
United Church Funds (UCF) conducted a Q2-2020 Townhall meeting on July 28, and we were thrilled by the level of participation. For those able to join us live, our team hopes you found the presentation and discussion beneficial.

For those not able to participate, you can access a PDF of the presentation slides and recordings by using this link: https://ucfunds.org/q2-2020-townhall-meeting-2/
Please feel free to share this link with your Investment/Endowment Committee members who may be interested.

Help us improve!
We strive to manage and grow your assets in a prudent and responsible way and communicate our investment strategies with you through various channels. If you participated in the meeting, please take a moment to share your feedback by clicking here to help us improve.

Any questions?
If you have any questions that we didn't cover in the meeting, please send them to info@ucfunds.org. We'll be happy to answer them.

Thank you for trusting us to be your partner in financial stewardship, and, as always, thank you for the opportunity to serve your organization.

Sincerely,

Matthew Wagner
Vice President, Institutional Relationships
Please see information below for each meeting and the ways to connect. If you need help connecting, please contact arlene@pncucc.org

Worshipping together when we can't be together

**Weekly on Monday • 1:00 – 2:30pm**
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Or iPhone one-tap:
US: +1(623)4049000,,1480494548#
Or Telephone:
Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):
US: +1(623)4049000
Meeting ID: 148 049 4548

Courtney’s Community Office Hour

**Weekly on Wednesday • 9:30 – 10:30am**
Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: [https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1490066906](https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1490066906)
Or iPhone one-tap: +1(773)2319226,,1490066906#
Or Telephone: +1(773)2319226
Meeting ID: 149 006 6906
Pastoral Care - care during an outbreak

**Weekly on Wednesday**  •  1:00 – 2:30pm
Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: [https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1480946522](https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1480946522)

Or iPhone one-tap:
US: +1(623)4049000,,1480946522# (US West)
Or Telephone:
Dial: +1(623)4049000
Meeting ID: 148 094 6522

Children and Youth Ministers
(Arranged by Rocky Mountain Conference)

**Weekly on Wednesday**  •  1:00pm PDT start time
[https://zoom.us/j/262063008](https://zoom.us/j/262063008)
One tap mobile - +16699006833,,262063008# US (San Jose)
Dial by your location  +1 301 715 8592 US
Find your local number: [https://zoom.us/u/aewctR1NbL](https://zoom.us/u/aewctR1NbL)
Meeting ID: 262 063 008

Courtney’s Office Hour

**Weekly on Thursday**  •  2:00 – 3:00pm
Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: [https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1482248287](https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1482248287)
Or iPhone one-tap: +1(773)2319226,,1482248287#
Or Telephone: +1(773)2319226 +1(623)4049000
Meeting ID: 148 224 8287

Moderators Meeting

**Weekly on Thursday**  •  7:00 – 8:30pm
Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: [https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1481017260](https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1481017260) Or
iPhone one-tap: +1(623)4049000,,1481017260#
Or Telephone: +1(623)4049000 +1(720)9027700
Meeting ID: 148 101 7260

Church Administration and Fiduciary Considerations

**Weekly on Friday**  •  1:00 – 2:30pm
Fun Friday Pastors Hour

Weekly on Friday  -  4:00 – 5:00pm

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1484579147

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    US: +1(623)4049000,,1484579147#  
Or Telephone:  
    Dial: +1(623)4049000  
    Meeting ID: 148 457 9147
Thursdays for the Soul” and “Tuesdays for Nurture” are offerings from the United Church of Christ to unite, uplift, and equip the Church for such a time as this. These videos are streamed live and are available to rewatch and share.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6Vgft6zEy7yDgdSE-fLLYEVaNBM2943
Giving from Inside the Cave  
A Stewardship Reflection

Ok, I’m going to be frank here, I have not been feeling all that generous in these days of Covid19. My wife and I take seriously the lethality of this disease and we have hunkered down. We are having groceries delivered and ordering supplies online. We’re talking to friends and relatives on the phone and via Zoom. The only people I see in person are delivery drivers and the occasional neighbor when I walk to the mailbox with my mask on. Some days I feel like I’m inside a cave peering out into the great unknown, unable to do anything that makes a difference in a world that is hurting so badly.

I know there are many layers of imagination that have been added to the Christmas story. The version I’m thinking of today is the picture of a manger surrounded by darkness except for a single star above and the glow of love around the cradle. The manger seems a bit cave-like to me on this day. It is not where Mary and Joseph would have chosen to be. It was what was available, and it was the shelter they needed. Here’s the passage that stood out to me today:

*They (the wise people) entered the house and saw the child in the arms of Mary, his mother. Overcome, they kneeled and worshiped him. Then they opened their luggage and presented gifts: gold, frankincense, myrrh.*

The spirit of Christ is with us today just as the Spirit was with us in that manger so long ago. The presence of God is with us, in our homes and in our caves. The spirit of Christ is alive in our communities, among protesters in the streets, with volunteers in our food pantries, and with healthcare workers and first responders.

Our monetary gifts and prayers connect and strengthen that mysterious, holy spirit that ties us all together. When we are unable to move about freely and safely, our donations make possible that which is impossible for some of us right now. These are no small gifts. They are sacred and necessary, not just to provide essential services, but necessary for our spiritual health. These gifts, given with intention, break open our hearts, increase our compassion and keep us involved in bringing the world one step closer to God’s imagining.

I may continue to feel that I’m in a cave at times. I think we’re in it for the long haul with this pandemic. But I am going to work on a weekly spiritual practice of giving to things I believe in: to my church, to the UCC and to the Conference, to direct service organizations, to the Black Lives Matter movement, to climate change organizations and political efforts that reflect my faith and my values.

Will you join me? Who’s on your list? To whom do you already give and who will you add to your list? Together we can connect our gifts and prayers with the enormous and courageous power of God to make a difference.

Wendy Blight  
Past Moderator, PNW Conference, UCC
Back Bay Mission Seeks a Dynamic and Passionate Executive Director

Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly

Back Bay Mission has a simple mission: to strengthen neighborhoods, seek justice, and transform lives. We strengthen neighborhoods through ministries like our education and empowerment programs and our housing rehabilitation program. These vital ministries help the people we serve to be a part of and build their communities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. As volunteers take what they learn at Back Bay Mission home, they have the opportunity to strengthen their own neighborhoods. We seek justice by helping the people we serve become more involved in their communities, educating people about the realities of poverty, and advocating on behalf of marginalized people in our community. All of our programs transform lives. Whether helping a homeowner keep their home, mentoring a single mother as she plans her path out of poverty, or working with an intern considering a career in social work, Back Bay Mission makes the lives of the people we serve better.

The Executive Director is the management leader of Back Bay Mission. The Executive Director is responsible for overseeing the administration, programs and strategic plan of the organization. Other key duties include fundraising, marketing and community outreach. The position reports directly to the Board of Directors.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1) Board Governance: Works with Board in order to fulfill the organization’s mission.
   - Responsible for leading Back Bay Mission in a manner that supports and guides the organization’s mission as defined by the Board of Directors
   - Responsible for communicating effectively with the Board and providing, in a timely and accurate manner, all information necessary for the Board to function properly and to make informed decisions

2) Financial Performance and Viability: Develops resources sufficient to ensure the financial health of the organization.
   - Responsible for fundraising and developing other revenues necessary to support the work of Back Bay Mission
   - Responsible for the fiscal integrity of Back Bay Mission including submission to the Board of a proposed annual budget and monthly financial statements which accurately reflect the financial condition of the organization
   - Responsible for fiscal management that anticipates operating within the approved budget, ensures maximum resource utilization and maintains the organization in a positive financial position

3) Organization Mission and Strategy: Works with Board and staff to ensure that the mission is fulfilled through programs, strategic planning and community outreach.
   - Responsible for implementation of programs that carry out the organization’s mission
   - Responsible for strategic planning to ensure Back Bay Mission’s sustainability into the future
   - Responsible for the enhancement of Bay Back Mission’s image by being active and visible in the community and by working collaboratively with other professional, civic and private organizations

4) Organization Operations: Oversees and implements appropriate resources to ensure the ongoing operation of the organization.
   - Responsible for hiring, leading, inspiring and retaining competent and qualified staff
● Responsible for effective administration of Back Bay Mission’s operations
● Responsible for signing all notes, agreements, and other instruments on behalf of the organization

ACTUAL JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

● Report to and work closely with the Board of Directors to seek their involvement in policy decisions, fundraising and increasing the overall visibility of the organization
● Supervise and collaborate with organization staff
● Lead strategic planning and implementation
● Lead planning and operation of annual budget
● Serve as primary advocate for the Mission’s constituents to the media and the general public
● Establish and maintain relationships with various organizations and utilize those relationships to strategically enhance the mission
● Engage in fundraising and developing other revenues
● Oversee marketing and other communications efforts
● Oversee organization’s Board and committee meetings
● Establish employment, administrative policies and procedures for all functions and for the day-to-day operation of the Mission
● Review and approve contracts for services
● Perform other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors
● Represent the Mission to constituencies along the wider MS Gulf Coast community and in other religious denominations

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED

● Master’s degree or higher in social work, community development or related field. A Master of Divinity degree desirable
● Affiliation (lay or clergy) with the United Church of Christ is preferred
● Transparent and high integrity leadership
● Five or more years senior nonprofit management experience
● Experience and skill in working with a Board of Directors
● High-level strategic thinking and planning with ability to create a shared vision and convey the organization’s strategic future to the staff, Board, volunteers and donors
● Ability to effectively communicate the organization’s mission to donors, volunteers and the overall community
● Demonstrated ability to oversee and collaborate with staff
● A history of successfully generating new revenue streams and improving financial results
● Active fundraising experience with excellent donor relations skills and understanding of the funding community
● Previous success in establishing relationships with individuals and organizations of influence including funders, partner agencies and volunteers
● Solid organizational abilities, including planning, delegating, program development and task facilitation
● Strong financial management skills, including budget preparation, analysis, decision making and reporting
● Strong written and oral communication skills
● Strong public speaking ability
● Strong work ethic with a high degree of energy

Send Inquiries/Resumes/To: Fred Howell-- fmhowell9@gmail.com  228-235-5369
August Celebrations

Here are significant dates for our clergy and their partners.
Best wishes to you on these special days.

Ordinations

2  Ron Blake  50 years  19  Cathryn Cummings  41 years
10 Alice M. C. Ling  40 years  19  Daniel Parker  38 years
13 Lynne Simcox  48 years  24  Kevin Raymond  12 years
16 Nathaniel Mahlberg  5 years  29  Kathy Turner  51 years

Birthdays

1  Daniel Berg
3  Rebecca Withington
4  Judi Edwards
5  Anthony Robinson
5  Elayne Spangler
6  Delbert Gault
7  Conard Edwards
7  Susan Welsh
8  Andy CastroLang
10  Catharine Cline
13  Harvey Buer
15  Cameron Sharp
16  Beth Seacord
17  John Solimine
20  Pichu Chen
20  Meighan Pritchard
20  Roberta Rominger
21  Sylvia Taylor
22  Violet Hanning
23  Philip Eisenhauer
23  Ann Lev
26  Lynne Simcox
27  Dale Rominger
28  Sally Bredeweg
29  Marcia Royer
30  Josh Sanders
Anniversaries

2  Roberta & Dale Rominger
3  Ron & Carol Blake
6  Ryan & Shauna Lambert
16  Chris Morton & Megan Crouse
17  Bob Ingalls & Donna Poland
18  Courtney & Mark Stange-Tregear
20  Tara Barber & Wendy Blight
29  Daniel & Iona Parker
28  Jane & Tom Sorenson
31  Conard & Judi Edwards
Links to articles referenced in July Packet

We All Have a Story
https://static1.squarespace.com/static/561823c9e4b0448989bf7fcb/t/5ed54479720714310971c3db/1591035001196/We+all+have+a+story.pdf

BLM Banner
https://www.uccresources.com/products/banner-black-lives-matter

Our Faith, Our Vote, Our Voice
https://www.ucc.org/ourfaithourvote

Mike Denton's Blog
https://centeringout.blog