

What's new in January

The UCC's Center for Analytics, Research & Development and Data (CARDD) published a report highlighting the most recent data on UCC people, churches and communities. [Click here](#) to download the whole report.

Below you will see links to a variety of stories and news related to our conference. If you prefer, you can jump right to our website to see these stories and more by clicking [here](#).

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Conference Calendar

January 2023

- 2 Conference Office closed for New Year's Day
- 4 Courtney's Office Hour; online at 9:30-10:30am; Link: <https://meet.google.com/nkn-jzv-w-rrf>
- 5 Moderators Check-in; online; 7:00-8:30pm
- 6 Admin & Finance Check-in; link to be sent out to the Google Group in the morning; 1-2:00pm

- 10 Church Development Committee Meeting; 1:30-3:00
- 11 Courtney's Office Hour; online at 9:30-10:30am; Link: <https://meet.google.com/nkn-jzv-w-rrf>
- 12 Westside Committee on Ministry meeting; online; 9:30am-2:30pm
- 14 **Installation of Rev. Bob Feeny; Westminster UCC; 2:00pm**

- 17 Board of Directors Meeting; online; 6:30-8:0pm
- 18 Courtney's Office Hour; online at 9:30-10:30am; Link: <https://meet.google.com/nkn-jzv-w-rrf>
- 19 Personnel Committee Meeting; starts at 2:30 pm
- 19 Moderators Meeting; online; 7:00-8:30pm
- 20 Eastside Committee on Ministry meeting; 10:00am-12:00pm
- 20 Admin & Finance Check-in; link to be sent out to the Google Group in the morning; 1-2:00pm
- 21 **Ordination of Tara Young-Brown; United Churches of Olympia; 2:00pm**

- 25 Courtney's Office Hour; online at 9:30-10:30am; Link: <https://meet.google.com/nkn-jzv-w-rrf>

- 29 **Installation of Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel at Alki UCC; time TBA**

February

- 1 Courtney's Office Hour; online at 9:30-10:30a; Link: <https://meet.google.com/nkn-jzv-w-rrf>
- 3 Admin & Finance Check-in; Admin & Finance Check-in
- 8 Courtney's Office Hour; online at 9:30-10:30am; Link: <https://meet.google.com/nkn-jzv-w-rrf>



Westminster
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Invites you to celebrate the installation of
Rev. Robert Feeny
as our settled pastor*



Saturday, January 14th, 2022 at 2pm
*Westminster Congregational United Church of Christ
411 S. Washington, Spokane, WA*
*clergy are invited to robe and wear red stoles | **reception to follow***
street parking available | paid parking lot under freeway between Washington and Bernard St.

Link to Westminster UCC for Rev. Feeny's bio:

<https://www.westminsterucc.org/pastor-bio>



ORDINATION SERVICE
FOR
TARA YOUNG-BROWN

*Community for Interfaith Celebration, The PNW
Conference of the United Church of Christ,
and Tara Young-Brown Welcome You.*

Saturday
January 21,
2PM

UNITED CHURCHES
OF OLYMPIA

*Dances of
Universal Peace*
3:30PM

110 11th Ave. SE Olympia WA 98501

• PLEASE RSVP TO TYOUNGBROWN@ICLOUD.COM

reception to follow



Tara Young-Brown (she/her) is being ordained January 21st at the United Churches of Olympia. She is being called at this time to the work of hospice chaplaincy and practices ongoing discernment as to where the spirit leads. She is in covenant and supported by the Community for Interfaith Celebration where she engages in spiritual practice, finds community, and continues to be awakened. Tara has served as a campus minister, a spiritual director, and a social justice parish minister. Tara lives in Olympia Washington with her two sons and her mom. Tara enjoys gardening, tea with friends, time with her boys, and hikes in the woods.

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

INVITES YOU TO JOIN IN
CELEBRATING THE INSTALLATION OF

Rev. Emily Tavis-Likkel

AS PASTOR OF ALKI UCC

JAN | SUN | 2023
29

3:00 PM

RECEPTION FOLLOWS

CLERGY INVITED TO ROBE
AND PROCESS

MASKS REQUIRED

6115 SW HINDS
SEATTLE, WA 98116

TO ATTEND VIA ZOOM
REGISTER AT [ALKIUCC.ORG](https://www.alkiucc.org)



Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkell was ordained in 2005 at Eagle Harbor Congregational Church, United Church of Christ in Bainbridge Island. Her roles in the last eighteen years of ministry across several denominations have included associate pastor, church planter, children and family minister, teacher and workshop/retreat leader. When the Alki United Church of Christ congregation unanimously called Emily as Pastor, she came home to her denomination and home to pastoral ministry.

Emily writes, teaches, preaches and leads from a foundation of embodied spirituality, expansive theology and wonder. She loves walking labyrinths and reading novels. Emily has developed and teaches a movement practice of embodying sacred texts. Learn more about her at emilytanislikkel.com. She lives in a multigenerational household in West Seattle.

Photo credit: Rev. Jennifer Butner, [*The Seeing Glass*](#)

Staff Column - Andy Warren

On behalf of the Pacific Northwest Conference, I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all our conference churches that contribute to any or all of the 5 for 5 offerings. The 5 for 5 offerings provide support to Our Church's Wider Mission and the Special Mission Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors In Need and The Christmas Fund. Without your continued support, our conference and the National UCC would not be able to provide the support and programs to our conference churches and to the communities we serve around the US and the world. Below is additional information on our 5 for 5 offerings.



NEARLY 1,590 UCC CHURCHES ARE!



These congregations fully support Our Church's Wider Mission. They give to Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM) and all four special mission offerings. *Thank you to all churches that are 5 for 5!*

Get your members on board and qualify for posters that recognize your church as a 5 for 5 church. Your congregation will also be recognized at General Synod!
Order copies at uccresources.com.

OCWM BASIC SUPPORT

Provides funding from congregations for Conferences and the national ministries of the United Church of Christ (Wider Church Ministries, Local Church Ministries, Justice and Witness Ministries, General Ministries, and Pension Boards).

UCC SPECIAL MISSION OFFERINGS

Part of OCWM, these four offerings sponsor vital ministries that bring hope to people in the U.S. and around the world.

Neighbors in Need

First Sunday in October

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The United Church of Christ responds to humanitarian and development needs in the world. Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing® carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. Through our work with local churches, conferences, international partners and organizations, One Great Hour of Sharing provides sources of clean water, food, education, health care, small business micro-credit loans, advocacy, resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, emergency relief and rehabilitation as well as disaster preparedness and response.

The Christmas Fund

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund is a Special Mission Offering that congregations have been supporting for over 100 years. The offering is administered through the United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance, the charitable arm of the Pension Boards. Funds provide direct financial support to those who serve the church and are facing financial difficulties.

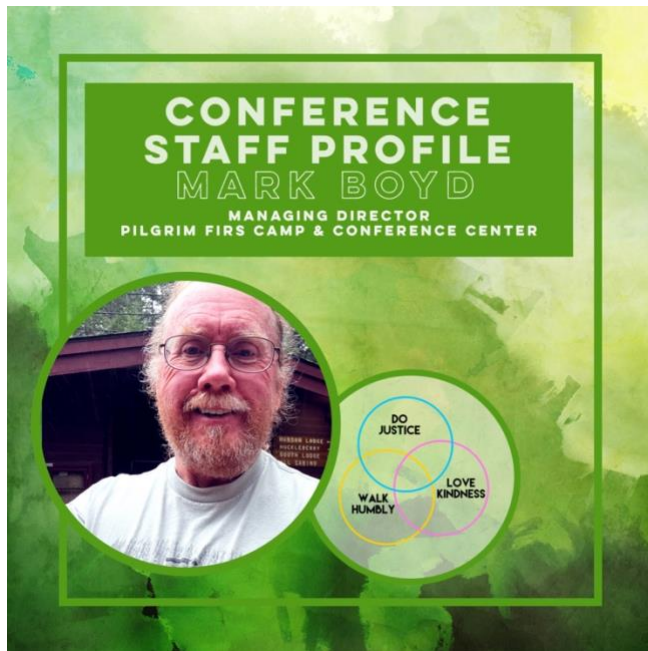
Strengthen the Church

Pentecost

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.



I also want to acknowledge and express my thanks to all those who volunteer on conference or local church committees. With your many hours of dedicated service, our conference and our local churches are making a difference in the Pacific Northwest. Blessings to all!



I'm pleased to formally introduce Mark Boyd as the new Managing Director of Pilgrim Firs Camp & Conference Center.

Many of you know Mark from his decade of leadership at Camp N-Sid-Sen or his work at Pilgrim Firs as Facilities Manager and Camp Director for PNC Confirmation Camps and Junior High Camps. Mark shared with me, "I'm excited to be at Pilgrim Firs and delighted to be a part of the amazing work taking place here."

Mark brings deep faith, humor, and humility to all that he does. He has a profound gift for hospitality, extending radical welcome to all. He is particularly excited about the Arts and Music programs at Pilgrim Firs, and how they provide space and time for healing and replenishment. When I asked Mark what he was most looking forward to about returning to Lake Flora, he wrote, "I look forward to meeting all the folks who call Pilgrim Firs home. God is truly at work here."

Mark also serves on the United Church of Christ Outdoor Ministries Association (OMA), providing vital connections between OMA and other northwest camps as well as participating in and leading national camp events. Mark has deep roots in the Pacific Northwest. He was raised in the Puget Sound area, and served as Youth Minister for the United Churches of Olympia, as well as managing plumbing distribution facilities in Tacoma and Tumwater.

Join me in celebrating Mark's leadership in the Pacific Northwest Conference. His love of the outdoors and his nature-inspired poetry is an inspiration to many of us! We know that Pilgrim Firs will thrive under his care.



Rev. Dr. Courtney Stange-Tregear

Acting Conference Minister, Pacific Northwest Conference, UCC

(617) 447-5086 | PNCUCC.org | facebook.com/PastorCourtney

Upcoming Grant Opportunity

In the coming weeks, keep an eye out for a message from the Church Development Committee about a new grant opportunity. The Anti-Racism and Community Engagement Grant process will be beginning this month, and the CDC can't wait to hear your proposals. Stay tuned!

Transitions

The following transitions have been confirmed by the Committee on Ministry (East and West) at their meetings in December.

Warren Johnson's Licensed Ministerial Standing is renewed for a year as he serves at the First Congregational Church in Forks.

COM unanimously approved the **Rev. Matt Emery** for a Transfer of Standing into our conference. He serves at the Cloverdale United Church in Surrey, BC, Canada and his local church membership is at First Congregational Church in Bellevue.

COM unanimously approved the re-endorsement of the **Rev. Lindalee Purdy**, Chaplain at Horizon House.

There will be two installations and one ordination in the month of January. Please see the website for their invitations.

- The **Rev. Robert Feeny** will be installed as the pastor of Westminster UCC on January 14th.
- **Tara Young-Brown** will be ordained on January 21st at the United Churches of Olympia.
- The **Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkell** will be installed as pastor of Alki UCC on January 29th.



General Synod registration opens on January 23, 2023. The biennial gathering is taking place June 30-July 4 at the Indiana Convention Center. For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/3Qb98At>

The cost is \$275 for visitors, delegates and exhibitors.

The event's theme, "Making All Things New," is based on the scripture from Isaiah 43:18-19. Bookmark this page for future reference and to keep up with the latest news: <https://generalsynod.org>.



**THE COALITION FOR UCC RURAL MINISTRIES
PRESENTS**

NOURISHING THE SEEDS OF FAITH

(ISAIAH 55:10-11)

**A VIRTUAL NATIONAL GATHERING OF
RURAL/SMALL TOWN CHURCHES &
MINISTRIES IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

SAVE THE DATES: FEBRUARY 9-11, 2023

REGISTRATION TO OPEN IN JANUARY 2023

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JUSTICE AND LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRY OF THE UCC

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

REV. ROBERTO OCHOA – ochoar@ucc.org



WHAT IS A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY?

Free Webinar Featuring Edith Rasell
January 11th at 1 pm ET/12 pm CT/11 am MT/10 am PT/8 am HT

UCC Webinar—What Is a Sustainable Economy?

Our present economic system is a train barreling toward increasing environmental disaster, but what would a sustainable economy look like? To answer this question from a place of faith and values entails prioritizing matters of equity, justice, and the common good. To help us cast an alternative vision for our economy, this webinar will feature Edith Rasell who recently authored the book, “[The Way of Abundance: Economic Justice in Scripture and Society](#).” The webinar will be on Wednesday, January 11th at 1 pm ET/12 pm CT/11 am MT/10 am PT/8 am HT. [Register for this webinar to learn more!](#)

[Hyperlink: https://UCC.zoom.us/webinar/register/2316714891719/WN_zfGN6jhaTGufNOfZmGs9Vw

January Celebrations

Best wishes to our clergy and their partners on their special days.

Ordinations

3	Andrew Conley-Holcom	8 years
3	Lynn Nelson	8 years
3	David Royer	58 years
11	Ryan Lambert	19 years
11	Deanna Murray	36 years
13	Steve Jerbi	16 years
16	Megan Crouse	23 years
21	Rodney Case	61 years
22	Ben Files	11 years
29	Diane Schmitz	17 years
30	Thomas Carson	57 years

Commissioned

22	Carol Scott-Kassner	17 years
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Birthdays

1	Roy Hoover	9	Carolyn Evans	22	Floyd Emerson
2	Bill Kirlin-Hackett	16	Carla Chase	22	Glenn Kalkbrenner
3	Allysa De Wolf	16	Megan Crouse	22	Mark
3	Kizzie E. Jones	16	Mary Olney-Loyd		Stange-Tregear
3	Gary Southerton	16	Mary Margaret Pruitt	23	Greg Kammann
6	Cecilia McKean	17	Jenn Hagedorn	24	Andrew
6	Doris Berg	17	Louisa Halfaker		Conley-Holcom
8	Kevin Brown	18	Courtney	29	Dennis
8	Candace Frawley		Stange-Tregear		Hollinger-Lant
8	Stephen Haddan	19	Craig Rennebohm	29	Jennifer Hackman
8	Shirley Hutchinson	21	Sharon Benton		

Anniversaries

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