

June Post

New Committee members have been added to the Conference Directory and the churches and clergy changes are being updated. The 2022 edition will be available soon!

Do you know how your gifts to Strengthen the Church help? [Find out here!](#)

2022: Strengthen the Church Offering (STC)
What your gifts to STC does All Together!

Thank you! Since 2017 the Conference has raised **\$73,914** from churches and people like **you!**

Strengthen The Church Contribution Allocations

- 50% National
- 50% PNW Conf.

Contributions from Conference churches are divided equally between the UCC National Ministries and the PNW Conference!

The PNW Conference portion of the STC contributions is split evenly between support for Church Vitality Grants and the Minister for Church Vitality Position

Church Development Committee (CDC)
Supports Church Transformation
Welcomes New Congregations
Grows Relationships and Collaborations with Churches
Funds Vitality Grants

Good News! CDC is working with potential new churches

Pacific Northwest Conference United Church of Christ

74 Congregations and 2 camps

National Ministries STC contributions go to:

- Support expansion of ministries and growth of UCC Congregations
- Planting new churches
- Support new ideas in existing churches
- Encourage spiritual life in youth and young adults

25 Churches and Members gave \$11,435 to STC in 2021

Add your church and your contribution to STC in 2022!

CDC Funded 5 Church Vitality Grants with STC Contributions

PNC *Community of Practice* received STC grant

STC Supports Minister for Church Vitality work to:
Build Relationship with churches and pastors
Advise Churches on Creative Vitality
Support pastors during pandemic concerns
Encourage anti-racism conversations
Work with CDC and other Conference Committees
Consult and Advise Other Conferences on Vitality

Strengthen the Church offering is received on Pentecost Sunday June 5, 2022, or throughout the Pentecost season. Please make your contributions in your accustomed way or through the Pacific Northwest Conference Online Donation webpage at pncucc.org. THANK YOU!

Quick Links:

Mike's Denton's [blog](#)

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To view all of the conference news, please click: [website](#).

The Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ,
United Church in University Place and
Suquamish United Church of Christ
joyfully invite you to the

Ordination & Installation of Amara Oden

*my heart is
ready, Adonai,
and I will sing,
sing your praise
with all my
heart.*

psalm 108

June 5th, 2022 at 3pm PDT
Suquamish United Church of Christ
and online
Reception to follow



Amara says, "My calling has unfolded in these directions:
to embody and preach an incarnational theology; to accompany people
through the grief and delight of life, creating rituals and connections which sustain;
to share the good news and challenge of the gospel; and to witness forever to the awe and mystery of God.

Amara will be ordained into her call of parish ministry, serving the congregation of SUCC.
She lives in Tacoma with husband Leif & 3 teenagers, and loves chocolate, dancing, and hiking PNW.

*The Pacific Northwest Conference
of the
United Church of Christ
and
Magnolia United Church of Christ*

*Invite you to the
Ordination of*

Maureen McLain

*on
June 26, 2022
at 3:00 p.m.*

*Magnolia United Church of Christ.
3555 W. McGraw Street
Seattle, Washington*



Transitions

The following are transitions confirmed by the Committee on Ministry in May.

Lorraine Leist was approved for a transfer of standing from the Rocky Mountain Conference and currently works as a chaplain.

Terry Rice, a Member in Discernment in Walla Walla, WA, was approved for ordination.

May Installations

Dr. Kelle Brown, Rev. Jennifer Castle and **Rev. Kevin Bechtold** were installed at Plymouth Church, UCC on May 22 during their worship service.

Upcoming Ordinations in June

Amara Oden will be ordained at Suquamish UCC on June 5th at 3:00pm ([Invitation](#))

Maureen McLain will be ordained at Magnolia UCC on June 26th at 3:00pm ([Invitation](#)).

Maureen earned her M Div. from PSR and will be ordained to a covenanted ministry of Adult Faith Formation.

Conference Calendar

If you'd like your committee meeting or event added to the calendar, please send an email to office@pncucc.org.

June

- 2 Justice & Witness Committee meeting; online; 5:30-6:30pm
- 2 Moderators Check-in; online; <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/333224991>; 7:00-8:30pm
- 3 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link to be determined; 1-2:00pm

- 5 Ordination and Installation of Amara Oden; Suquamish UCC; 3:00pm
- 8 Church Development Committee; online; 1:00-3:00pm
- 9 Westside Committee on Ministry; online; 9:30am-2:30pm
- 10 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link to be determined; 1-2:00pm

- 13 PNCUCC Moderator & Board Office 1.5 hours; new link to be determined; 6-7:30pm
- 16 Moderators Check-in; online; <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/333224991>; 7:00-8:30pm
- 17 Eastside Committee on Ministry meeting; online; 10:00am-2:00pm
- 17 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link to be determined; 1-2:00pm

- 21 Board of Directors meeting; online; 6:30-8:00pm
- 23 Stewardship Committee meeting; online; 6:00-7:30pm
- 24 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link to be determined; 1-2:00pm
- 26 Ordination of Maureen McLain; Magnolia UCC; 3:00pm

PRIDE at PILGRIM FIRS

Pilgrim Firs purpose statement is “to provide a sacred oasis for creativity and community.” This month many communities around the world will be celebrating Pride month. Pilgrim Firs is happy to be part of those festivities as we once again host the community for the Kitsap Pride Picnic on Sunday, June 5. The event welcomes folks to Pilgrim Firs for a free lunch, opportunity to take advantage of the lake activities and walk the trails. Donations are received at the lunch that support activities of the Q Resource Center for LGBTQ youth and the July Kitsap Pride event. This will be our fourth time hosting the picnic which had over 300

people attend in 2019. Part of the day's activities will also be officially opening the new Pride Garden at Pilgrim Firs!

Last summer we were given a donation from Bob Roblee in honor of his recently passed partner of 50 years, Ron Johnson, toward our new Pride Garden. Bob and Ron, often referred to as the mayors of Southworth, have been instrumental in many aspects of the Kitsap Pride community through the decades and recently fell in love with Pilgrim Firs as they have attended various events at the camp such as the picnics and the stone sculpture shows. Ron wanted to make sure that Pilgrim Firs would be able to continue serving our community through events like the Pride picnics leaving Pilgrim Firs in his estate planning! Both Ron and Bob have interesting ties into the UCC and Pilgrim Firs as Bob grew up attending the University Congregational Church and Ron was high school buddies with Eddie Madson's (the first director of Pilgrim Firs) son. We are delighted that because of their support of the camp and the ways they have been such amazing community members that we were able to make the new Pride Garden happen in their honor!

So what is this Pride Garden? The 70' x 40' garden contains 18 planter boxes and will host a future chicken coop. The Pride Garden is located on the field on the other side of the (new) basketball / pickleball court

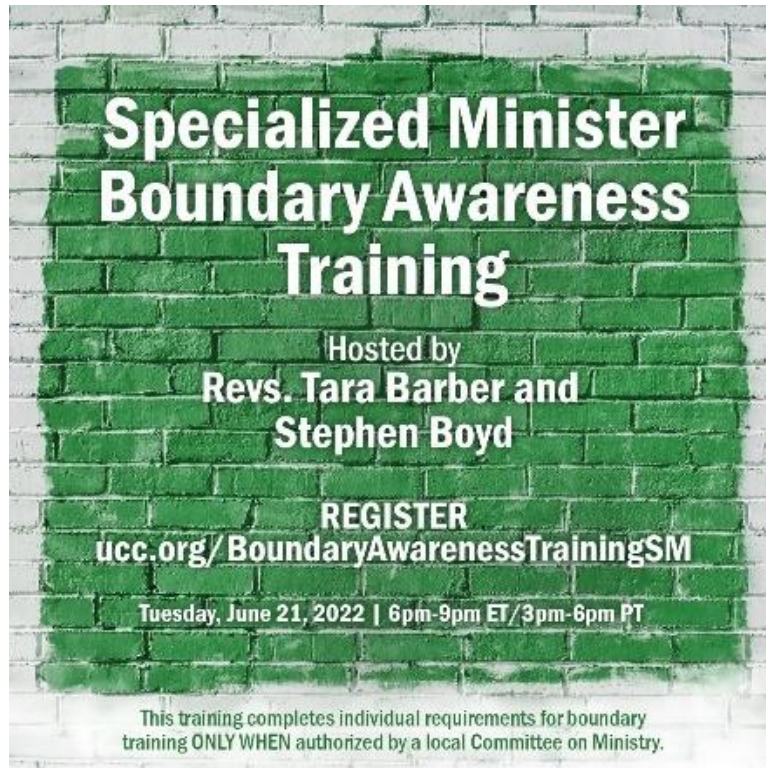
(given in memory of Sam Martinez, a former camper who died from fraternity hazing in 2019). Several of the planter boxes have been sponsored by friends of the camp and boxes are filled with various flowers, herbs and fruits/vegetables in a



rainbow of colors. The planter boxes were milled last summer from trees on site from former employee Marc Ventura and his co-worker Eric Hudson. Much of the finishing garden work this spring has been done by Ed Salerno, our current artist in residence. The plan is for various sculptures to be displayed in the garden and already the site is providing an additional tranquil setting for meditation and small group gatherings that our PTSD veteran's group has been enjoying.

This has been a couple difficult years for many reasons and my hope for this June and Pride season is that the world might be filled with more love, more peace and that healing through art, nature and celebrations can mend some of our brokenness. Happy Pride season!

Wade Zick
Pilgrim Firs Managing Director



Clergy Boundary Training For Specialized Ministers

There is an approved BT just for you, offered by our national UCC staff and it's free.

[Tuesday, June 21, 6:00 – 9:00pm ET Specialized Minister Boundary Training with Rev. Tara Barber and Rev. Stephen Boyd](https://ucc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjYvduCtqDsrGtHLhcSEWiZOv17GVWjic3NE)

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This training is open to ministers serving in specialized settings throughout the United Church of Christ. Serving in specialized setting requires particular attention to boundaries within the ministry setting and home church that are challenging and different from those serving as local church pastors. This training will focus on matters that relate specifically to issues that these ministers face, providing opportunities for clergy to reflect on best practices and growth in their practice of ministry.

Amnesty International Webinar for UCCs on the Human Rights Crisis in Ukraine and Refugee Rights

Monday, June 6
7-8pm PT

[Register here](#)

Hyperlink: <https://amnestyusa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtdeivqTwsE9fyAENZEyjcQhMbNZWyUhnD>

Amnesty International USA will share information and resources for advocacy around the human rights crisis in Ukraine and equity in refugee rights as a whole. Alex Raufoglu, an AIUSA Country Specialist and renowned journalist in the region of Turkey and Eurasia, will cover the state of affairs on the ground in Ukraine, the international laws being violated, and the war crimes being committed. Alex will also discuss the inequity in the global and US response to Ukrainian refugees, and how it has differed from the treatment and policies around Black and brown refugees. Jennifer Estrada, AIUSA Community Program Manager, will provide resources for members of the University Congregational Church of Christ congregation to take action to support Ukrainians and refugees as a whole, both in the moment and in an ongoing way. [Register here!](#)

Our Whole Lives/Sexuality and Our Faith Trainings

In conjunction with the Unitarian Universalist Association, we are now offering limited online Our Whole Lives/Sexuality and Our Faith trainings. This is a wonderful opportunity for folks looking for the ability to train without needing to travel. These trainings are accessible via Zoom and an online platform and cost less than most in-person trainings. We are delegated 8 spots in each training for UCC folks. I am hoping you can help spread the word of this opportunity to people in your conference.

The trainings each take place over a 3-week period and require some online work before the training begins and some work in between twice weekly synchronous sessions. The cost is \$250 per person. In addition, each participant needs access to OWL and Sexuality and Our Faith manuals; if they need to purchase these, we offer a 20% discount to UCC people taking OWL trainings. They would contact me at JohnsonA@ucc.org for the discount code.

There are two trainings for OWL/Sexuality and Our Faith for Grades 7-9/10-12 happening in July. The dates and links to apply for registration for this training and future online trainings are here: https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/justice/health-and-wholeness-advocacy-ministries/sexuality-and-our-faith/justice_sexuality-education_training-schedule/

Deadline for registration for the July trainings is June 6th. If we do not fill our UCC spots by that time, we will give them to the UUA to use for anyone on their waitlist.

The August training applications for Elementary Trainings (for grades K-1 and 4-6) will be open from June 13-27, and September applications for the next Grades 7-9/10-12 training will be open from July 5 through August 8.

Discerning & Deciding

BOLD CLIMATE ACTION

Wednesday, June 8th, 1 pm



UCC Webinar—Discerning and Deciding: Bold Climate Action

According to a recent UN climate report, the world has less than three years for its greenhouse gas emissions to peak and head into a relatively rapid decline. Careful discernment is needed on where to place our time and energy in seeking policies that will lead to a more just and hospitable world. This webinar will feature three leaders in the climate movement: Keya Chatterjee from the U.S. Climate Action Network, Miranda Ehrlich from the Sierra Club, and Jean Su from the Center for Biological Diversity. Even if you can't make the scheduled time of 1 pm ET on Wednesday, June 8th, still sign-up, and we will send you a recording. [Register now!](#)

[Hyperlink: https://UCC.zoom.us/webinar/register/8716523929335/WN_XSNviG5_SbaiEVCwhLGKgQ]



June Celebrations

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

Ordinations

	Art Mampel	58 years	9	Gregory Turner	52 years
	James Spraker	58 years	9	Sandy Wisecarver	8 years
1	Cindy Bauleke	36 years	10	Jill Komura	11 years
1	Jack Coates	54 years	10	Deborah Rose	32 years
1	Glenn Kalkbrenner	61 years	11	C. Floyd Emerson	57 years
1	Mimi Lane	47 years	12	Fred Hutchinson	39 years
1	Donald Mayer	63 years	13	Jim CastroLang	41 years
3	Jeannette Solimine	21 years	13	Gary Southerton	35 years
5	Mark Travis	28 years	15	Daniel Schnabel	53 years
5	Greg Turk	28 years	17	Philip Eisenhauer	66 years
6	Cynthia Meyer	30 years	18	Hollis Bredeweg	44 years
7	Diane Darling	41 years	20	Joseph Murphy	51 years
8	Susan Cutshall	33 years	21	Tim Devine	35 years
8	Allysa De Wolf	8 years	27	Sam Rennebohm	1 year
9	Tom Sorenson	20 years	29	Jennifer Butner	19 years

Commissioned

25 Marcia McLaughlin

Birthdays

1	Charles Harlow	10	Kendall Baker	17	Cynthia Meyer
3	John Eisenhauer	11	Jean Emerson	16	Donna Poland
5	Jill Komura	12	Kalyn De Wolf	26	Mary Ann Winter
7	Tim Devine	12	Hilde Wright	27	David Anderson
8	Karyn Frazier	13	Michael Ostrem	30	Jim Halfaker
9	Diane Schmitz	14	Kris Ostrem		

Anniversaries

5	Dennis & Jodie Hollinger-Lant	19	Harvey & Suzanne Buer
7	Steve Van Kuiken & Jennifer Hackman	19	Mary Olney-Loyd & Gary Loyd
9	Daniel & Doris Berg	19	Tim Devine & David Anderson
12	Angela Ying & John Ruhland	24	Susan Yarrow & David Morris
14	David & Lyn Kratz	27	Bobbi & Pasi Virta
16	Jim & Louisa Halfaker	28	Terry & Martha Teigen
18	Thomas Carson & Carol Taylor	30	Kristine Zakarison & Jonathan Bliss