



"FORWARD TOGETHER"

April 26-28 2024

Plymouth Church Seattle, 1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle, WA.

Please join us in welcoming [Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson](#) as our keynote speaker. We will also have Justpaz and CDEDOL missionaries from Bogata, Colombia, sponsored by Global Ministries and our conference; and finally, we will be welcoming new churches into our conference. We hope to see you there, In-person or virtually. Please watch this page for more details. Thank you!

LOCATION: Our Annual Meeting will be held at Plymouth Church, UCC, 1217 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101. There is some parking at the church with overflow parking at the IBM parking lot. Check [online](#) for Metro Bus routes. The nearest Link Light Rail stop is University Street Station. See map below.

HOTEL: Your hotel reservations are your own responsibility. There a block of rooms being held at a discount at the Hilton Hotel, 1301 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101. To reserve a room with this hotel, please click this [link](#). The cost is \$159 per night (plus taxes and fees).

REGISTRATION: Please register [online](#) by April 18th. If you need help with registration, contact Mark Boyd (mark@pilgrim-firs.org or 1-360-876-2031). Please know we will not be able to provide meals for those who miss the deadline. Cancellations before April 18th due to unforeseen emergencies, will be refunded everything except the deposit, if requested.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Limited scholarship funds are available by contacting Rev. Phil Hodson at phil@pncucc.org. If you are able to contribute to the scholarship fund, please note that on the registration form.

MEALS: Included in your registration fee (if attending in-person) are Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, and light breakfast fare on Saturday morning. All other meals are on your own. We will have a list of nearby restaurants available.

The Saturday lunch is generously sponsored by the Samoan congregations of the conference.

Please bring your own beverage container. Plymouth Church UCC will allow people to have coffee in the sanctuary only if it is in an enclosed coffee mug. Water bottles must have lids as well.

CHILDCARE: **Childcare must be pre-arranged by April 12th by calling the office at 206-725-8383 or emailing office@pncucc.org.** Parents are responsible for their children during all meals and breaks. There are no registration fees or childcare costs for children.

DELEGATE DESIGNATION: **Delegates will need to be noted on the registration form.** 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:

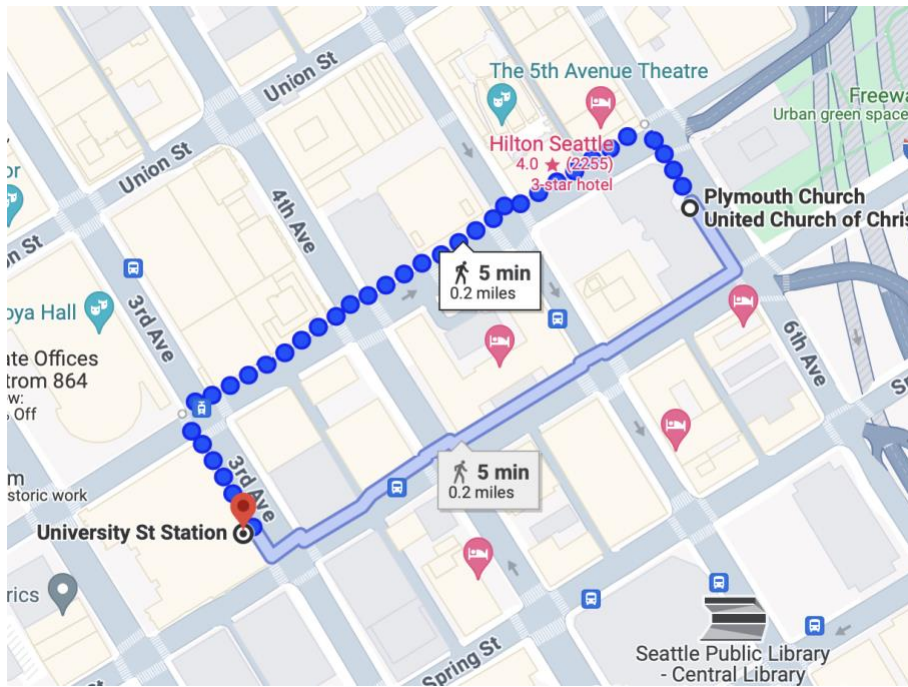
- *Three lay delegates per congregation, PLUS*
- *One additional lay delegate for each 100 members (or fraction thereof) above 200, PLUS*
- *One additional lay delegate to be under the age of 26.*

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

Delegate voting cards will be available at the registration table with your nametag. Your church's Fellowship Dues must be paid to the Conference before Annual Meeting in order for your

delegates to be able to vote. Please contact the conference office if you have questions by emailing office@pncucc.org.

Map to Annual Meeting location from the University Street Light Rail Station.



Tentative Agenda

[Colombia Partnership to Visit our Region](#) - seeks hosts, transportation, and Spanish translators

[Annual Meeting 2024 Registration Link](#)

[Hotel Reservation Link](#)

[2024 Report Booklet](#)

[2024 Annual Meeting Budget Packet](#)

Conference Calendar

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

All meetings are online unless otherwise indicated.

2024

March

- 5 Board of Directors meeting; 6:30-8:00pm
- 6 Phil's Office Hour, 9:30-10:30am
- 6 PNC Staff Meeting; 1:00-2:30pm
- 7 Moderators Meeting; 7:00-8:30pm

- 12 Church Development Committee; 1:15-2:45pm
- 13 Phil's Office Hour, 9:30-10:30am
- 13 PNC Staff Meeting; 1:00-2:30pm
- 14 Committee on Ministry-Westside; 9:30am-2:30pm
- 15 Eastside Committee on Ministry meeting; 10:00am-2:00pm

- 19 Dismantling Racism Task Force meeting; 5:30-7:00pm
- 20 Phil's Office Hour, 9:30-10:30am
- 20 PNC Staff Meeting; 1:00-2:30pm
- 21 Personnel Committee Meeting
- 21 Moderators Meeting; 7:00-8:30pm

- 27 Phil's Office Hour, 9:30-10:30am
- 27 PNC Staff Meeting; 1:00-2:30pm

Transitions

Larry Stuart Baker - March 27, 1938 - February 1, 2024

Larry was born in Olympia, Washington and spent his youth there, graduating from Olympia High School in 1956, then on to the University of Puget Sound, graduating in 1960. He then attended Andover Newton Theological School in Boston for 3 years. He began his internship year in ministry at Monroe Congregational church in WA in 1963. He was ordained to the Christian Ministry at Fauntleroy Church (UCC) in September 1964. He returned to Monroe in the early 70's and remained their pastor for over 30 years, commuting from his home in Gig Harbor, with his wife of 40 years, Lauren Joy. He also had a long career working with Comprehensive Mental Health of Pierce County and the non-profit Directions, ETC. His goal for his clients, their families, and clinicians was to guide them to a path to achieve mental wellness.

Sonia Baker - December 13, 1934 - January 15, 2024

Sonia Edwards Baker, 89, died at her home at Skyline, on First Hill in Seattle on January 15, 2024. She grew up in Renton and earned a degree in English from the University of Oregon. She married Maurice Bell for 20 years before divorcing. Sonia and Kendall Baker were married in 1976 and had a blended family of 8 children. The family moved to Tucson where Kendall was pastor of First Congregational UCC. Sonia earned a Masters degree in Urban Planning from the University of Arizona and was involved in neighborhood planning. They served churches in Wisconsin, Kansas, and California before moving to Seattle where they spent their retirement years. Sonia is survived by her husband Kendall, 4 children, 4 step children and 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

The following changes were approved at the February 2024 Westside Committee on Ministry meeting.

Warren Johnson's Licensed Ministerial Standing is renewed for one year.
Louis Vetri's request for Leave of Absence for one year was approved.

The tools are ready and waiting for Work Action



Weekends!

Work Action Weekends at N-Sid-Sen are scheduled!

May 2 – 5 and June 13-16.

Come and join us for lumberjacking (lots of downed trees ready to be cleaned up), spring planting (we will get the watering system up and running), weed whacking (every cabin needs a little pruning around the edges), and window washing (oh so many windows!) are on tap for the May weekend, with follow-up chores in June. Please register (n-sid-sen.org) so that we can have a head count for meals and arrange lodging. Please note that the June work weekend coincides with other events, so lodging is restricted to the lower cabins.

Camps for Younger Children

The boy with the nose knows! There are two great camp options for younger children this summer, and they are being held at both N-Sid-Sen and Pilgrim Firs!

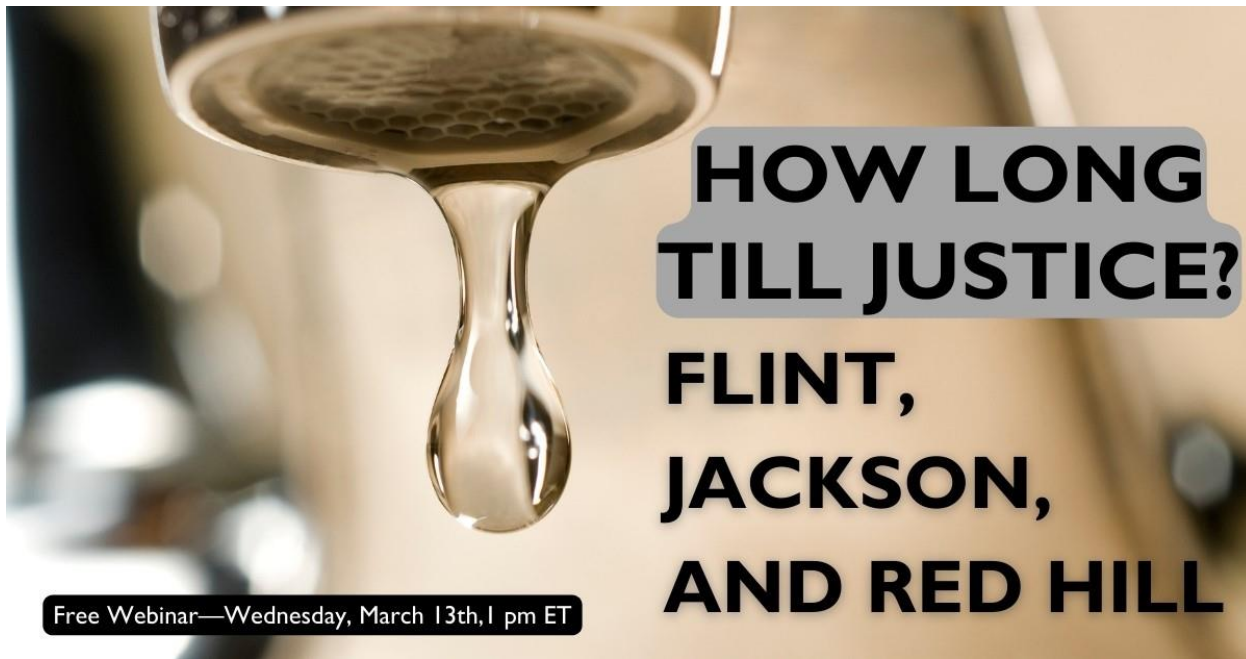
You & Me Camp gives younger explorers the opportunity to experience camp with a trusted adult. These sessions are designed for children entering grades 1-4 with a special buddy – parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, God parent... Traditional camp favorites and new adventures will all be part of the fun.
June 14-16 at Pilgrim Firs near Port Orchard, WA
July 21-24 at N-Sid-Sen near Harrison, ID



Kids Camp sessions are shorter and the group sizes are smaller – ideal for children entering grades 2-4. Making a new friend, exploring the trails, jumping in the lake – or even just wading – may seem like simple fun. In reality, campers are gaining critical social skills, independence and a greater awareness of God and creation.
June 14-16 at Pilgrim Firs near Port Orchard, WA
July 24-27 at N-Sid-Sen near Harrison, ID

Registration is open for all PNC summer camps at www.n-sid-sen.org and www.pilgrim-firs.org.

If you have questions, connect with Managing Directors, Mark Boyd and Rev Pam Peterson. They will be happy to answer your questions.
Mark Boyd: mark@pilgrim-firs.com / 360.876.2031
Pam Peterson: director@n-sid-sen.org / 208-689-3489



UCC Webinar—How Long Till Justice?: Flint, Jackson, and Red Hill

In April, the 10th anniversary of the water crisis in Flint, Michigan will be marked. Yet, justice, in many forms and by many measures, has remained elusive. In Jackson, Mississippi and near the U.S. Navy's toxic Red Hill facility in Hawai'i, justice has also been difficult to achieve in the wake of water crises. Learn how leaders from these communities envision the path to justice in this webinar on March 13th at 1 pm ET. [Register now!](#)

[Hyperlink: https://UCC.zoom.us/webinar/register/1017080249163/WN_p-lS8LodTlufja_vsU8fCA]

March Celebrations

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

Ordinations

5	Harvey Buer	58 years
8	Leah Atkinson Bilinski	15 years
8	Janna Born Larsen	9 years
10	Karyn Frazier	5 years
17	Dee Eisenhauer	39 years
17	Terry Rice	1 year
18	Kathleen Morgan	23 years
21	Davi Weasley	14 years

Commissioned

16	Marcia McLaughlin	21 years
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Birthdays

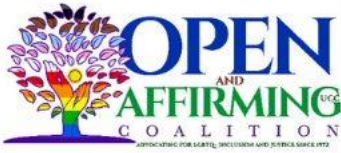
Deborah Adams
Cindy Bauleke
Ruth Bishop
Wendy Blight
Rodney Case
Susan Cutshall
Ruth Flucke
Kaye Hult
Fred Hutchinson

Debra Jarvis
Steve Larsen
Marybeth Maury-Holmes
Marilyn McClellan
Allison Milligan
Deanna Murray
Lynn Nelson
Daniel Parker
Sharon Rieke

Amy Roon
Rick Russell
Barbara Spraker
Bill Stalder
Gregory Turner
Sam Wilson
Tara Young-Brown
Adam Yates

Anniversaries

Hollis & Sally Bredeweg
Gail & Ed Crouch
Stephen Hadden & Douglas Fischer
Robert & Edith Jackson
Robert & Sharon Rieke
Carol Scott-Kassner & Kirk Kassner
Jeannette & John Solimine
Gary Southerton & David Isla



SPRING '24 Webinars

7PM-8:30PM EACH NIGHT

- 2/27/24. ONA 101 – Starting the Open and Affirming Journey.
- 3/19/24. ONA 201- We're ONA, What's next?
- 4/23/24. ONA and the Bible.
- 5/28/24. Beyond The Binary Panel: The spectrum of gender-- Trans, Non-Binary, +
- 6/25/24. Using the Bible to Unpack Attraction: A Deep Dive into Bisexuality, Pansexuality, and Asexuality.
- 7/30/24. Navigating Ethical Non-Monogamy & the Bible: Open Relationships, Polyamory and More.

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**“Weaving our Tapestry
at the Intersections”**

April 16-18, 2024

**Charleston Harbor Resort,
Charleston, SC**

**Join us for the Antoinette Brown Society’s
Clergywomen’s Leadership Event**

Keynotes: Rev. Dr. Lisa Goods and Rev. Dr. Rebecca Voelkel

**Talk with Rev. Drs. Karen Georgia Thompson
and Shari Prestemon**

**\$500 Early Bird thru 2/29 includes 2 nights, 4
meals & resort amenities. \$600 Mar 1-14.**

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