

March Post

Spring is coming! And so is Annual Meeting! Work has begun to bring together this year's meeting. Tara Leininger, the chair of the Planning Committee, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, is working to plan this business meeting with creativity, worship, and much more! Registration options will be available soon.

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Conference Calendar

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

March

- 1 Dismantling Racism Subcommittee; online; 5:30-6:30pm
- 2 Courtney's Office Hour; <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/006421246>; 9:30-10:30am
- 3 Moderators Check-in; online; <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/333224991>; 7:00-8:30pm
- 3 Justice & Witness Committee; online; 5:30-6:30pm
- 4 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ava-tbxs-ysn>; 1-2:00pm

- 9 Courtney's Office Hour; <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/006421246>; 9:30-10:30am
- 9 Church Development Committee meeting; online; 1:00-3:00pm
- 10 Westside Committee on Ministry; online; 9:30am-2:30pm
- 11 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ava-tbxs-ysn>; 1-2:00pm

- 14 PNCUCC Moderator & Board Office 1.5 hours;
<https://washington.zoom.us/j/99953739164> 6-7:30pm
- 15 Board of Directors meeting; online; 6:30-8:00pm
- 16 Courtney's Office Hour; <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/006421246>; 9:30-10:30am
- 17 Moderators Check-in; online; <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/333224991>; 7:00-8:30pm
- 17 Global Ministries Committee meeting; online, 7:00pm
- 18 Eastside Committee on Ministry meeting; online; 10:00am-2:00pm
- 18 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ava-tbxs-ysn>; 1-2:00pm

- 23 Courtney's Office Hour; <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/006421246>; 9:30-10:30am
- 24 Personnel Committee; online; 2:30-3:30pm
- 24 Stewardship Committee meeting; online; 6:00-7:30pm
- 25 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ava-tbxs-ysn>; 1-2:00pm

30 Courtney's Office Hour; <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/006421246>; 9:30-10:30am

April

- 1 Admin & Finance Check-in; online; <https://meet.google.com/ava-tbxs-ysn>; 1-2:00pm
- 6 Courtney's Office Hour; <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/006421246>; 9:30-10:30am
- 7 Moderators Check-in; online; <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/333224991>; 7:00-8:30pm
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- 15 Eastside Committee on Ministry; online; 10:00am-2:00pm
- 15 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ava-tbxs-ysn>; 1-2:00pm

- 19 Board of Directors meeting; online; 6:30-8:00pm
- 20 Courtney's Office Hour; <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/006421246>; 9:30-10:30am
- 21 Moderators Check-in; online; <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/333224991>; 7:00-8:30pm
- 22 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ava-tbxs-ysn>; 1-2:00pm

- 28 Personnel Committee; online; 2:30-3:30pm
- 29-May 1 PNC-UCC Annual Meeting; online

Transitions

We have recently learned that **Rev. Enoka Rex Gatolo'i** died last year. He was serving the Ala I Le Ola Church #5 that met in Burien. We will post information when we receive it.

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

Rev. Kevin Carr, a hospice chaplain at Evergreen Hospital, completed his transfer of standing in February.

Transferring to other regions are **Rev. Steve Davis**, (Plymouth Church, UCC in Seattle) who received a call to the Penn SE Conference; **Rev. Nathaniel Mahlberg** (First Congregational Church, Walla Walla) who received a call in Pennsylvania; and **Rev. Chris Hayward** (Greenacres Christian Church) who has received a call to the Iowa Conference.

The Committee on Ministry has approved exempt status for **Rev. Megan Crouse**, **Rev. Dennis Hollinger-Lant**, and **Rev. Gail Crouch**.

Amara Oden began her ministry at Suquamish UCC in January of this year.

Please support the PNC Anti-Racism Fund

Andy Warren, Conference Accounting Manger

Delegates, Friends of the Conference and Conference Churches will soon be receiving an appeal letter from the PNC Stewardship Committee asking for support to raise funding for the Conference work towards anti-racism. We have a \$52,000 budget commitment that was unanimously voted for by our delegates at our last annual meeting. The Conference has two options to fulfill the commitment: use our board-controlled funds (money used to sustain the conference when OCWM and other contributions are lower than expenses) or receive additional financial support from many of you for this antiracism priority initiative. If we exceed this \$52,000 goal, all your gifts will go directly to the Antiracism Fund and allow us to increase the impact made by our financial contributions.

As a member of this committee, I wanted to share with you why I will be, and have been supporting our anti-racism fund. I believe I have been incredibly blessed and fortunate in my life. I grew up in white middle class suburbia, was fortunate enough to graduate from college without loans, and was even more fortunate to hold senior management positions in accounting and finance at a variety of companies over a span of 45 years. Frankly, while I always worked hard, I believe I was also this fortunate because I am white. I benefited from our white supremacy culture and the systems that support it. I had opportunities that were simply not afforded to others. I believe it is my duty as a Christian and my sense of fairness to share my time and money to help break down this unjust system so all may be afforded the opportunities I had. This is my personal belief. Like many of you, I also believe in the work of the UCC and in the work of the Pacific Northwest Conference. The last four words of our Conference mission statement - "and working for justice" - says it all for me and hopefully, for you. Our mission is to work for justice and equality- for all those who have had justice withheld or denied. This has been the work of the UCC since its inception. So I ask that when you receive this letter in the weeks ahead, prayerfully consider giving to justice and our anti-racism efforts. It is important that we make a difference. It is important that our annual meeting votes are more than just words. You can donate now via this link.

<http://www.pncucc.org/donate>

Sharing Stories of Hope (The Hopeful *and* the Hopeless)

“And we boast in the hope of the glory of God” (Romans 5:2b)

As I listen around the conference these first months of 2022, hope has been an ongoing theme. Hope for glimmers of change, hope for what might come, hope as an antidote to despair. Some of us are feeling full of hope. Some of us are looking, yearning, eager for hope. Some of us are deep in hopelessness. Still some (most?) of us feel all of these ways depending on the day. Sometimes we feel all these ways in the same day!

It is almost Lent. A time of reflection and preparation. This year we will again share testimonial stories with one another as our Lenten practice. The theme is Sharing Stories of Hope.

I noticed that when one person shares their feelings of hopefulness it often makes others feel a bit more hopeful themselves. I hope that this series will include stories about hope to inspire hope in others. That everyone will feel invited to share a story of a time they felt hopeful, or where they saw hope incarnated in the world. It is important to share these glimmers of hope when we see them. The hope of one person can fan the flames of hope in another. Hope is contagious. Sometimes the hope of others is just enough to get us through our own lack of hope.

So, please, share your stories of hope.

But, I am aware that not everyone feels connected to any stories of hope these days. So I want to be clear, more important than sharing your stories of hope, is simply sharing yourself. Sharing an authentic story, that comes from you. Maybe that is a story about hope but maybe it is about struggling with hope. Maybe it is about feeling hopeless.

No matter what, you, the real you, are welcome here.

In the UCC we say, “No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you know you are welcome here.” With or without hope.

It is simple. Show up. Read the stories of others. Share you own. You are invited. Every one of us.

Sign up here to subscribe to the daily story series <http://eepurl.com/gfCsyy>

Click here to submit your story <https://forms.gle/kcfK6pivwfjG2Upc9>

-Courtney Stange-Tregear
Minister for Church Vitality



THE U.S. Military and Environmental Justice

A Free Webinar for Faith Communities

Wednesday, March 9, 1:00 PM ET



UCC Webinar—The U.S. Military and Environmental Justice

The United States military is one of the world's biggest polluters. As an institution, it leads the world in oil consumption and emits enormous amounts of greenhouse gases. To grasp the environmental impact of the U.S. military, however, requires us to go beyond statistics and numbers. One must listen to those from the communities directly affected. This webinar will provide an overview of environmental justice concerns pertaining to the U.S. military while also centering the voices of those engaged in the struggle to stop the pollution caused by the Navy's Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility on the island of Oahu. Faith communities will not only learn about the issues, but also how they can take action for justice. Even if you can't make the scheduled time of 1 pm ET on Wednesday, March 9th, still sign-up, and we will send you a recording. [Register now!](#)

[Hyperlink: https://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/8816445099344/WN_DPmwUtRhROGE16ULXV17GA]



Restoring Nature

What People of Faith Can Do to Heal the Earth

Free Webinar: Wednesday, March 23, 1:00 PM ET



UCC Webinar—Restoring Nature: What People of Faith Can Do to Heal the Earth

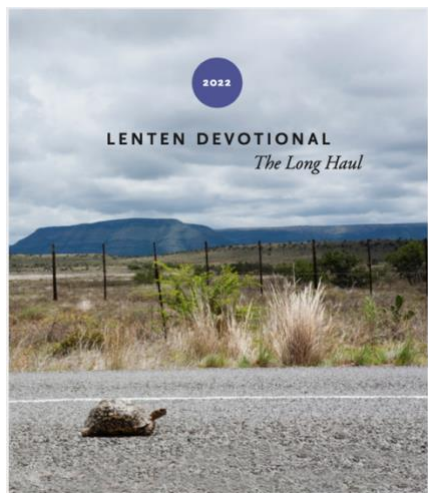
Douglas Tallamy's books have awakened thousands to the problem of wildlife decline and the solution that resides in habitat restoration. This is a solution of which you and your faith community can be a part. The solution can be as close as your backyard or the property surrounding your place of worship. In this webinar, Tallamy will outline the crisis faced and what we can do in response. Even if you can't make the scheduled time of 1 pm ET on Wednesday, March 23rd, still sign-up, and we will send you a recording. [Register now!](#)

[Hyperlink: https://UCC.zoom.us/webinar/register/9016425311008/WN_3KMyXpmnTuGfzC0ft63OAw]



2022 Summer Adventures

Fun! Faith! Friends! All at N-Sid-Sen Camp and Conference Center, a welcoming Christian community with caring leaders, certified health care and waterfront staff. See the schedule [here](#).



UCC Lenten Devotional

You're not alone on this journey and now, in this spiritual Lenten journey on which God invites us, you have everything required to reach your destination. [The Long Haul](#), A PDF version is now available from the StillSpeaking Writers Group



March Celebrations

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

Ordinations

5	Harvey Buer	55 years
8	Leah Atkinson Bilinski	13 years
8	Janna Born Larsen	7 years
10	Karyn Frazier	3 years
17	Dee Eisenhauer	37 years
18	Kathleen Morgan	21 years
21	Davi Weasley	12 years

Birthdays

1	Barbara Spraker	15	Ruth Bishop	24	Kaye Hult
3	Bill Stalder	15	Judith Hjorth	25	Rick Russell
8	Marilyn McClellan	16	Allison Milligan	26	Steve Larsen
8	Gregory Turner	16	Deanna Murray	27	Larry Baker
9	Sharon Rieke	17	Daniel Parker	27	Cindy Bauleke
10	Rodney Case	18	Michael Denton	27	Ruth Flucke
10	Sam Wilson	22	Deborah Adams	27	Debra Jarvis
13	Susan Cutshall	22	Fred Hutchinson	27	Lynn Nelson
13	Edwards	22	Amy Roon	29	Wendy Blight

Anniversaries

2	Hollis & Sally Bredeweg
13	Stephen Haddan & Douglas Fischer
16	Robert & Edith Jackson
15	Carol Scott-Kassner & Kirk Kassner
17	Gail & Ed Crouch
18	Gary Southerton & David Isla
25	Robert & Sharon Rieke
29	Jeannette & John Solimine