



South Central Conference
United Church of Christ

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United Church of Christ™
**MENTAL HEALTH
NETWORK**

JOIN OUR BOARD

All persons who are passionate and compassionate about Mental Health, Mental Wellness, and Neurodiversity are invited to apply.

We are accepting applications to join our Board of Directors through
August 17, 2026!

[Learn More Here](#)



August is National Make-A-Will Month. We're inviting you to put your love into action by creating or updating your will at no cost! In 2024, the Pension Boards-UCC and National Ministries launched Together for Tomorrow, a shared legacy campaign that provides our UCC community with access to **FreeWill**.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Paul at 212-729-2738 or pramsey@pbucc.org or Michelle at 216-736-2109 or carverm@ucc.org with any questions about writing your will or leaving a planned gift.

- [Get Started Here](#)



Each month, UCC experts unpack an issue through our [Getting to the Root series](#). This August, the UCC Office of Public Policy & Advocacy team reflect on how to make the most of August Recess, such as meeting with your elected officials locally, gearing up your congregation for the midterm elections, and prioritizing rest. You can read the [full reflection here](#).



Citizens Bank ends ties to companies running ICE detentions after faith leaders, activists strategically withdraw funds
[Read More Here](#)



Faith Response Immigration Gathering October 4-6, 2026

You're invited to join with people of faith from across Texas for training and resource building to faithfully respond to attacks on immigrants in our communities.

[Click Here for More Information](#)

Conference News



Join SCC Youth Director, Brooke Dooley, for the Youth Ministry Support gatherings every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm.

The next meeting will be August 11th [Join meeting here](#). Contact Brooke for more questions at brooke@sccucc.org.



Join the SCC Conference Minister and Conference Clergy for fellowship and conversation every Wednesday morning @ 9:30am

[Join the August 12th Cafe' Here](#)



Register Now for the 2026 Southern Regional UCC Women's Retreat

Join the Florida, South Central, Southeast, Southern Conference of the UCC for a weekend of rest, renewal & worship.

Registration closes on September 1st 2026 @ 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE
GATHERING
Coming Together. Looking Ahead.

NOVEMBER 6-7, 2026

FRIENDS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 COLLEGE STATION, TX

Strengthening relationships is both the purpose of this gathering and the foundation for whatever comes next.

EVERY CHURCH. Brings wisdom. | EVERY VOICE. Matters here. | EVERYONE BELONGS. Together we grow.

Worship. Conversation. Learning. Fellowship. Service. Reflection.

South Central Conference Gathering: Coming Together. Looking Ahead.

Join clergy, lay leaders, and youth this November in College Station for worship, learning & fellowship.

[Register](#)

[Reserve Hotel Room Here](#)

Learning Opportunities



News from

Church Training Center

Cultivating Discernment. Strengthening Governance

I am pleased to share that Church Training Center is now partnering with Practical Church Resources to offer a revised series of cohort trainings designed for church leaders who want more than a one-time webinar.

- [Embracing Our Call: Foundation for Discernment-Rooted Governance](#)
- [Guiding the Vision: Foundations for Pastoral Discernment](#)
- [The Ministry of Money: Foundations for Faithful Financial Leadership](#)
- [Rooted in the Call: The Sacred Work of the Mission Keeper](#)



Courses beginning September 1

Biblical Studies Project
 Sermon Writing Project

Courses beginning September 9

Professional Boundaries and Ministerial Self-Care
 Indigenous Theology

[CLICK HERE FOR FALL 2026 COURSE OFFERINGS](#)

Are you ready to get started?

STEP 1: [APPLY NOW](#)

Rev. Dr. Amber Mattingly Offering 10-week JoyFull Study, Fall 2026



[View Video Here](#)

I am inviting Christian clergy, laity, military spouses, and individuals from other faith traditions to a 10-week program facilitated by me with 1 one-on-one sessions with fully funded scholarships.

I am offering an informational session on zoom on Monday August 10th at 6:30pm CST. We will discuss the themes of the study & I'll answer any questions. If you are interested, please contact me at amber@ambermattinglylivefree.com or by phone at 471-773-9764.



It is easy to stay focused on what's wrong. Our brains are wired for this in order to keep us vigilant and out of danger. Our early survival depended on being able to difference and equate it with danger as a "first response" if we needed to lash out or run away to preserve our life." We have "othered" each other over so many kinds of differences that we run the risk of destroying ourselves..

It is time to replace "othering" with "neighboring," pulling up a to a common table for good conversation

This is the essence of the message of this worship series, "[Love One Another](#)"

This series is [available](#) to all for FREE or donation.

National UCC News



Join us Wednesday, **August 12th** to hear what Sam Daley-Harris has to say. He is the author of "Reclaiming Our Democracy: Every Citizen's Guide to Transformational Advocacy."

[Register Here](#)

Upcoming UCC MESA Trainings

[Thursday, August 13, 6:30 – 8:30pm ET, COM Members Orientation with Rev. Melanie Oommen](#)

There is so much to learn when serving on a COM! This webinar supports orientation of COM members by covering topics such as roles, boundaries, theological foundations, ethical participation, and discernment. This webinar is open to all COM members and supporting staff, new and continuing.

APC Endorsement Deadlines

Final materials and the Letter of Endorsement written by the Committee on Ministry should be submitted via email to glaser-bacona@ucc.org for certification no later than three weeks before the deadline

- **October 31, 2026** for Interviews in March 2027

GLOBAL MINISTRIES 30TH
ANNIVERSARY WEBINAR

CONGREGATIONS DOING
CHRIST'S WORK

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026 AT 7:00PM ET



REV. DR. CHRISTAL WILLIAMS
REGIONAL MINISTER
CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN INDIANA
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

REV. DR. CHAD ABBOTT
CONFERENCE MINISTER
INDIANA KENTUCKY CONFERENCE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Please join the Indian Region of the DOC and Rev. Dr. Christal Williams, in leading a webinar around local congregations and their engagement with global ministry.

This is part of a series of webinars for the 30th Celebration year for Global Ministries.

**It will take place on
Zoom on August 19th
from 7pm-8pm eastern.**

**Global Ministries 30th Anniversary Webinar
Congregations Doing Christ's Work
Wednesday, August 19th 7pm Eastern**

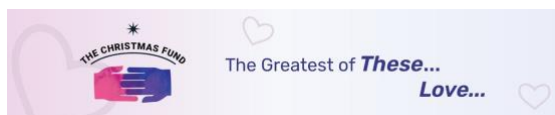
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Advocacy & Mission



**Join the UCC in Urging Congress
to Hold Data Centers
Accountable**

Take Action Here



It may be the middle of summer, but the spirit of Christmas is already in the air as we prepare to celebrate Christmas in July. This month, we're celebrating the powerful ways The Christmas Fund community supports the financial, physical, and spiritual wellbeing of those who serve the UCC.

Donate

Support the Ministry of the Conference

**THE CHURCH'S
WIDER MISSION**

Stronger Together Through OCWM Monthly Giving

Our shared ministry across the wider church is made possible through OCWM.

Contributions allow for consistent, faithful stewardship. Reliable giving helps sustain staff support, pastoral care, and leadership development throughout the year.

OCWM is a living expression of our covenant—reminding us that we are **stronger together**.

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*Become a
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Resources



Let's Connect!

Email: sccm@sccucc.org

Schedule an Appointment
<https://calendly.com/sccm-sccucc>



[View the NEW SCC E-news Calendar](#)

Would you like to submit an Article for the eNews? Email your information to Stacey at office@sccucc.org or call the office at 830-313-5855

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