Annual Meeting Clergy Workshops
VIA Zoom (All links are listed at https://www.iscucc.org)

Wednesday, October 13

1:00 pm - Beyond Chocolates and Bath Salts: Self Care for Pastors
Presented by Rev. Donna Pupillo, RN and Executive Director of Deaconess Nurse Ministry

Beyond Chocolates and Bath Salts: Self Care for Pastors

Rev. Pupillo takes a look at stress creators and what we can do specifically to alleviate some of it to manage through life and its challenges.

Rev. Donna Smith-Pupillo, RN is the Executive Director of Deaconess Faith Community Nurse Ministry, a health care non-profit agency which promotes health and wholeness in the Greater Metro St. Louis region through exceptional faith community nurses, working in three programs, Community Outreach, Congregational and Senior Health. She has led the agency through a transition from being an LLC of Deaconess Foundation to being its own non-profit focusing on the health and wellness of low-income children, adults, and seniors in the community. She has a diploma in Nursing from Deaconess School of Nursing and Bachelors Degree in Nursing from University of Missouri in St Louis. She received her Masters in Divinity from Eden Seminary in 1993, and is ordained as a UCC minister, serving a North county UCC congregation for 15 years. She currently is the interim pastor for Fieldon UCC.

2:30 pm - The Rainbow Connection: The Pastor’s Role in Helping Congregations Become Inclusive
Presented by Andy Lang, Executive Director of ONA Coalition

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Andy Lang has 18 years of experience as a communications professional in the United Church of Christ. He was a daily newspaper reporter and Congressional press officer in Washington, DC, before moving to Cleveland to join the UCC’s national communications staff in 1993. Andy built the UCC’s first churchwide website at ucc.org in 1994 and led the church’s national web ministry until 2004. Andy has been the Coalition’s executive director since 2010: in that capacity, he leads the UCC’s Open and Affirming Program, the largest LGBTQ-affirming church movement in the world. His passion is to reach the nearly 3,500 UCC congregations that have not yet adopted an ONA covenant. Andy’s pronouns are “he, him, his.”