Church = People

I had a friend who once said, "The Church would be perfect if it weren’t for the people." The Church is a human institution. As such, this means within the Church exists the entire spectrum of the human condition - the good, the bad, and the ugly. One of the unique aspects of my role as the Conference Minister is that I often have a front seat to this wide spectrum. I have so many opportunities to see the good in the local church. It is a joy to experience times when a congregation has come together unified in their sense of mission and service. It is a delight to share in the celebratory moments of their shared life and faith. It is a privilege to witness a congregation’s commitment and desire to love God, love each other, and love their neighbors. However, I also have so many opportunities, in fact too many, to see the bad and the downright ugly in the local church.

Years ago, there was a deep awareness about the dark side that existed in the local church, especially when it came to the mistreatment of the clergy. The phrase “clergy killers” was used to describe a common phenomenon of persons in the local church who were intent on destroying the reputation and often the careers of pastors. This phenomenon was explored through case studies, seminars, workshops, books, and even documentaries. Data consistently showed the highest reason pastors left pastoral ministry permanently was because they could no longer tolerate the unnamed and unchecked abuse they had experienced in the local church. For a while, there was no attention paid to this increasing problem, because pastors moved on. Yet, the problem remained.

The highest number of clergy persons leaving the pastoral ministry happened in the last year. Pastors

Prayer list for
Oct 3 - Oct 9, 2021

Churches & Pastors
- Plum Hill St. John's UCC, Rev. Don Jones
- Red Bud St. Peter UCC, Pastor Cory (Geraldine Perez) Hartz
Retired Pastors
- Rev. Jean Carmean, O'Fallon, IL

People with Life Concerns
- Pray for the family of Rev. W. Curtis Lee who died on June 8, 2021. Funeral services were held in June. Read full obituary.
- Please pray for the family of Rev. Robert "Bob" Coffey who passed away on Sept 17. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Coffey. A memorial service will be held on Sat, Oct 9 at 3:00 pm at First Christian Church, 5929 Old St Louis Rd, Belleville, IL 62223. Friends may pay their respects prior to the service from 12 pm - 3 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Christian Church of Belleville, St. Peter’s UCC of Lenzburg, or the Siteman Cancer Center. Cards of condolence may be sent to his wife, Carolyn Coffey, at 6213 Jo Ann Dr, Belleville, IL 62223. Please keep the family in your prayers. Click here for the full obituary.
- Please keep Pastor Brett (Carolyn) Palmer in your prayers as he recovers from some health issues. Pastor Palmer is the Pastor & Teacher for Marissa Friedens UCC. Cards may be sent to 812 N Main, Marissa, IL 62257.
who spent their careers serving local churches suddenly decided to retire. Pastors with only two to five years out of seminary suddenly left their calls to pursue other career paths or areas of service. The numbers are shocking for some, but they do not surprise me.

Each week I have at least one conversation with a clergy person who confesses they are only holding on by a thread. They are tired, exhausted, burned out, feel underappreciated and unsupported, and share countless stories of being bullied and abused by church members.

When I ask if their leadership or their pastoral relationship teams know about these situations, I usually get the following responses. Even though the pastor has voiced their concerns, good-meaning leaders have tried to dismiss or diminish the ugliness the pastor is experiencing. The pastor does not know where to go with their concerns as the bully or the bullies are members of the church who are well respected and maybe even sit on the governing boards or committees or are staff members. Some church members experienced the ugliness themselves when they tried to speak up and stand up to the bully or bullies. Such members may have either left the church altogether or simply chose to keep silent.

While much of the stress and strain pastors are feeling these days can be attributed to the reality of pastoring in a pandemic, there is still a lingering problem that churches have not addressed—how to handle toxic church members. Times of stress will increase the chance of bad behavior and ugliness to rise as some will seek power and control and use it in destructive ways. When others simply look the other way or are not willing to call people out on bad behavior which threatens the mental, emotional, and even physical health of their pastors and congregation, the outcome can be devastating.

So, what can you do?

First, be willing to admit there is a problem that needs to be addressed.

Second, educate yourself and key leaders about tactics being used to undermine and harm leadership. Recently, a member of our Committee on Ministry shared with us a sobering short film that boldly names what clergy killers look like in a congregation. It is entitled “Clergy Killers: “Toxic” Congregations Lead to Widespread Job Loss.” It was produced by the United Church in Canada. For churches who can identify with the presence of bullies in the congregation, I would highly recommend their governing boards watch it together. Here is the link to that movie.

In addition, some books I would recommend are:

- **Clergy Killers: Guidance for Pastors and Congregations Under Attack** by G. Lloyd Rediger
- **When Sheep Attack!** by Dennis R. Maynard
- **Antagonists in the Church: How to Identify and Deal with Destructive Conflict** by Kenneth C. Haugk

-Please hold in prayer the people and families of the US service members and civilians who have been killed or injured during the withdrawal of troops in Afghanistan. Also pray for the many more wounded and their families. May peace come to the hearts of everyone.
-Pray for all Hunger Action Partners.
-Pray for those who are hungry.
-Keep all pastors in your prayers.
-Pray for the United States as we work towards equality and civility for all.
-Pray for the healthcare workers and families dealing with COVID-19.
-Keep the people of Afghanistan in your prayers for peaceful living.
-Pray for the people suffering from the aftermath of natural disasters as they recover and mourn friends and family who were lost.
Finally, seek help. Many congregations are embarrassed about the messiness and toxicity that exists in their church. Instead of dealing with the problem, many will ignore it, hoping it will go away. Ignoring it only signals to those who are wreaking havoc that they have the permission or consent to continue. Break the silence and begin to address what will no longer be accepted and permitted for the wholeness and well-being of your pastor and your congregation.

Remember the spirit of God can be with us in the good, bad, and ugliness of this life together. We only need to invite God into the messiness, acknowledging that we need the healing presence of God to heal what is broken.

Blessings, Rev. Shana Johnson, ISC Conference Minister

ISC Annual Meeting 2021 - Held virtually
A Time to Replenish ~ Jeremiah 31:25

Schedule for Annual Meeting (online):
Sunday, Oct 10 Liturgy provided for local churches
Monday, Oct 11 Zoom Webinar orientation for those interested
Wednesday, Oct 13 Afternoon workshop(s) for clergy
Thursday, Oct 14 Evening workshop(s) geared for lay but open to delegates, non-delegates, and clergy
Saturday, Oct 16 Morning Business Meeting and anniversary celebrations of clergy and churches

Delegate registration details have been sent to churches, ISC clergy, and Conference Council. Fee will be $25/person.

Offering Flyer

Annual Meeting Workshops for All
Workshops planned for October 13 and 14: All free of charge, but a free-will offering to Friends of the Conference is suggested to cover the honorariums for speakers and technology fees.

October 13, Wednesday afternoon – workshops for clergy at 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm.
• 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
• 2:30 pm - The Rainbow Connection: The Pastor's Role in Helping Congregations Become Inclusive
  Presented by Andy Lang, Executive Director of ONA Coalition
Read more. Click here for a flyer to share.

October 14, Thursday evening – workshops geared for lay but open to delegates, non-delegates, and clergy at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm.
• 6:00 pm - Lifting the Shame: How Churches Can Break the Silence about Mental Health 
  Presented by Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund, Director of Mental Health and Disabilities UCC
• 7:00 pm - Reimagining Our Collective Missional Call
  Presented by Rev. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, Director of the Office of Professional Formation and Term Assistant Professor of Leadership and Formation at Iliff School of Theology
Read more. Click here for a flyer to share.

Delegate Materials - Links added as material becomes available.
Please review prior to the meeting:
Delegates Roles & Responsibilities
Items To Be Adopted by Consensus
Agenda
Standing Rules

Illinois South Conference Annual Meeting Reports
See what your teams and committees have been doing for the Conference throughout the year. You can find other information to prepare for Annual Meeting here.
AM Minutes 2020
Voice without Vote

Items To Be Voted On
ISC & DuBois Combined Proposed 2022 Budget Summary
ISC Proposed 2022 Proposed Budget
DuBois Center 2022 Proposed Budget
Proposed Budget Narrative
Slate of Nominees
Proposed Process for Becoming a WISE Congregation

For Your Information
Church Giving/Covenant Keepers/5 for 5 Offering Flyer
Rev. Donna Smith-Pupillo’s workshop resource pdf
Mental Health Resources pdf
WISE Mental Health Resources pdf
Liturgy to Prepare for Worship

Mission Offering for Annual Meeting 2021
The past year and a half has been a struggle in several ways for many of us. Covid and the Delta Variant, social isolation, and fear and anxiety over how to deal with the pandemic have hit us all, although perhaps in different ways. These issues know no boundaries when it comes to lay or clergy. Consider these preparatory steps for Annual Meeting Offering.

Prior to Annual Meeting, ask your Church Council to seek contributions from your congregation in support of the ISC Clergy Assistance Fund.

- Write a check payable to Illinois South Conference.
- In the memo line acknowledge Annual Meeting Offering or ISC Clergy Assistance Fund
- Send the check to Illinois South Conference, 1312 Broadway, Highland, IL 62249. Click here for a flyer.

MarketPlace Vendors
Chicago Theological Seminary Video
Deaconess Nurse Ministry Video
Emmaus Homes pdf
Resurrection Fabrics Store
United Church Funds
Uni-Pres Kindercottage

Deaconess Foundation Video
Eden Theological Seminary
Hoyleton Youth & Family Services PowerPoint pdf
St. John Community Care Video
UCC Insurance Board Video pdf

Irvington Friedens UCC and Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ Invites You to the Installation Service for their Associate Pastor Rev. Tarrah Vaupel on Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 2 pm 307 S 3rd Street, Irvington, Illinois
Uni-Pres Kindercottage Board is Calling!

The Kindercottage Board of Directors is looking to find two or three individuals to join our team by playing an active role in the life and business of Uni-Pres Kindercottage. Members attend meetings, volunteer to serve in committee work and become actively engaged in the decision making of the center. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month in the months of February, April, June, October, and December. Terms are for three years, with an option to renew for another three years. Terms begin in January, but new members are invited to the December meeting. Meetings in the past year and a half have been conducted by Zoom, but soon we hope to meet in person and/or have the option of a hybrid meeting where some members meet in person while others are on Zoom. Uni-Pres Kindercottage was created in 1965, and we would like to continue this tradition of meeting the needs of families and children of East St. Louis, but we need your help! Please consider taking part in the life of this important mission of our churches by becoming a board member. To volunteer or to find out more information please call: Barb Jutting, Evangelical UCC, Godfrey at 619-972-6632 or Rev. Andrew Wilson, St. John’s UCC, Smithton 618-578-2772. Or check out the Kindercottage website.

On Monday, October 4, 9:30 am-11:30 am, and Friday, October 22, 8:30 am-10:30 am the University of Illinois Extension has an exciting opportunity for food pantry managers/key volunteers to attend a region-wide virtual focus group to discuss opportunities and challenges at food pantries. All participants will receive a $20 gift card for participating. Reach out to foodpantrystudy@gmail.com or call 217-353-0740 to register before October 1. Here is a flyer for more details.

Urgently needed! CWS Emergency Clean-Up Buckets, Kits

This is an urgent call to churches to assemble Church World Service (CWS) Emergency Clean-Up Buckets and School and Hygiene Kits. CWS stocks Buckets and Kits for disasters like Ida, which in turn can deplete these supplies quickly. Deliver your completed Buckets and Kits to the one-day CWS Drop-Off on Oct. 9th from 9:30 to 11:30 am. to Lifewise St. Louis, 1321 South 11th St., St. Louis, Mo. 63104. If you can assemble buckets and kits and can't get them there that day, contact the Illinois South Conference Disaster Response Coordinator, Priscilla Self, email pij48@hotmail.com or call 618/318-0083. Whatever disaster people are trying to move forward from, these supplies assure them that "they are not doing it alone," said Mark Munoz, CWS Associate Director, Domestic Disaster Program. "A whole host of supporters, volunteers and donors are walking with them on their road to recovery."

Get full specifications, and apply for a $250 UCC Kits Matching Grant to make your contribution go even farther!

Your Church = Vaccination Site

The Illinois Department of Public Health asks churches to consider being a COVID vaccination site. Click here to find answers for questions that may arise when beginning a conversation with your congregation.

If you are interested, here is the link to start the application. A "Site Coordinator" from the Illinois Department of Public Health will reach out to you within a few days after submission. For more information, you may reach out directly to Pastor Garry S. Mitchell at garry.mitchell@illinois.gov or 708-397-8283.

To date, these churches are either in the process of applying to be a vaccination site or have dates set up for the near future:

- Grantfork United Church of Christ in Grantfork- Oct 2, 10 am - 3 pm
● Highland Evangelical UCC - October 16 (second shot & booster shots)
● Carlinville St. Paul UCC - Second vaccine will be Mon, Oct 4
Mascoutah St. John UCC, Lebanon St. Paul UCC, Troy Friedens UCC, New Baden Zion UCC, and Collinsville St. John UCC have all participated as vaccination sites and are willing to share their experiences. Congrats to all of you for reaching out to the masses.

Need Your Talent!
ISC Property Team is in need of your talents to help maintain DuBois Center and the office in Highland. The Team is responsible for the upkeep of ISC properties. In the past, there was a group of volunteers established that could be contacted when work needed to be done, instead of using contractors. We would like to re-establish that group so that when a project comes up, we can make it easier and more efficient to find people to complete the project in a timelier manner. If you, your church, or organization would like to help do painting, woodwork, construction, minor plumbing or electrical repairs, yard work or just helping in general to maintain God’s nature, contact Dave Hoffmann at 618-791-7002 or davehoff95@gmail.com.

Registration is now open for fall retreats!
Register now for our Mother-Daughter retreat (Oct. 15-17) and Wrangle and Ride (ages 12 and up) weekend (Oct. 22-24)! Registration is limited, so don’t miss out on these fantastic opportunities to come and enjoy our fall programming. We are currently working on setting the calendar for our winter and spring activities, so stay tuned for more ways to be involved at DBC! Click here to register.

Nature’s Classroom Donations
We are currently accepting donations of newspaper for a new Nature’s Classroom Activity. If you have old newspaper that you would like to donate, please call the office or email dcinfo@duboiscenter.org to arrange drop off or pick up!

Fall Festival Volunteers still needed.
Calling all tractor drivers! Bakers! Volunteers! Our fall festival is this Sunday, October 3! We are still in desperate need of volunteers to make this community event successful. We also need baked goods for our sweet treat shop. Please email dcinfo@duboiscenter.org if you can volunteer or bring a treat. Even just two hours of your time on this special day will help us pull off this ministry to our community.

The Hunger Action Team looks forward to seeing you at the DuBois Fall Festival, Sunday October 3 from 11 am - 5 pm. Enjoy a beautiful day at DuBois Center surrounded by crafts, foods, the lake, and a walk through nature. Make sure to stop by The Hunger Action Team’s craft booth!

Union Presbyterian Seminary Presents: Teaching for Understanding & Engagement by Dr. Rebecca Davis, Associate Professor of Christian Ed on Thursdays, October 14 and 21 from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm CST - Teaching in congregations–Bible studies, church school, confirmation–has seen very little change in the last seventy years. Let’s explore a new approach, one where what we learn more readily translates to our lives and how we embody our faith. Click here to find out more.
Church World Service invites you to participate in the 2021 National CROP Hunger Walk on World Food Day, October 16, and end hunger in the U.S. and around the world! Walk on your treadmill, in your neighborhood, in a park with friends – you choose the location and the experience. Walk one day - 3.7 miles (the average distance a woman walks for water) or take the Weekend Challenge and walk 11.1 miles (3.7 miles for 3 days). Every step you take, every dollar you raise makes the walk shorter for neighbors in need by providing clean water, emergency food as well as livelihoods and access to education. Sign-up and start raising funds TODAY here. Contact info@cwsglobal.org for more info.

Deaconess Foundation (Deaconess) is accepting proposals for up to $60,000 in community investment funding through its Mission-Related Investments initiative. The initiative provides low-interest loans to social impact organizations with exceptional capital management and a strong commitment to advancing the health and well-being of children and families in the St Louis region. Social impact organizations include nonprofit service providers, advocacy groups, community development financial institutions (CDFIs), credit unions, nonprofit financial intermediaries, and social enterprises. Deaconess created Mission-Related Investments to expand community access to financial capital and subsequently, build local capacity to achieve positive outcomes for children. Mission-Related Investment proposals for 2021 are due Oct 15, 2021. Apply here.

What’s Happening in Illinois South Conference

Save the Date for the 2022 Pastor’s Retreat presented by the Local Church Ministries Team on Wednesday-Thursday, May 18-19, 2022. The retreat will be held at DuBois Center and will, as in the past couple of years, be a time of reflection, self-care, worship, and learning. Please put these dates on your calendar and encourage your pastor (or yourself) to make this time a priority in their schedules.

Save the Date for ISC Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, March 26 - Sunday, March 27, 2022, at DuBois Center. The focus will be on "What does church membership, exploring my gifts, and my faith journey look like once I've been confirmed?". The CDC guidelines that are available at the time will be followed. If individual churches choose to schedule their own youth retreats, please contact Hayley, Director of Outdoor Ministries at director@duboiscenter.org.

Region 2

Region 5
Immanuel United Church of Christ of Hamel celebrates its 150th Anniversary in 2021. Former pastors, members, and friends are invited to come visit and reminisce!
- Sunday, October 3: Conference Minister, Rev. Shana Johnson, will be our guest speaker at a 10:00 am worship service. There will be no 9 am service. These services will be live on Facebook for those who cannot attend in person.

Troy Friedens UCC will hold a Drive-Thru Sausage Dinner on Sun, Oct 10 from 11:30 am - 5:30 pm. Dinners $10.
The St. Jacob UCC Youth Group presents Haunted Church on Friday, Oct 22 from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Fun for all ages. Free admission but donations will be accepted.

Troy Friedens UCC will hold its Fall Rummage Sale on Fri, Oct 22 from 3 pm - 6 pm and on Sat, Oct 23 from 8 am - noon. You may drop off items to sell from Sun, Oct 17 after 3 pm to Thurs, Oct 21 at noon.

Region 8
Trenton St. John UCC will present an Outside Country Store on Sat, Oct 2 from 9 am to Noon and a Drive-Thru Wurstmarkt Supper on Sun, Oct 3 from 11 am to 3 pm. The Country Store on Saturday will be at the front of the church with their homemade applesauce available at $4 per pint and $8 per quart. Pork sausage at $8 per two-pound package. Handmade quilt and basket raffles at $1 each or 6 for $5. Drive through the side alley and a town parking lot. Menu is pork sausage, roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, and dessert. $12 per meal.

Region 9
Belleville Concordia UCC will hold its Wurstmarkt on Sun, Oct 31 from 11 am - 3 pm at the church. Carryout/Curb service only. Menu includes pork sausage (2 pieces for adult, 1 for child), mashed potatoes & gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, horseradish, and bread. Adults $11; Children 12 & under $5. For information, call 618-476-3377.

O'Fallon UCC will hold its Wurstmarkt on Thurs, Oct 21 from 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Dine-in, Carry-out or Drive-thru. Menu is pork sausage, mashed potatoes, gravy, sauerkraut, country green beans, applesauce, beverage, and dessert. Butcher shop for pre-ordered meat. Adults $12; Children 4 - 12 $7; Children 3 and under are free.

Job Opportunity: Nurse
Deaconess Nurse Ministry is looking for a nurse to work part time (9 hours per week) at Uni-Pres Kindercottage and a food pantry in Belleville. Contact Donna Pupillo at dpupillo@faithnurses.org if you are interested.

Job Opportunity: Media and Technology Director
St. Paul UCC, Belleville is hiring a Media and Technology Director.
This position is responsible for the church audio/visual program, video production of worship, and website and social media. This includes:
- Coordinating the audio/visual/lighting elements of our worship service broadcasts
- Developing media and technology program at St. Paul UCC
- Overseeing hardware & software needs
Go to our website stpaulucc.org for a full job description. For those interested, please send a full resume to: MediaTechDirectorSearch@stpaulucc.org.

Job Opportunity: Youth Ministry Director at O'Fallon UCC
O'Fallon UCC is seeking a qualified candidate, age 21 or older, for a part-time Youth Ministry Director position to lead Sunday morning youth Bible Study and fellowship/mission activities (2 Sundays per month). If interested, please contact the church office at 618-632-3496 or oucc@sbcglobal.net.
**Job Opportunity: Choir Director**

Highland Evangelical UCC is searching for a Choir Director, who will be responsible for overseeing the directing, planning, and program development of the music program of the Church. The Director serves as a resource to support, foster, and coordinate the worship life of the congregation through congregational, choral, and special music and other visual worship experiences and reports to the Senior Pastor. For more information, click [here](#). Send resume to EvUCC at BBray@evucc.org.

**Job Opportunity: Part-Time Music Leader for Pinckneyville St Paul UCC**

This position requires excellent people skills in working with the Council, Pastor, secretary, committees, and Sunday school teachers. Music skills include the ability to play a piano and a Wick’s two-manual pipe organ with pedals. Good vocal skills are a plus but not required. The church does not have a choir but occasionally has special instrumentalists and vocalists. Sunday school children will often perform a song which may or may not require support from the Music Leader. Church services are currently 10 am – 11 am on Sundays with two services on Easter and special services for Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Maundy Thursday. Advent and Lenten services are typically rotated with two or three other churches. To apply, send resume with references to: St. Paul UCC, 205 E Jackson St., Pinckneyville, IL 62274 or stpauluccpinckneyville@gmail.com.

**Job Opportunity: Director of Faith Formation**

St. Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville, Illinois, seeks a Director of Faith Formation (18 hours per week).

Job responsibilities include:
- Planning and executing the church’s education program for all ages in collaboration with the Senior Pastor and Christian Education Team
- Sustain and expand the youth group
- Assist in worship elements

Send a resume and 3 references to [FaithFormationDirector@stpaulucc.org](mailto:FaithFormationDirector@stpaulucc.org).

**Job Opportunity: Minister of Visitation**

St. Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville, Illinois, seeks a Minister of Visitation (10 hours per week). Job responsibilities include:
- Visit congregants who are hospitalized, in long-term care facilities, and homebound
- Assist with and lead funerals as needed
- Assist in worship elements

Send a resume and 3 references to [visitationsearch@stpaulucc.org](mailto:visitationsearch@stpaulucc.org).

**Job Opportunity: Assistant Church Organist/Musician**

Grantfork UCC is looking for a musician to play the pipe organ and/or piano for their Sunday morning traditional worship service once or twice a month. The schedule will be coordinated with the church’s music director, Connie Plocher. To express an interest, please contact Rev. Tim Darmour-Paul at 618-675-2595, or at grantforkucc@agtelco.com.

**Job Opportunity: Facilities Coordinator and Tech Coordinator Positions**

Waterloo St. Paul UCC is taking resumes for its Facilities Coordinator and Tech Coordinator positions. Please send inquiries about the Facilities Coordinator, Tech Coordinator, or both to stpauluccwaterloo@gmail.com.
CONTACT US - YOUR OCWM MONIES AT WORK
So we can better serve you, here is a list of your Conference staff and who you should contact, given your church’s needs:
For the work of Conference teams and committees or search and call inquiries, contact Christy Pursell at cpursell@iscucc.org.
For financial matters (in terms of your church's giving to the Conference or OCWM), contact Debbie Kesner at dkesner@iscucc.org.
For communicating within the Conference, the Conference website, Facebook page or Weekly Connection, contact Lynnette Schuepbach at lschuepbach@iscucc.org.
For DuBois Center information, contact Hayley Elliott at 618-787-2202 or director@DuBoisCenter.org.
For DuBois Center program information, contact Rylee Hodges-Stone at 618-787-2202 or program@DuBoisCenter.org.
For DuBois Center registration for upcoming events and camp sessions, contact Julie Riechmann at 618-357-1809 or jriechmann@iscucc.org.
To speak with the Conference Minister, contact Rev. Shana Johnson 618-882-8247 or sjohnson@iscucc.org

Inclusivity Statement for DuBois Center and Illinois South Conference of the UCC
Because we affirm the value of all God's people, the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, ability, national origin, religious background, sexual orientation, or gender identity. To the extent possible, we endeavor to accommodate those with a variety of physical, mental, emotional, medical, or dietary needs.

Important Links

- Illinois South Conference
- Back Bay Mission
- CHHSM
- Deaconess Foundation
- Deaconess Nurse Ministry
- DuBois Center
- Ecuador Partnership
- Eden Theological Seminary
- Emmaus Homes
- Hitz Memorial
- Hoyleton Youth & Family
- LIFE Program
- Unleashing Potential
- New Athens Home
- Pension Board-UCC
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