

A Pastor's Viewpoint

In preparing for my sabbatical, I asked some of our Illinois South Conference pastors to provide a devotional piece for the Weekly Connection that we would feature as the lead while I was away. Even though my plans changed a bit, I thought it would still be an excellent way for you to hear a different voice and perspective. I am confident their writings will bless you and lead you to offer thanks for the many gifted pastors and leaders we have in our Conference.

Rev. Lori Schafer wrote this week's article. She is the pastor of St. John's UCC in Midway, Illinois, and is a member of the Conference Council, the governing body of the Illinois South Conference.

Enjoy and Receive Blessings,
 Rev. Shana Johnson, ISC Conference Minister

A Message from Rev. Lori Schafer

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I have recently begun participating in a yoga class at the local gym. It had been years since I participated in yoga, and though the experience feels somewhat familiar, it is also exciting and new. Yoga is more than exercise. Yoga fosters a mix of deep breathing, physical movement, peace, and body and mind well-being. You do not have to be an athlete to participate in yoga as it can be adapted for all ages and skill levels. In fact, chair yoga has become very popular for those who have some physical limitations and still offers the same benefits. There are a variety of yoga practices, and even the desired outcomes can vary. You may want to achieve balance, physical or mental strength, inner peace, or tone your body. Whatever your goal, yoga can be very spiritual and meditative.

My yoga instructor always reminds the class that yoga is a practice. It is something that is ours, and we steadily work at it. We are always encouraged to go at our own pace and adapt the movements to fit our own skill level with the goal of continually growing in our practice without focusing on perfection. There is no sense of

Prayer list for May 15 - 21, 2022 Church & Pastors

-Marissa Friedens
 UCC, Rev. Brett
 (Carolyn) Palmer
 (right)



-Mascoutah St.
 John UCC, Rev.
 Hugh (Bo) Fitz
 (left)

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Libby and Jane
 Feagans-King, Springfield, IL.

People with Life Concerns

-Pray for **Rev. Gus (Sue) Kuether** as he heals from surgery. Rev. Kuether is a retired ISC pastor who served on many ISC teams and committees. Send cards to him at 536 Pebble Brook Ln, Belleville IL 62221.

-Pray for **peace** in the world.



Churches in Transition

Congratulations to the congregations and the pastors as they are welcomed to new ministries

-**Rev. Tarrah Vaupel** has been called to a ministry with

competition or feelings of inadequacy in the class. Our progress is as individual as we are, and no one judges. Once I accepted the fact that my body is 59 years old rather than 24 years old, I am really learning to enjoy it as a practice!

Faith is a practice, too. Faith invites us to embrace a way of life that is responsive to God's grace. We practice our faith in many different ways.

Through worship, prayer, and study, we grow closer in relationship with God. Faith is practiced in our everyday lives through the ways we live out the gospel message and interact with others. We also practice our faith in the way we treat our bodies, minds, and spirits. Our faith is something we claim as our own and work steadily at strengthening. The goal is not a perfect faith but living in such a way that our lives bear witness to a perfect God. Our faith is as individual as we are and is

informed by both our joys and our trials. Though it is our own, it is meant to be shared and lived in community.

How will you continue to practice your faith? What are some spiritual exercises that will stretch your spirit and challenge you to grow in your faith practice?

Perhaps practice doesn't always make "perfect." Sometimes practice just makes "better," and I believe that's good enough in God's eyes.

Grace and peace, Rev. Lori Schafer, St. John's UCC-Midway

Darmstadt Holy Ghost UCC and Biddleborn Trinity UCC.

She has already begun her ministry there.

-Pastor John Pawloski has been called to a ministry with **Wood River St. John UCC**. He will be leaving Centralia St. Peter UCC and begin his ministry with Wood River St. John UCC on Pentecost Sunday, June 5.

-Rev. Bill Kapp has been called to begin his ministry with **Highland Evangelical UCC** in June. Thanks to Rev. Todd Bean for his ministry as Interim Pastor until Pastor Kapp arrives.



Celebrate the Retirement of **Pastor Thomas E. Ellison**

On Sunday, May 29, 2022

At St. Mark UCC, DuBois, Illinois

Worship Service at 10:00 am

Retirement luncheon and reception will be held following worship service at the Terry Deering Community Center located in the DuBois Village Park from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Please RSVP by May 10 to Rosemary Johannes at 618-521-8817 or rosemaryjohannes@gmail.com.

Pastors' Retreat Postponed

The Local Church Ministries Team knows the importance of offering time away for pastors but are now unable to hold the retreat as planned in mid-May. However, the LCM team is planning a retreat in the Fall. LCM team hopes you will join them then. Watch your email inbox and the Weekly Connection for Fall dates.

Love Is Greater than Fear - The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday,

October 15, 2022, hosted by the **Collinsville St. John UCC**. The theme for 2022 is Love > Fear. The theme is borrowed from one of the songs by **The**

Many, the featured artists and musical group that will inspire us with their

message within their music and lyrics. The scripture verse inspiring our Annual Meeting is 1

John 4:16b, 18-21 NRSV. You may read more about **The Many** on their [website](#).

We have a **room block** for those wishing to stay overnight at the DoubleTree in Collinsville.

When making reservations, refer to ISCUC to receive the group rate of \$139. Deadline for the room block rate is September 14, 2022. Call 618-345-2800.



The Amazing People of Illinois South Conference...

Congratulations and Thanks to ISC churches who have taken up the mission to help the Ukraine Relief Fund through ISC or UCC. If your church has participated in this mission, we'd like to share ideas with other churches.

Here are ISC churches which have taken on this mission.

- **Waterloo St. Paul UCC** - \$2,075

Thanks for your generous gift and a humanitarian blessing.



More Amazing People of Illinois South Conference...

StLToday Ran this Article by Steve Overbey

Ella Riley (member of Columbia St. Paul UCC) wanted to cry.

The Columbia High senior looked on in disbelief as she and her family drove through the tornado-ravaged town Mayfield, Kentucky, on Christmas Eve.

"It was a heartbreaking feeling," Riley said. "No tears, it was worse. Just

sadness."

The scene was one Riley will never forget.

"Every house on one street was totally destroyed," she said. "Then, the next street would be fine — like nothing happened."

The EF-4 twister Dec. 10 caused 77 deaths and 515 injuries in addition to more than 5 billion dollars in damage.

Riley's father has family in the western Kentucky town. Luckily, the group came out of the storm unscathed.

But that didn't stop Riley, her brother Noah and parents Tiffany and Michael from stepping in to try to make a difference.

The Rileys, through their church group, adopted a family in need and drove down to deliver a carload of supplies, clothing and presents. Neighbors in and around Columbia also donated gift cards. Read the entire [article](#). Above photo by Paul Baillargeon



The sun came out this weekend for **Maeystown St. John UCC's Annual Hike and Bike**, We Gotta Run for Hoyleton Youth & Family Services. Congratulations to the winners of the 5K, 10K and Half Marathon, and thank you to the volunteers who made it happen! We can't wait to see you again next year! Photos above.



A Low-Cost Loan from the Cornerstone Fund Is Just a Click Away!

Sometimes you need to ask the difficult question. Deep down inside, you may already know the answer. But it's not until you actually take the time to assess and realistically address the situation that you decide to act on the solution.

While this scenario applies to a variety of issues in life, the topic at hand is the condition of your church property.

Is your congregation considering making improvements on your building to expand ministry or increase revenue? Read [more](#).

Congregations and UCC-affiliated organizations across the country have taken advantage of Cornerstone Fund offerings. Regardless of your church or organization needs, the United Church of Christ Cornerstone Fund may be able to assist. Visit www.CornerstoneFund.org to learn more or contact a lending specialist at 888-UCC-FUND (888-822-3863) or lending@cornerstonefund.org.

To All United and Uniting in Christ: General Minister & President Search

All are invited to participate in one of several upcoming listening sessions for the General Minister & President (GMP) search process. We hope to hear from anyone who is involved in any of the various ministries of the United Church of Christ.

The purpose of these sessions is for the Search Committee to hear your sense of where the United Church of Christ is right now, and how you understand the challenges and opportunities our next General Minister & President will face. The listening sessions will be facilitated by members of the Isaacson Miller team, and members of the search committee will be listening. What we hear from you will shape the position profile, which is the document that will officially invite prospective candidates to apply.

We hope you will join us for one of these four sessions. Please note that there is one session specifically for people who self-identify as a youth or young adult, and one session for people who self-identify as a person of color. If these identities do not apply to you, please choose one of the Open sessions instead.

- Open Town Hall #1 -Tuesday, May 10th, 5:00 pm CDT. [Register here.](#)
- Town Hall for Youth & Young Adults - Monday, May 23, 6:00 pm CDT. [Register here.](#)
- Town Hall for People of Color - Wednesday, May 25, 6:00 pm CDT. [Register here.](#)
- Open Town Hall #2 - Thursday, May 26th, 7:30 pm CDT. [Register here.](#)

In addition to the sessions above, members of the search committee and IM team will also be meeting with a variety of leaders throughout the settings of the church, including local church ministers, Conference Ministers, national staff, staff of affiliated ministries, and others.

If you would like to offer feedback but are unable to join any of these sessions, please contact us at gmpsearch@ucc.org. For more details and ongoing updates on the GMP search and call process, visit this dedicated [webpage](#).

The American Nurses Association has recognized May as Nurses Month with the theme, *You Make a Difference*. Thank you to all nurses who serve us every day to support our lives and the lives of our friends and family. You are a blessing indeed.



A Message from the UCC Musicians Association

Where do we go to find ways to revitalize and enhance our worship?

The United Church of Christ Musicians Association's (UCCMA) mission is to *inspire, educate and nurture those who minister through music and the arts*. The Summer 2022 issue of our professional journal, *Worship, Music and Ministry*, is entitled "Serving

Smaller Congregations" and addresses some of the challenges that smaller churches face, especially with regard to worship. We are spreading the word because we want to get it into the hands of as many small churches as possible. We strive to give our members helpful information and resources using the written word, links to artwork, musical examples, dance, videos, webinars, and webpages that can enhance our worship experience. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of our **free 90-day membership** to view all the newsletters and the journals, especially this latest issue.

The UCCMA is a vibrant national grassroots organization of musicians and pastors who continually seek new ways to worship, connect and uplift people through music and the arts. Since the organization came into being in 1993, it has been committed to increasing its footprint in the lives of our UCC congregations throughout the denomination.

Every two years, we host a national conference in the summer, each time in a different area of the U.S. Filled with outstanding directors, clinicians, and performers, the three-day gathering holds seminars, readings sessions, arts explorations, and worship experiences. It is a time for church musicians and pastors to learn, experiment, connect and grow. Our 2021 conference was held virtually, and our next conference will be held in person in 2023.

We Offer to Our UCCMA Members:

- *Worship, Music & Ministry*, a professional journal issued digitally three times per year
- Six digital newsletters per year
- Access to the membership directory and job listings
- Regional workshops and webinars
- Discount on national conferences
- Support from the Board of Directors
- Active social media

Our most exciting current project is "Royalties for Spirituals." You can read about it on our [website](#). In addition, we did a webinar in February with a panel of folks talking about how we can repay the black community for the unfettered use of traditional spirituals for the last hundred or so years. The webinar is still viewable on the webpage.

Please spread the word to others in your congregation and other churches so they can use what we offer to enrich our worship life to the greater glory of God. You may contact Michele at michele@fccge.org. Blessings, Michele Hecht, Past President, UCCMA Director of Music Ministry, First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn, IL



Dreaming of Hillside Cottage

Take a look at this picture. Squint your eyes a bit and let yourself

dream for a moment. This is the future site of Hillside Cottage, the crown jewel of the DuBois 6.0 campaign. This is where a new 20-person living and meeting space is going to be, just off the road to Coveside Cottage. It will be ADA compliant and solar powered, and just about 1,400 sq. ft. It's going to be built with as much volunteer labor and recycled/ upcycled materials as we can muster.

Hillside Cottage will add to our overnight guest capacity, and that adds to our bottom line. As with the other projects in DuBois 6.0, this is the time for us to move. Our campaign has been in motion for only 6 ½ months of a 14 ½ month effort. We're at 74% of our \$225,290 goal. Can we do this? Of course, we can. We've got a good camp year on the horizon, and an even brighter future. We value our camp, and we're investing in it. We look forward to reaching this goal, and actually exceeding it. There are projects waiting in the wings that will continue adding to our programming, capabilities, and capacity.

What can you do to support DuBois 6.0?

- Volunteer to work on a project- the Property Committee would welcome your help.
- Make a personal or congregational donation- we can take everything from cash to stock and cryptocurrency.
- And while you're at it, put our outdoor ministry center in your prayers for both a safe summer filled with fun and a successful capital campaign.

We're building faith, building capacity and building for the next 60 years.



Meet our summer leadership staff!

My name is Laura or Twig as I am better known by my camp family. My pronouns are she/her. I have spent the last two years living in Champaign, Illinois, and teaching 4th grade, but I am excited to be moving closer to home this summer and exploring other opportunities to work with young people. A fun fact about me is that I got a cat in October! Her name is Althea, and she loves to cuddle (when she's not biting my hands). I am also thrilled to be returning to DuBois Center, it is what I like to call the "home of my soul." I love being at camp and helping it continue to be a welcoming and accepting place for people to grow and be themselves.

It's not too late to have the best summer of your life!

We still have two openings for summer camp counselors and one or two barn staff! This is the perfect summer job for anyone who loves the outdoors, working with campers, helping others, and meeting new people.

A summer working at camp includes a full summer of room & board, competitive pay, 10 days of paid staff training, and lifelong memories! View the full job description and job descriptions [on our website!](#) We are on track to have *record attendance* this summer, so please come be part of our history! Please contact Rylee at Program@DuBoisCenter.org – or Hayley at Director@DuBoisCenter.org for more information! The deadline to apply is May 16, 2022.



CHHSM News
Council for Health and Human Service Ministries

Aged to Perfection - Older American Month

May is Older American Month. St. John's

Community Care will celebrate with an Older

American Worship Service on Tuesday, May 17 at 11:00 am at St. John's Community Care in Collinsville. A luncheon in St. John's Faith Hall will follow the service with entertainment by the Nitpickers. All are welcome! Please RSVP to 618-344-5008 by May 11, 2022. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

St. John's Community Care - Memory Cafe is held every Wednesday in May from 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm via Zoom on May 11, 18, and 25. There is no cost to attend but registration is required. The Memory Cafe concept benefits the person living with mild cognitive impairment, early-stage Alzheimer's or other dementia, and their care partner by providing a way to socialize with compassionate people in a safe, understanding, and relaxed atmosphere. This setting provides attendees a way to interact and connect with others who are sharing a similar journey. If you would like to join the Zoom Online Memory Cafe, email Gail at gshaw@stjohnscc.org. She will send you information and an invitation to join this fun group. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center offers three more sessions of *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders (MSTI)* scheduled for 2022: June 13-17 (in person in [Fort Mill, SC](#)), August 1-5 (in person in [Glen Ellyn, IL](#)), November 14-18 (in person in [Phoenix, AZ](#)). The session in Arizona will be held at the Franciscan Renewal Center; since lodging and all meals are included, the tuition for that particular session is somewhat higher.

Groups that will find this workshop beneficial are pastors, interim pastors, lay leaders, judicatory leaders, denominational officials, church consultants, administrators, managers and supervisors, college and seminary students, attorneys, and community mediation center staff and volunteers. Click [here](#) for a brochure.

They also encourage those who experience financial hardship to fill out the attached scholarship [application](#) form, by which they award up to a 50% discount (\$375) specifically for the session in June in Fort Mill, SC.

The Insurance Board presents Cyber Risk and Exposures: Is Your Ministry Next? on Thursday, May 26th at 1 pm CDT featuring Richard Bortnick, J.D., Advisen's Cyber Risk Champion of the Year in 2015. He will share the impacts of cyber risks and exposures that your ministry could face. Learn about State, Federal, and International compliance regulations, as well as prominent hacking vectors and schemes. Protect your ministry by learning best practices, and tips from the expertise of our guest speaker. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Eden Seminary Events

May 16th – Millennials & Church

Join the Northeast Association of the Living Waters Conference of the UCC and the Walker Leadership of Eden Theological Institute for a workshop featuring a group of four Millennial clergy

leaders on Millennials and Church. Three hours of conversations, presentations, and active learning. Convened by Walker Leadership Institute director at Eden, Steve Lawler. Sign up to be challenged, informed, and inspired. Register [here](#).

May 31st – Eden’s Summer Institutes: One Day Workshops presented by Gamaliel Race and Power Institute at Eden & Walker Leadership Institute. Participate online and in-person from 9 am - 4 pm. At registration, choose one of two workshops below:

- Anti-Oppression Theology & Tools (Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker, Rev. Sandhya Rani Jha, Angela K. James)
- Faith Non-Profit Management and Leadership (Steve Lawler)

Facilitators are Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker, Eden’s Assistant Professor of Contextual Education and Community Engagement and Organizing Director, Gamaliel Race and Power Institute at Eden; Angela K. James, Director of Gamaliel Race and Power Institute; Rev. Sandhya Rani Jha, Anti-Oppression Consultant and Coach; and Steve Lawler, Director Walker Leadership Institute. Register [here](#).

What's Happening in Illinois South Conference

Salem UCC's Women's Guild has created Recipes from the Heart, a cookbook that is a combination of the first cookbook, published in 1977, the second cookbook, published in 1993, and several hundred more recipes, totaling almost 1200 recipes. It's a great gift idea. Cost is only \$15. To purchase a cookbook, contact 618-488-3215.

Vacation Bible Schools

May 31 - June 3; 9 am - Noon; Waterloo St. Paul UCC, *Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God*

June 6-10; 9 am - Noon; Highland Evangelical UCC; *Make Waves*

June 6-10; 8:30 am - 11 am; Okawville St. Peter's UCC; *Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God*

June 6-10; 8:30 am - 11:30 am; Valmeyer St. John UCC; *Making Waves*

June 6-10; Columbia St. Paul UCC; *Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God*

June 7-9; 6:30 pm - 8 pm; Co-hosts: Trenton St. John UCC & First United Methodist Church but held at 3324 Old Rte 50 in Trenton; *Knights of North Castle*

June 7-9; 6 pm - 8 pm; Troy Friedens UCC; *Discovery on Adventure Island*

June 20-24; 8:45 am - Noon; Mascoutah St. John UCC; *Monumental*

June 24 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm and June 25 9 am - 11:30 am; Belleville Concordia UCC; *HayDay*

June 25; 9 am - 3:30 pm; Co-hosts Nashville St. Paul's UCC & Plum Hill St. John's UCC at Nashville St. Paul UCC; *Camp Out - Getting S'more of Jesus*

June 26 (10 am), June 28-30; 6 pm - 8 pm; New Hanover Zoar UCC; *Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God*

June 27-30; 6 pm - 8 pm; Belleville St. Paul UCC & Belleville Trinity UCC; *Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God*

June 28-30; 9 am - Noon; Lebanon St. Paul UCC hosted at First UMC, 603 W. St. Louis St., Lebanon; *HayDay*

July 5-8; 5:30 pm - 8 pm (dinner & snack); Centralia St. Peter UCC; *Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God*

July 11-15; 9 am - Noon; Collinsville St. John UCC; *Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God*

July 11-15; 6 pm - 8 pm; Red Bud St. Peter UCC; *Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God*

July 12; 9 am - 3 pm; St. Jacob UCC; *Making a Big Splash with Jesus*

July 17-21; 6 pm - 8 pm; Granite City St. John UCC; *Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor*

July 18-21; 6:30 pm - 8 pm; New Athens St. John UCC; *Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God*

July 25-29; 9 am - 11:30 am; New Baden Zion UCC; *Rocky Railway*

Region 2 - Dupo Christ UCC will hold its WurstMarkt Sausage Dinner on Sat, May 21 from 11 am - 3 pm at the church. Carry out or dine in at outdoor seating. Menu includes pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, corn, applesauce, and cake. Adults \$12; Children 5 - 11 \$6.

Region 5 - The St. Jacob UCC will host the 38th Annual Strawberry Festival on Sunday, May 15 from 10 am - 4 pm (Rain or Shine). It will be held outside and features a Farmers Market, crafts/vendor, raffle, kids' activities, bounce houses, great strawberry desserts. The festival attracts people from throughout the local area. They are currently looking for vendors. Space is pre-marked 15' x 15' area.

Breese St John's UCC will hold a white elephant sale on Friday, May 13 from 9 am – 5 pm and on Saturday, May 14 from 8 am until noon. Items to be sold include household items, kitchen items, furniture, and lawn and garden items and other miscellaneous things. It will be held in the courtyard of the church and in the garage and fellowship hall. Address is 200 North Main, Breese. There will be something for everyone!

Region 9 - Belleville Concordia UCC will hold its Annual Chicken Dinner on Sunday, June 5 from 11 am - 3 pm. Dine-in or carry-out. Adults \$12; Children from 5 - 10 years \$6; Children under 5 years Free.

Belleville Trinity UCC will hold a Drive-Thru BBQ Cookout on May 15 from 11 am until the food runs out. Cost \$12 a plate. Menu pork steak plate or brat (2 brats per plate) plate. Sides include potato salad and slaw.

Fairview Heights St. John UCC will hold a Parking Lot Sale on Saturday, May 21 from 8 am - Noon. All sorts of items offered by over 12 households. Address is 10207 Lincoln Trail, Fairview Heights, IL. All are welcome.



Free - 1976 Wurlitzer Organ & Bench

It has the rhythm section (i.e., rock, waltz, Latin, swing, march, etc...) Gently used but a couple of keys could use some tweaking. Height: 36" without removable music rack which adds 8". Width: 40". Depth: 20" without bench. Free for anyone who is interested. **Contact Diane Grohmann at 618-792-1185. Moving the organ is the responsibility of the person receiving it.**

Job Opportunities - Columbia St. Paul UCC is searching for an Office Coordinator. High School graduate with two years experience preferred. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office 365. Attributes should include self-motivation, competency with good organizational skills and be able to interact pleasantly with people. Part-time position, 27 hours per week. Wage commensurate with experience. Reply to: jobs@stpaulcolumbia.org.

Music Director at Evangelical UCC in Highland - EvUCC in Highland is looking for a Music Director who will be responsible for overseeing the directing, planning and program development of the music 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. The successful candidate will plan and lead relevant, meaningful, and engaging weekly worship music experiences. Contact 618-654-7459 or office@evucc.org for additional information.

Belleville St. Paul UCC Vacancy-Organ and Piano Position

Areas of responsibilities include excellent organ and piano offerings for all services and accompaniment for weekly choir rehearsals and other musical ensembles as needed. In consultation with the senior pastor, serve as a resource for family weddings and funerals. Compensation will be appropriate to the weekly job responsibilities, background/experience, and professional preparation of the applicant. Please send resume with three references to musicsearch@stpaulucc.org.

CONTACT US - YOUR OCWM MONIES AT WORK

Please call before coming to the Conference Office or make an appointment with a staff member using the emails below.

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.*

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