



## HOW TO HAVE DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS IN THE CHURCH

If you are a pastor or leader in your church (whether that be the president of the church or a chairperson of a committee), there will be times when you will be called to lead in uncomfortable or anxious times. Sometimes, you will be tasked to bring people together in hopes of reconciliation. So where do you begin? Below are some guidelines to help you navigate difficult conversations.

### **Make sure YOU are comfortable with the topic.**

If not, do the work to get comfortable. Confront your fears, limiting beliefs, and lack of education about the subject.

### **Embrace the awkwardness.**

Sometimes the best place to start is by having awkward conversations. Dip your toe into the water. Be willing to make mistakes. Be ready to be vulnerable. Be willing to admit what you do not know.

### **Seeing the Bigger Picture.**

Try not to make it personal. Work to depersonalize the bumps and bruises. Leave your baggage at the door. Remember that what surfaces only reveals about 5% of what is underneath someone's words, actions, beliefs, or behaviors.

### **Establish Guidelines for Group Conversations.**

Consider creating a behavior covenant. Be clear that there are things that will and will **not** be tolerated. Give people a clear understanding of how a difficult conversation might go.

### **An Outside Facilitator.**

Consider if you or other leaders should be the ones leading the conversation. If not, choose an outside facilitator. Make sure to clarify the expectations and how you would like them to establish ground rules. Also, ensure that others can help the facilitator read the room's temperature along the way.

### **Prime the Pump for Group Conversations.**

## Prayer list for May 14-20, 2023

### Church & Pastors

-Trenton St. John UCC,

Rev. Christy Smith (right)



-Trenton Friedens UCC,  
 Rev. Dr. Tim (Darielle) Harrison (left)

### Retired Pastor

-Rev. Robert & Doris Utke, St. Paul, MN

## People with Life Concerns

-Pray for the family and friends of **Edna Dell Weinel** as they mourn her passing. Edna Dell was a member of Columbia St. Paul UCC and served many years on the ISC Church & Ministry Preparation Committee (now part of COM). Visitation will be on May 19 from 4 pm - 7 pm at Leesman Funeral Home in Columbia and May 20 from 10 am - 10:45 am at Columbia St. Paul UCC. Funeral service officiated by Rev. Dr. Sheldon Culver, Edna's dearest friend, will be at 11 am on May 20 at Columbia St. Paul UCC. Cards may be sent to Sheldon Culver, 407 N Main St, Columbia, IL 62236 and she will share with

Encourage participants to first engage in some self-awareness. Here are some excellent questions to begin with:

- *What is one thing you must do or let go of in others to enter this conversation with an open heart, mind, and spirit?*
- *What is one thing you are hoping you will gain from this experience?*
- *What is one thing that you think no one in this room knows about you or about this topic? Would sharing it open or shut down the conversation?*

### **Do Your Processing Afterward with a Mentor or Spiritual Director.**

Make sure you take the time to process what you saw, thought, and experienced.

### **Keep Talking.**

One mistake leaders often need to correct is thinking one conversation is enough--it **never** is. Keep talking. Invite people to continue thinking, pondering, considering, praying, and engaging in healthy dialogue. Blessings, Rev. Shana Johnson  
ISC Conference Minister

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**Shana's Health Update:** Many of you have asked for a health update from me. While I did have to isolate for treatments during the second week of March, I have been back in the office full-time since March 14. My vocal cords have healed nicely, and I am in partial remission. Even though recovery takes time, I still find myself impatient when I experience pain or low energy. But please know I am doing quite well. Thank you for your love and support. Your prayers, cards, and kind words have and continue to carry me on this journey toward health and healing.



Priscilla Self recently went with her daughter, Wynnie, to her spring work conference in Orlando, FL. Since she was just hanging out at the pools and generally relaxing, she called Jim Langdoc for a chat. He said they were doing fairly well so they arranged a get-together with him, Lelynna, Wynnie and

Priscilla at the lounge area of the resort they were staying at. Lelynna was having a good day, and they

Edna Dell's nieces and nephews. Read the full [obituary](#).

-Please pray for **Marilyn Paul** who is dealing with health issues. Marilyn is the widow of the Rev. Dr. H. J. "Jack" Paul, who served at St. Paul UCC in Edwardsville, St. John UCC in Fairview Heights, and the Well UCC in Glen Carbon, and mother of Rev. Tim (Rev. Janet) Darmour-Paul, who serves as pastor at Grantfork UCC. Cards may be sent to Marilyn at 200 S. Station Rd #9330, Glen Carbon, IL 62034.

-Keep **Kevin (Rev. Nancy Spier-Lee) Lee** in your prayers as he deals with illness at Barnes Hospital. Rev. Spier-Lee served as pastor at Waterloo Zion UCC St. Joe until she retired in 2018. Cards may be sent to 309 Kroeger Ave, Dupu, IL 62239.

-Pray for **Rev. Karla (Rev. Charles Preston) Frost, Pastor & Teacher for Granite City St. John UCC**, as she recovers from surgery. Cards may be sent to her at 2901 A Nameoki Rd, Granite City, IL 62040.

-Keep **Rev. Bob (Doris) Utke** in your prayers as he deals with health issues which have caused a hospital stay. Rev. Utke was the pastor at Stone Church St. Peter's UCC prior to retiring. Cards may be sent to him at Rev. Robert Utke, 1840 University Ave W, Apt. 305, St. Paul MN 55104.

-Keep the **mother of Pastor Norma Patterson** in your prayers as she struggles with health issues. Pastor Norma Patterson is the Pastor and Teacher for East St. Louis Good Shepherd of Faith and has served on several teams for ISC. Cards may be sent to Norma at

all enjoyed catching up about families and friends. Priscilla took a photo of them and wants to share that along with their greetings to the folks in the Illinois South Conference. Photo of **Jim and Lelynna Langdoc** above.

### Mental Health First Aid Certification

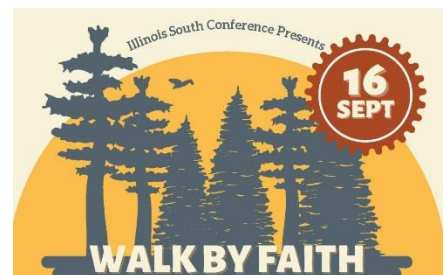
**On July 15 from 8 am to 4:30 pm, Belleville Trinity UCC** will host a Mental Health First Aid Certification class for the first fifteen people who register for the class. The cost of the program is \$75 per person which covers the cost of the books, supplies, and certification. Please send an email to Pastor Tim Powers-Reed at [illinitchr@gmail.com](mailto:illinitchr@gmail.com) to register. By June 25, payment must be completed by a check payable to Trinity UCC Belleville. The certification class is offered as part of Trinity's WISE covenant, and they hope that members of the Conference will take advantage of this opportunity!

### Prayer and Lectionary Lunch Hour

Illinois South Conference pastors gather by Zoom each Wednesday at about 12:30 by Zoom. Their time together normally lasts about an hour. All pastors are invited to share and solidify relationships with their pastoral peers in our Conference. Here is the Zoom link:  
Date and time: Wednesdays at 12:30 pm  
Meeting ID: 837 0733 6906. Link to join the Zoom meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83707336906>

### SAVE THE DATE - CONFIRMATION RETREAT - SEPT 16, 2023

The 2023 Confirmation Retreat - Walk in Faith is scheduled for September 16, 2023, at Camp Wartburg at 5705 Lrc Rd in Waterloo, Illinois, from 9 am - 4 pm. There will be Low Ropes Course with Team Building and lunch for \$30 per person. If you would like to add on High Ropes Course, the cost is \$30 more per person. If scholarship assistance is needed, contact the ISC office at 618-654-2125. Click [here](#) for more information or [here](#) to register. If you would like a flyer to share with the confirmands, click [here](#).



5310 DePaul Drive, PO Box 4235, Fairview Heights, IL 62008.  
-Please pray for **Rev. Ken (Jean) Knobloch** as he recovers from surgery. Rev. Knobloch served Irvington Friedens UCC and Red Bud St. Peter UCC before retiring, as well as serving on several ISC teams/committees. Cards can be sent to 1518 Mill St, PO Box 76, Maestown, IL 62256.  
-Please hold **Rev. Jim & Lelynna Langdoc** in your prayers as Lelynna improves with her battle with memory loss. Good news...Jim reported that he is still in remission. Cards can be sent to them at 16640 Cagan Orchard #122, Clermont, FL 34714.



**St. Peter's United Church of Christ and the Illinois South Conference** of the United Church of Christ Invite you to the Installation Service of **Rev. Dr. Lauren Lambert-Goheen** as their Pastor and Teacher  
Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 3 pm  
St. Peter's UCC, 1512 Spruce Street, Murphysboro, IL 62966.  
Clergy are invited to robe and wear red stoles and arrive at 2:30 pm to process. A meal will be served in the fellowship hall following the installation.



## Facing Hunger in Your Community

**The Hunger Action Team of the ISC** asks you to share the ways (and photos) of how you are helping to address hunger in your communities. Summer is coming soon; students who qualify for free school breakfast/ lunch will not have access to their free meals during summer break. Please share how your church is helping combat hunger for local families in need. Reminder: Children need the proper nutrition for their learning, development, and growth. Contact Kathi at [kathi1emery@gmail.com](mailto:kathi1emery@gmail.com). Below are two of the stories within ISC.



### The Amazing People of Illinois South Conference...

**The ISC Hunger Action Team recognizes the New Baden Zion UCC that hosts an Operation Food Search Distribution Day** on the first Friday of every month, rain or shine. A few volunteers go to St. Louis to collect food and bring it back to the church to be placed in boxes and distributed

to families in need. Zion UCC has helped many families of all kinds all across neighboring areas and is also host to a **Food Pantry that services two local communities**. Many families are helped by both events. Photos left and right are from the Operation Food Search Distribution Day.



**The ISC Hunger Action Team also recognizes the Women's J.O.Y. Fellowship from Trenton St. John UCC for their "Brown Bag Lunch" Program.** They provide lunches every Tuesday during summer break for local students in need - children who qualify for free school breakfast/lunch who won't have access to meals during summer months.



J.O.Y. also donates to **Kindercottage**

each month with items such as food, diapers, school supplies, cleaning supplies, office supplies and pajamas. Thank you, Trenton St. John UCC, for helping combat hunger for local families in need and for your continued support of Uni-Pres Kindercottage. Photos show making the sandwiches (left), the filled "Brown Bags (right top)," and the Women's J.O.Y. Fellowship (right bottom).



## General Synod 34 will be held in Indianapolis on June 30 – July 4.

The Indiana/Kentucky Conference (IKC) of the United Church of Christ will be the host of the GS. As their neighboring Conference, IKC is asking for volunteers from Illinois South Conference to allow many hands to make light work.

The process to volunteer happens in three steps:

1. Apply to volunteer by clicking [here](#).
2. You'll receive a discount code after you apply to volunteer you can use to **Register for General Synod [here](#) which will allow you to register for the entire event for only \$65 (be sure to enter the code!)**
3. Attend your shift and help us make this the best General Synod yet!

Shifts are approximately 4 hours and there are many volunteer [opportunities](#) including the following (click on the links below to view the role's duties). If you're not sure what you'd like to do, contact our Synod Volunteer Coordinator, [Kim Armstrong](#), to discuss the best fit for you. **Click [here](#) to volunteer** and stay tuned. Email the Local Arrangements Team if you have any questions at [generalsynod2023@ikcucc.org](mailto:generalsynod2023@ikcucc.org). We are looking forward to loving and serving like Jesus alongside you!



**Rev. Shana Johnson, ISC Conference Minister, led the bittersweet closure service for Centralia St. Peter UCC on Sunday, May 7, 2023.** (below, first row left) Three other pastors who had served as pastors at Centralia St. Peter UCC (below, first row second to left l to r: Rev. Shana Johnson, Rev. John Palowski, Rev. Brett Palmer, and Rev. Liza Hart), led various parts of the service. Dave Stedelin, St. Peter UCC's organist for over 50 years, (below, first row second from right) played for the closing service and was joined by Melinda Graham (below, first row left) playing the clavinova. The Council honored Nancy



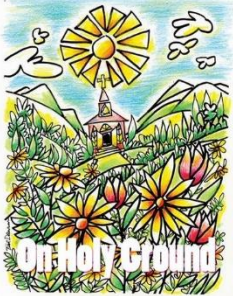
Borgmann as the President for the past 5 years with a gift certificate to her favorite local restaurant while reminding the church of some of her duties and her dedication in fulfilling them. (above right) After the formal service, the congregation enjoyed re-living some of the memories gathered together by the church secretary and presented on a poster board for all 83 attendees to see. (below, bottom row) Of course, what church celebration would be complete without cookies? (above left) The church members considered themselves fortunate to find a true German baker living in Kinmundy (north of Salem) to create 8 different kinds of cookies. Nancy and Norma Borgmann bagged them and labeled the bags and water bottles with the church name for people to take home as a remembrance. The cookies melted in their mouths, ending the celebration with sweet tastes and memories of the ministry of St. Peter UCC in Centralia.





## Boundary Awareness Training

For those pastors who are due for **Boundary Training** this year, the next session for both active and retired will be **on Tuesday, May 16 from 8:30 am - Noon**. Contact Debbie at [dkesner@iscucc.org](mailto:dkesner@iscucc.org) to register and get the zoom meeting info. Cost: \$20 for retired pastors, \$25 for active pastors, \$25 for non-ISC retired pastors, and \$30 for non-ISC active pastors.



## On Holy Ground - Strengthen the Church

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of local UCC churches. Support of this offering helps the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in ministries that meet the emerging needs of local communities. Congregations may take the offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 28. **50% of this offering stays within Illinois South Conference to help our individual churches.**

Resources available as digital download or in print and include the following: **Downloadable items:**

- Campaign Overview and Resource Pages
- Reflection by Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer
- 3 Bulletin Inserts including a poem by Rev. Dave Long-Higgins and a reflection by Rev. Traci Blackmon
- Music Video of "On Holy Ground" with images of new churches and ministry funded by this offering

The download link will be on the checkout confirmation page and emailed to you. Nothing will be shipped. **Print resources:** Envelopes (Order individually. Envelopes do not come in packs). Order downloaded or print material [here](#).

## Call of the Wild

Musings from the DuBois Herd

## DuBois Center News

Join the new monthly DuBois Center Newsletter to stay up to date on the latest DuBois Center news, events, and musings. Different than the Weekly

Connection, the DuBois Center Newsletter will include a message from the Director, upcoming schedule, news about DuBois 6.0 projects, and sneak peaks for the summer camp season. [Click here to subscribe now!](#)



## CHHSM News

Council for Health and Human Service Ministries

**Hoyleton Youth & Family Services** has multiple employment opportunities available. To see the list, click [here](#).

An advertisement for Hoyleton Youth &amp; Family Services. It features a photograph of a woman and a young girl smiling and talking. The text reads: "Your passion can make the difference in a child's life. Now seeking passionate caseworkers. Apply Today". There is a small logo for Hoyleton Youth &amp; Family Services at the bottom right.

## Stress-busting for Family Care-Givers

**St. John's Community Care** holds sessions every Monday from 10 am - 11:30 am for 9 weeks. The next session will be from May 15 - July 3, 2023. The program provides education and support, teaches stress management techniques, and helps care-givers develop coping strategies. Call 618-344-5008 for more information.

**Hike, Bike & Run for Hoyleton Youth & Family Services** - You may choose between **5K & Half-Marathon OR 5 Mile Hike/Bike on May 13**. The 5K & Half-Marathon begins at 8:30 am and the 5 Mile Hike/Bike goes from 9 am - 11 am. Both courses begin and end at Maeystown St. John UCC. T-shirt & mile-marker sponsorships are available. For more information or to register, click [here](#). 5K \$35; 5 Mile Hike/Bike \$30; 1/2 Marathon \$60; T-shirt only \$20. Event is sponsored by Maeystown St. John UCC and Zion UCC, St. Joe. Proceeds benefit Hoyleton Youth & Family Services.

**Caregiver Financial Aid - St. John's Community Care** has a bit of funding available to Caregivers or families with an individual struggling with the effects of dementia. These funds can be used towards home improvements or technology, or medical equipment needed to help keep a loved one safe, or even to ensure they have a home. It can even assist with utilities or mileage. If you have a loved one with dementia and you have a financial need of any kind, please call them to see if this funding can help you. Call Christine at 618-344-5008.

**Caregiver Coffee Talk**, sponsored by **St. John's Community Care** is scheduled every Monday from 9 am - 10:30 pm at Verona Coffee Company in Collinsville. Caregiver specialist, Keanna Gibson, will help caregivers come together offering information, resources, and strategies specifically for caring for someone who may be disabled or have other health-related concerns. Share space and life experiences over a nice hot cup of coffee provided by St. John's Community Care.

**Hitz Memorial Home has multiple open CNA positions available for evening/midnight shifts.** Call 618-488-2355 for more information. Or you may apply in person at 202 Belle Street, Alhambra, IL 62001.

**Hitz Memorial Home has an immediate opening for a Director of Nursing.** Apply in-person at 201 Belle Street, Alhambra, IL 62001. Call for details. 618-488-2355.

## What's Happening in Illinois South Conference

**Mental Health Sunday** - At the 2022 ISC Annual Meeting, the delegates made a covenant to become a **WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged) Conference**. May 21 is Mental Health Sunday. Each year, about one in four of us deal with a mental health challenge, sometimes chronic and sometimes acute. These conditions are not the result of a lack of faith but are matters of physical health and wellbeing. Spiritual resources can promote hope and strength for living with these conditions. Consider focusing on ISC's WISE covenant on May 21.

**Stewardship Happens Every Sunday** - If you would like to be part of that Stewardship, you can set up monthly recurring donations through PayPal/Credit Card to support the efforts of Illinois South Conference and other deserving ministries. The Conference helps individual churches by providing help with various information, offering choices of interim pastors, training for search committees, and much, much more. It also provides opportunities for all churches, like Day of Discipleship or speakers and musicians at Annual Meeting. If you are interested in making a monthly donation for Our Church's Wider Mission, Friends of the Conference, DuBois Center General Fund, or one of the other areas that you want to support, here are the specific instructions.

- On our home page, <http://www.iscucc.org> on the right side, you can donate to one of the ISC ministries.
- Click on for example, Friends of the Conference, and you will go to the PayPal page to make your donation.
- Click the button to make it a monthly donation or if you prefer a one-time donation, leave the one-time donation button highlighted.
- Enter the amount for the monthly or one-time donation.
- Optional – if you want to add an amount to cover the CC fees, click the box which gives you the amount you will be charged.
- Click the “Donate by debit or credit card” button.
- Then follow the form for filling in your credit card number, expiration date, security code, and address.
- ISC does not keep your credit/debit card information. It is kept securely by PayPal.
- Your generosity is ALWAYS appreciated.

### Vacation Bible School Schedule

**May 30 - June 2;** Waterloo St. Paul UCC; *Cokesbury Hero Hotline*.

**June 5-7 from 6 pm - 8 pm; June 8 from 6 pm - 7 pm;** Trenton St. John UCC with co-host First United Methodist Church; *Food Truck Party-On a Roll with God*.

**June 5-9;** Okawville St. Peter's UCC; *Hero Hotline*.

**June 5-9 from 9 am - 12 pm;** Highland Evangelical UCC; *Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light*.

**June 6, 7,8, from 6 pm - 8:30 pm;** New Hanover Zoar UCC; *Hero Hotline*.

**June 12-15;** Dupo Christ UCC; *Hero Hotline*.

**June 12-15;** Central City Zion UCC & Centralia St. Peter UCC (in covenant with Redeemer Lutheran Church, First Christian, Presbyterian Church, and First Methodist Church) at First Methodist Church in Centralia; *Hero Hotline*.

**June 13, 14, 15 from 5:30 pm - 8 pm;** Plum Hill St. John UCC with co-host Nashville St. Paul UCC; *Dinosaurs*.

**July 17-21, 9am-11am;** Marissa Friedens UCC; *Hero Hotline*.

**June 19-23 from 8:45 am - 12 pm;** Mascoutah St. John UCC; *Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light*.

**June 19-22 from 6 pm - 8 pm;** Belleville St. Paul UCC & Belleville Trinity UCC (held at St. Paul UCC); *Hero Hotline*.

**June 25-29;** Granite City St. John UCC; *Food Truck Party-On a Roll with God*.

**July 10-14 from 9 am - 12 pm;** Collinsville St. John UCC; Cost is \$15/person; *Hero Hotline*.

**July 10-14;** Red Bud St. Peter UCC; *Hero Hotline*.

**July 24-28 from 9 am - 11 am;** New Baden Zion UCC; *Food Truck Party-On a Roll with God*.

**August 6, 13, 20, 27, and September 3 at 9:15 am;** Alhambra Salem UCC; *Food Truck Party-On a Roll with God*.

**Region 2- Dupo Christ UCC will hold its Wurstmarkt on Sat, May 20 from 11 am to 3 pm while supplies last.** Menu is pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, corn, applesauce, and cake. Carry-out or dine-in. Outdoor seating available. Adults \$13 per plate; Children 5 - 11 years \$6 per plate.

**Region 5 - Troy Friedens UCC will host its Coffee & Dessert Speaker Series on the Third Thursday of the Month at 7:00 pm.** Speakers scheduled are:

**May 18** “The 60s Chicks Show Choir



**Region 9 - Belleville Trinity UCC will host its All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner Social on Sat, June 3 at 6 pm.** Menu includes spaghetti with meat sauce (or vegetarian sauce), salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Tea, lemonade, and coffee provided or BYOB. Photo booth. Games. Attendance Prizes. Karaoke. Raffle baskets. Kid's activities. All Proceeds benefit Trinity's Annual Holiday Food Basket Program. Adults \$15; Children 5 - 12 \$5; Children 4 and under Free.

**Job Opportunities - Looking for a Part-time job? Retired? Looking for some way to use your skills 9-12 hours a week and get paid for it? Perhaps you're a college student needing a flexible job to help finance gas in your car or pizza in your tummy? St John UCC in Fairview Heights** seeks a part time Church Secretary. Preferably, someone who is familiar with the life of a church. Must be comfortable using a computer and familiar with Word and Excel. A full job description will be provided at the interview. 9 -12 hours weekly depending on the needs of the church. Contact the Church office 618-397-6323 (leave a message) or pastor at 618-660-8894 or email [stjohnuccfairview@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnuccfairview@gmail.com).

**St. John UCC in Granite City, Illinois is seeking a passionate, part-time Director of Music** able to consistently provide a holy experience for our congregation and to reach new people through live music at worship services. Our Director of Music/Musician will provide live music throughout the year along with potentially offering leadership for our choir. Our new director must have proficiency in playing piano and/or organ. To support you, both our state-of-the-art Allen Bravura digital organ and our grand piano were recently installed in the sanctuary, along with a new top-of-the-line sound system. Our worship services are made more vibrant and motivational through music, and we rely on our Director of Music to lead the way.

This part-time position will include Sunday morning worship, occasional special services, and potential rehearsals with our choir. This position's expected gross salary range is \$12,000-\$15,000. In Christ we live, celebrate and serve. Our church's mission statement embodies who we are: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, living our faith in Jesus Christ, and celebrating the promises of God, we welcome all to unite in loving and serving God. We hope you are called to be part of our historic church. Candidates may apply by submitting a resume and references to [stjohnucc2901gc@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnucc2901gc@yahoo.com).

**Pinckneyville St. Paul UCC is in search for a Part-time Music Leader.** This position requires excellent people skills in working with the Council, Pastor, Secretary, committees, and Sunday school teachers. Their music skills include the ability to play a Wicks two-manual pipe organ with pedals and piano. Good vocal skills are a plus but not required. The church does not have a choir but occasionally has special instrumentalists and vocalists. Church services are currently 10 am - 11 am on Sundays. Special services include Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and two Easter services. Contact the church secretary at 618-357-8075.

### **CONTACT US - YOUR OCWM MONIES AT WORK**

**Please call (618-654-2125) 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 for financial matters (in terms of your church's giving to the Conference or OCWM), contact **Debbie Kesner** at [dkesner@iscucc.org](mailto:dkesner@iscucc.org).

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*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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