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**Connecticut Conference, UCC
137th Annual Meeting
Friday & Saturday, October 15 - 16, 2004
Suffield High School, Suffield**



DATE: September 1, 2004
TO: Delegates and Visitors to Annual Meeting
FROM: Peggy Wright, Assistant to the Conference Minister

A warm invitation is extended to you to attend the Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference to be held at the Suffield High School in Suffield, CT.

The purpose of this mailing (or emailing) is to provide you with registration and reservation information in preparation for your attendance. This year we are using a different format for this the "second mailing." To save mailing costs, all the forms may be downloaded from our website: ctucc.org. Please note on the Registration/Reservation form that you are able to use a credit card, if that is convenient for you. Please review all the materials and select those appropriate to your needs. If you have trouble downloading them, please contact us at 860-233-5564 (toll-free 866-367-2822 outside Hartford calling area.)

What is new about this Annual Meeting regarding the format?

1. It is a two-day meeting instead of a three day meeting. (We will also have a spring meeting in 2005.)
2. Workshops and a forum will be held on Friday afternoon prior to the beginning of plenary at a different site; selection of a workshop will be on the registration/reservation form.
3. If you pre-register for a workshop/forum, you will be able to pick up your registration at that site (or later at Suffield High School, whichever is more convenient).
4. Major worship service will be on Friday night with a Taizé service and communion at the end of the meeting on late Saturday afternoon.
5. Those ordained for 25 years will be honored at the Authorized Ministers' Lunch on Friday; those ordained for 50 years will be honored in the plenary on Friday night.
6. This mailing will call your attention to various services provided: child care, housing in private homes in Suffield area; and special needs. The actual forms for sign-up for these services will be on our website—www.ctucc.org, or you may request them by calling 866-367-2822 or emailing barbam@ctucc.org.

Since the vote of the 2002 Annual Meeting, we have youth delegates (one per church) involved in the whole Annual Meeting. If your church has not chosen a young person under the age of 22 to be a delegate, we hope you will do so soon.

**God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
www.ctucc.org**



If you have not signed up for e-mail announcements and wish to receive future Annual Meeting mailings by e-mail, please contact Jan Bitner, janh@ctucc.org or 860-233-5564 or 866-367-2822 toll-free in CT.

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Annual Report – Volume II which is the minutes of 2003 Annual Meeting, Minutes of General Association, Registrar’s Report and Board of Directors’ Actions – will be available at the Registration Table. If you would like to review it prior to the Annual Meeting, the printed reports will be available electronically from our website. The financial reports for 2003 will be mailed to you upon request to Sue Furness, 125 Sherman Street, Hartford, CT 06105; telephone 860-233-5564 or toll free 866-367-2822, Extension 112, or email: susanf@ctucc.org

The Call to the Annual Meeting, the Proposed Bylaw Revisions, and the Proposed 2005 budget will be mailed (or emailed) to you after September 5th. Please be sure to bring with you to the Annual Meeting the items mentioned in this paragraph.

All of this information can also be found on our website at www.ctucc.org.

We look forward to your attendance as we worship and celebrate as a Connecticut Conference family!

**Directions to Suffield High School
1060 Sheldon Street
West Suffield, CT**

From Hartford take I-91 North to Route 20 exit #40. This is the Bradley International Airport Connector. Distance from Hartford is 9 miles. Take Route 20 west for 2.4 miles to Route 75 (Suffield/Poquonock exit) Take a right on Route 75 and travel 4.9 miles north. From the center of Suffield (Rt. 75 and Rt. 168) go west on Mountain Road (Route 168) 1.2 miles and take a left on Sheldon St. The new high school is approximately 3/4 mile down Sheldon St. next to the V.F.W.

**Directions to East Granby Congregational Church
Route 20, East Granby**

From Hartford take I-91 North to Route 20 exit #40. This is the Bradley International Airport Connector. Distance from Hartford is 9 miles. Take Route 20 west for 5 3/4 miles. (Route 20 exits off the Bradley Connector right after the Hamilton Road exit and has no exit number but is marked East Granby.) The church is on the right at the intersections of Route 20 and Route 187.

Directions from East Granby Congregational Church to Suffield High School

Exit the church parking lot. Turn right on Route 20. Immediately turn right at the light, north on Route 187. Stay on Route 187 for 2 1/2 miles. At stop sign continue straight (crossing South Grand Street) onto Sheldon Street. High school is 1 mile on left.

**Directions to First Church of Christ, Congregational
81 High Street Suffield**

From Hartford take I-91 North to Route 20 exit #40. This is the Bradley International Airport Connector. Distance from Hartford is 9 miles. Take Route 20 west for 2.4 miles to Route 75 (Suffield/Poquonock exit) Take a right on Route 75 and travel 4.9 miles north to the center of town. The church is on the green.



Clergy Ordained For 50 and 25 Years

Friday, October 15, 2004

50-Year Recipients will be honored in plenary at Suffield High School on Friday evening:

The Reverend William A. Chace Jr., Farmington, CT
The Reverend Peter C. Clarke, United Kingdom
The Reverend Felix M. Davis, Jr., Jonesport, ME
The Reverend David H. Eaton, Pawcatuck, CT
The Reverend Dewey F. Fagerburg, Jr., Lincolnville, ME
The Reverend Joan B. Forsberg, Claremont, CA
The Reverend F. Van Gorder Parker, West Hartford, CT
The Reverend T. Merton Rymph, Lisbon, NH
The Reverend Allen F. Tinkham, Newington, CT
The Reverend Robert G. Van Gorder, Cromwell, CT
The Reverend Robert D. Weeden, Newington, CT

25-Year Recipients will be honored at the Friday lunch for authorized ministers at First Church, Suffield:

The Reverend Edwin O. Ayala, East Hartford, CT
The Reverend Nicholas G. Davis III, West Hartford, CT
The Reverend Mary Angela F. Davis, Windsor, CT
The Reverend Mitzi N. Eilts, Clinton, CT
The Reverend William M. Frost, Colchester, CT
The Reverend John C. Hall, Middletown, CT
The Reverend Melinda M. Keck, Kent, CT
The Reverend Lois F. Kennedy, Lisbon, CT
The Reverend Alan C. Mermann, Norfolk, CT
The Reverend Edith P. O'Donnell, Windsor, CT
The Reverend Walter L. Pitman, Southbury, CT
The Reverend Dale B. Rosenberger, Ridgefield, CT
The Reverend Richard H. Taber, Salisbury, CT
The Reverend David T. Taylor, Glastonbury, CT

Wider Church Ministry Team Special Offering



The Wider Church Ministry Team invites your support for the Food Banks of Connecticut. Hunger in CT is still a problem. Many working families have had to rely on the services of a food pantry to get by. Wages are not keeping pace with expenses. The loss of one income in a two-income family is devastating. Many one-income families have wages that are below living wage level and must often choose between food and rent. The Wider Church Ministry Team requests that you arrange for a special offering in your congregation for the food banks. Please bring the monies collected to Annual Meeting. There will be a collection basket at the Wider Church display area. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Foodshare
P.O. Box 809
Windsor, CT 06095-0809
(860) 688-6500
Info@SecondHarvest.org



Foodshare provides food to food pantries, community kitchens, shelters, and other social service organizations in every town in Greater Hartford, over 12 tons of food per day to more than 300 local programs that feed hungry people in Hartford and Tolland Counties.

Foodshare is an efficient and cost-effective way to ensure that hungry people are fed. Every \$10 Foodshare spends results in \$100 worth of food (retail value) for hungry people. Ninety-five percent of Foodshare's donated resources goes directly to feeding hungry people; only 5% is spent on management and fundraising.

Foodshare works in partnership with the food and hospitality industry to reclaim good food that is not salable. As a result of this partnership, less food is deposited in landfills and thousands of dollars in disposal costs are saved. In the state with the highest per capita income, 100,000 people still go to these private emergency food programs in Greater Hartford each year. Most people in need are families, shown by the fact that 43,000 of our hungry neighbors are children! And in 27% of the households needing help at least one adult is working!

Connecticut Food Bank
P.O. Box 8686
New Haven, CT 06531
(203) 469-5000
postmaster@ctfoodbank.org



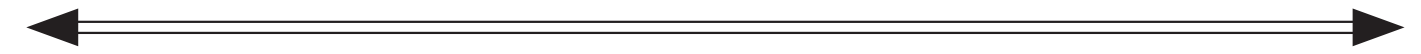
Connecticut Food Bank provides food and other resources to more than 500 emergency feeding programs such as soup kitchens, shelters, food pantries, and adult and child day care centers in six of Connecticut's eight counties: Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London and Windham.

Connecticut Food Bank also runs a Food Rescue Operation (FRO) to collect donations of leftover prepared food and perishable produce from area restaurants, caterers, retailers and other facilities, and redistributes the food to our member agencies.

In 2003, Connecticut Food Bank distributed 12.4 million pounds of food, and since 1982, has distributed more than 100 million pounds of food. Annually, Connecticut Food Bank provides food for an estimated 250,000 people. Connecticut Food Bank is funded privately, supported by a broad base of individuals, businesses, foundations and community organizations; 94% of financial contributions are directed toward program services.



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What is Speak Out Time?

Speak Out time is set aside for individual members of our meeting to share a vision, a concern, or some other point of view, in a more informal fashion than bringing it before the meeting during business sessions.

How long is Speak Out time?

Speakers may speak for up to two minutes. The Scribe times Speak Outs.

What can be done during Speak Out time?

Speakers may sing, dance, speak, or occasionally have used the time to present skits.

What may not take place during Speak Out time?

Because the meeting is not officially "in session," no minutes are kept during Speak Outs. For the same reason, neither motions nor votes may be taken during Speak Out time.

Who may speak during Speak Out time?

Delegates, honorary delegates, authorized ministers, and visitors who are members of the Connecticut Conference United Church of Christ churches are eligible to speak.

How do I sign up for a Speak Out?

If you wish to Speak Out on Friday afternoon, you must sign up with the Scribe before the opening Plenary Session at 4:30 p.m. If you wish to Speak Out on Saturday afternoon, you must sign up with the Scribe immediately following the Saturday morning session at 12:00 Noon. The Scribe sits at the front of the auditorium near the same table as the Conference Minister. Speak to the Scribe or to the Moderator before the beginning of any business session for more information or for clarification of these guidelines.

Annual Meeting 2004 Hospitality

The Hartford Association is hosting our annual meeting this year at Suffield High School in Suffield. Our thanks and appreciation go to the churches in the Hartford Association. This continues to be an opportunity for members of congregations to participate in the local arrangements who would not have had an opportunity otherwise because they come from churches whose buildings are too small to host an annual meeting. Please read carefully the listings below as some changes have been made for this year's meeting.

Housing in private homes (bed & breakfast form) of the members of churches in the Suffield/East Granby area will be furnished without charge to delegates who make advance reservations for them. Such reservations must be in the hands of the reservation committee no later than October 1, 2004. Please call 860-233-5564 (or toll-free 866-367-2822) and request a form be sent to you or faxed to you, or download it from our website—www.ctucc.org. Prior to the day of the meeting, please call the person on the form if you need to cancel private home accommodations that are reserved for you.

A list of hotel/motel accommodations was in the first mailing. If you missed that mailing, please call 860-233-5564 (or toll-free 866-367-2822) and request that it be sent to you or faxed to you, or download it from our website—www.ctucc.org.

Dress casually: We suggest that you dress casually! During break times and during Saturday's lunchtime, we will be eating in classrooms, but there are also picnic tables outside the school that we are able to use if the weather is good.

Displays/exhibits: Suffield High School has a unique set-up in which there is a "common area" as you enter the building. Though it is used during school time as the cafeteria, we will use it, as well as the hallways, for the displays and exhibits.

Hartford Seminary will have a room with items available for purchase. They will be open on Friday from 4:30-7:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Child care will be available at the First Church in Suffield for the Authorized Ministers' meeting, at the East Granby church for the workshops, and at Suffield High School. The high school has a beautiful and well-equipped child care center as well as a play area outside that is protected. Please call 860-233-5564 (or toll-free 866-367-2822) and request a form be sent to you or faxed to you, or download it from our website—www.ctucc.org to sign-up your children for this charge-free service provided by members of our churches in the Suffield area.

Special needs: Every attempt is being made to accommodate special needs. Sessions will be interpreted for the hearing impaired, if requested by October 1. A workshop will be interpreted by special request. Please see the form on our website—www.ctucc.org or call the Conference office for the form 860-233-5564 (or toll-free 866-367-2822).

Parking: Suffield High School has plenty of parking on site. Handicapped parking as well as parking for those with physical limitations is available at the same site. Please indicate your need on the special needs request form located on the website or by calling the Conference office.

Delegate and Voting Information

Mailings/Emailings for the Conference Annual Meeting in October are being addressed to the following persons according to the Bylaws of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ:

- A. Delegates from Local Churches in Connecticut which are in regular standing with their Association in the Conference, with each church entitled to two (2) delegates for the first four hundred (400) members, and an additional delegate for each additional four hundred (400) members or major fraction thereof;
- B. All officers of the Conference, elected members of the Board of Directors, members of the Committees of the Conference and members of the Committees of the Board of Directors named in the Bylaws, during their tenure in office;
- C. All moderators of Associations of the Conference;
- D. All former moderators of the Annual Meetings of the Connecticut Conference;
- E. The Dean of Yale Divinity School and the President of Hartford Seminary if such persons are members of Local Churches of the United Church of Christ holding standing in an Association of the Conference;
- F. All Authorized Ministers in regular standing in Associations of this Conference;
- G. Members of each of the following Ministry Teams: Local Church Ministries, Wider Church Ministries and Justice & Witness Ministries;
- H. One youth delegate, who shall be no more than 22 years of age, from each Local Church.

Delegates from Churches - Delegate packets are being sent to each delegate at their home address if the church has provided it, or by email if they authorized such. Otherwise, delegate packets were mailed in care of the local church address with a label: Conference Meeting Delegate #1, #2, #3, etc. It is of vital importance that each church make a special effort to be represented at the Annual Meeting by its Authorized Ministers, and by its full complement of delegates including the Youth Delegate. Advance registration is encouraged so that appropriate arrangements may be made. (If one of your "church delegates" is also a delegate under B-G, please appoint an additional delegate from your congregation).

It is extremely important that all Authorized Ministers and Lay Delegates attend the entire meeting. Items recommended by the Board of Directors will be taken up Friday and Saturday; social resolutions will be presented and acted upon on Saturday. The budget will be acted upon on Saturday. Important matters are likely to come up at any time. The maximum attendance at all sessions is of vital importance.

Delegates are requested to be sure to bring to Annual Meeting information from mailings, especially the Resolutions and Rules. The Call to the Annual Meeting, Proposed Budget and Revisions to the Bylaws will be mailed in September and should also be brought to the meeting since sufficient duplicate copies may not be available. All mailings are available on the Conference website.

12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
We will pick up box lunches in the cafeteria and take them to classrooms.

Saturday Afternoon Session Four



1:15 p.m. Consideration of the Tabled resolution from 2003 Annual Meeting: "A Resolution In Support of Legal Marriage For Same-Sex Couples." The Resolution will be moved onto the floor for debate and action.

Following action on the resolution, the plenary will take a break with a hymn

2:10 p.m. The Nominating Committee will present its report and the Annual Meeting will elect officers and committees for the Conference. Following the elections, the new officers, Board of Directors, and Ministry Team members will be commissioned.

2:25 p.m. The Annual Meeting will continue with Action on resolutions, both Group A and Group B.
4:15 p.m. Our afternoon business session will continue with business from the Board of Directors including action on Bylaw amendments, report on the Capital Campaign, Living Waters Awards, Awards to Tithing/Step Up Churches, a Speak Out session, and other unfinished business.

Other business will include Announcements and an Amenities report. If there is any unresolved business, the Moderator will inform the delegates of the process by which they can extend the Meeting. If there is no remaining business, the final business session of our Annual Meeting will be concluded with a presentation from our Conference Minister and final remarks from our Moderator.

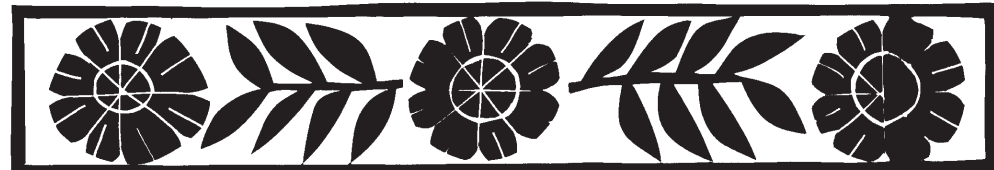
Speak Out #2 (See the Speak Out Guidelines in this brochure.)

5:15 p.m. **A closing Taizé service with Holy Communion**

6:00 p.m. **Adjournment**

6:10 p.m. **Board of Directors will meet at West Suffield Congregational Church for dinner and a meeting.**

Note: This is a working agenda. Some minor adjustments to the schedule may occur to accommodate new, unexpected business. A final agenda will be presented for adoption at the Annual Meeting.



What's Happening?

An Informal Guide to the 137th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ Suffield High School, Suffield, Connecticut October 15–16, 2004 Theme: "God is Still Speaking,"

*The following locations will be used during the weekend:
Suffield High School, 1060 Sheldon Street, West Suffield*

All plenary sessions
Meals: Friday night dinner and Saturday box lunch
Parking
All displays/exhibits
Child care – a beautiful child care center
Prayer & Meditation Room

First Church of Christ, Congregational, 81 High Street, Suffield

Authorized Ministers' Program and Lunch
Meeting of the Resolutions Committee with groups that may be submitting Group B Resolutions
Child Care

East Granby Congregational Church, Church Road, East Granby

Workshops and Forum from 1:45 – 3:15 p.m.
Delegates may register at this site also
Child Care during the workshops

Friday, October 15, 2004

11:00 a.m. Authorized Ministry Presentation (First Church of Christ, Congregational, Suffield)
(See Block Ad for details.)

12:30 p.m. Authorized Ministry Lunch at First Church of Christ, Congregational, Suffield

1:45 p.m. Workshops and forum at East Granby Congregational Church
(See Registration form for details.)
Registration for Annual Meeting will be available at this site if you preregister for workshop/forum.

2:00 p.m. Resolution Committee meets for Group B hearings with churches.
They will meet in the Parlor at the First Church of Christ, Congregational, Suffield.

3:30 p.m. Registration and Displays will open at Suffield High School in Suffield.
Please do not arrive at the high school before 3:30 due to students still in the school.

3:30 p.m. Resolutions Hearings held at Suffield High School in Suffield.

The Meeting Begins Session One

4:30 p.m. **Opening Plenary; Suffield High School Auditorium**
Plenary sessions will be held in the auditorium of Suffield High School. It has seating for 700 people and, therefore, will be sufficient for our needs. No food will be allowed in the auditorium. The room is air-conditioned!

Call to Order and Opening Worship

The Reverend David Spollett of Fairfield, Moderator, will call the meeting to order. The Reverends Joshua and Bette Anne Crowell, Conference Chaplains, will lead the Annual Meeting in prayer and hymn singing.

Welcome and Greetings

We will begin with greetings from our hosts, the churches of the Hartford Association. We will then introduce the Connecticut Conference staff, honored guests, those who have been ordained or commissioned in the past year, those who have newly entered into ministry in Connecticut, and members of Connecticut congregations who are In Care.

There are some preliminary items of business that must be taken care of at the beginning of our meeting which we will accomplish through the use of a “Consent Agenda” (these are routine votes that are taken where there usually is not any discussion or explanation needed). Included in the Consent agenda will be the following items:

1. Rules of Procedure for the Annual Meeting
2. Agenda
3. Appointment of the Annual Meeting committees
4. General Synod delegate allocation
5. Approval of the Minutes of the 2003 Annual Meeting
6. Approval of the 2003 Treasurer’s Report

The Moderator will remind us of the guidelines for the “Presentation of New Matters” and the guidelines for “Speak Outs.” We will meet our Parliamentarian, the Reverend Malcolm Bertram, Jr., and other guests who will be granted voice-without-vote status.

Speak Out #1 (See the Speak Out Guidelines in this brochure.)

5:30 p.m. **Dinner at tables in the Gymnasium**

5:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal in the auditorium during the dinner hour

Friday Evening Session Two

6:45 p.m. Citations to those clergy being honored for the 50th Year of Ordination
Powerpoint of those clergy honored for their 25th Year of Ordination

7:00 p.m. **Conference Minister’s Address**

Our Conference Minister, the Reverend Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree, will deliver her annual Conference Minister’s Address.

8:00 p.m. **Festival Service of Worship**
We will praise God and hear a sermon from the Reverends Joshua and Bette Anne Crowell, Conference Preachers, as well as special music from Praise Singers, Conference Celebration Choir, handbell choirs, brass musicians, and the music ministry teams of Faith Congregational Church, Hartford; Iglesia Cristiana Nueva Esperanza, East Hartford; and First Church of Christ, Congregational, Suffield. Blessed by God through fellowship with one another, we will go forth from this service, strengthened for another day of annual meeting on Saturday.

9:00 p.m. **Recess for the evening.**

Saturday, October 16, 2004

8:15 a.m. **Registration and Displays Open**

8:30 a.m. **Orientation for newly-registered Delegates**

Since there is only one orientation session, new delegates are encouraged to attend this one in the Auditorium. This is the essential quick orientation to the way the Connecticut Conference conducts its business. Especially if you have never been to an Annual Meeting, this is the place to be.

Saturday Morning Session Three

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order, Morning Prayer, and Business**

Our morning will begin with the Moderator’s call to order and a time of morning prayer. Business items for our morning session will include:

1. A report from the Resolutions Committee on the 2003 resolutions
2. Setting the priority order for the 2004 resolutions
3. Showcase piece on the work of the Connecticut Conference United Church of Christ
4. Welcome to our guests from our Partnership with the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea

9:50 a.m. **Order of the Day**

Keynote Address—The Rev. Dr. Park Jong-Wha, Senior Minister of the Kyung-Dong Church in Seoul Korea. Rev. Park serves on the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches and was General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea

10:50 a.m. **Break**

11:00 a.m. **Gathering Hymn**

Financial Reports for 2003. The Treasurer and Associate Conference Minister for Administration will present the printed Financial Reports for 2003. The Board of Directors Chair, Joan Kratzert, will present the 2005 Proposed Budget, as well as the suggested actions in the Call to the Annual Meeting regarding the Budget. After presentation and discussion, action will then be taken.

Announcements and final instructions for Lunch will take place.

W6. Bereavement (Individually and Collectively),

Rev. Cynthia Terry, Workshop Leader

We will look at two ways of describing bereavement, then present some ideas about leading bereavement groups and rituals that may be helpful within the context of congregations or associations.

W7. Following Jesus in a Religiously Plural World,

Rev. Jamie Harrison, Workshop Leader

How to follow Jesus in a way that is spiritually satisfying, theologically credible, biblically sound, and ethically responsible without making exclusive claims for Christianity and without passing negative judgments on people of other religious traditions. The church needs to rethink traditional theology to make room for a new way of being in relationship with others in our religiously plural world and Interreligious reconciliation is a source of healing and spiritual growth.

W8.Reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula,

Dr. Park, Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker, Workshop Leader

In the half-century since Korea split into two separate countries, there has been hatred between the North and South. This workshop will explain how two entities that were formerly one country can reconcile their vast political differences and how the world, especially the American people, can help.

Forum

F1. The “God is Still Speaking” Campaign,

Ron Buford, Workshop Leader

Come hear about the growing God is Still Speaking movement in the United Church of Christ that has made the front page of the Washington Post and The Christian Science Monitor. Ron Buford will share stories of what’s happening across the nation, what’s to come, and ways your congregation can participate to make the most of this exciting (and some think historic) moment.



CLERGY EVENT–Presentation by Attorney Don Clark, Special Counsel for the United Church of Christ

Friday 11 am – 12:30, followed by lunch
 First Church of Christ, Congregational
 81 High Street, Suffield
 Cost is \$8 for the Luncheon

“Emerging Legal Issues In Contemporary Parish Ministry: An overview of recent judicial and legislative developments with implications for parish ministry, including a legal primer on confidentiality and best practices to ensure safe and effective church ministry.”

Donald C. Clark, Jr. serves as Nationwide Special Counsel for the United Church of Christ. A litigator with 25 years of experience in courtrooms throughout the country, Mr. Clark spent the first half of his career at two multi-national law firms. After he established his own law firm, Mr. Clark was in a position to integrate his strong commitment to the United Church of Christ. For over a decade he has regularly been advising various settings of the denomination on legal issues confronting the church. Earlier this year, Mr. Clark successfully convinced the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court that congregational churches are entitled to the same constitutional rights of religious freedom as are afforded to hierarchical churches.

Registration and Meal & Workshop Reservation Form

137th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference

United Church of Christ

October 15 and 16, 2004

Reservations must be submitted no later than October 8, 2004

☞Please use a separate form for each person.☞

↑Title	Name (one person only)	↑	Church Name
↑Home Street Address/P.O. Box		↑Church Town/City	<input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Work
↑Home Town/City	State Zip	↑Email Address for questions about your registration	
↑ Daytime Phone (including Area Code)	Ext.	↑Evening Phone (including area code)	

Are you attending as (check ONE):

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Delegate from local church | <input type="checkbox"/> Former Moderator of Annual Meeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Delegate from local church | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderator of an Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired Clergy | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Visitor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired Clergy Spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Visitor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> In-Care Student |
| (Clergy, Commissioned Minister, Licensed Minister) | <input type="checkbox"/> Member of Ministry Team (Local, Wider, Justice & Witness) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member, Conf. Board of Directors | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Officer of Conference | |

	Price	Amount Due
Friday Authorized Ministry Event with Lunch	\$8.00	
Friday Authorized Ministry Event without Lunch	\$3.00	
Friday Night Dinner at Suffield High School <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Meal requested	\$18.00	
Saturday Box Lunch at Suffield High School **Choose one <input type="checkbox"/> Tuna Wrap <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Wrap <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetaian Wrap	\$11.00	
Administrative Cost (per person) (Required for everyone except retired clergy & spouse, or youth visitors age 18 & under.)	\$39.50	\$39.50
	Total:	\$

IMPORTANT: NO meal reservations will be accepted after October 8, 2004 or at the Annual Meeting. You may bring your own lunch or purchase food items at the Snack Bar hosted by First Church of Christ, Suffield youth group.

See page two for payment information and Workshop registration.

******If you fax this form, please be sure to send BOTH sides!******

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Check enclosed (payable to Missionary Society of Connecticut) Check no. _____

Charge my credit card (circle one: MasterCard Visa)

Name as it appears on credit card: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature (for authorization): _____

Please send this entire form to: Missionary Society of CT, 125 Sherman Street, Hartford, CT 06105
Phone: 860-233-5564 Fax: 860-231-8111

Note: Your Registration Packet and meal and workshop tickets will be at the registration desk at East Granby Congregational Church (if you go to a workshop) or at Suffield High School (if not attending a workshop).

Workshop Forum Choice (Select Only One) _____

There is only one session. Please write the letter-and-number combination of your choice of workshop or forum above. (Descriptions of Workshops and Forums are elsewhere in this mailing.)

WORKSHOPS:

- W1. Breaking Down the Walls: A Workshop on Combating Racism, Rev. Jeanette Olmsted Sawyer
- W2. Behavioral Covenants, Debbie Pallatto and Rev. Lindsay Fulmer
- W3. On Being a Delegate AFTER the Annual Meeting is Over, Rev. Kent Siladi
- W4. Interpreting OCWM, Charlie Kuchenbrod and Jim Morgan
- W5. Introducing Adults to Theology, Rev. Joe Callahan,
- W6. Bereavement (Individually and Collectively), Rev. Cynthia Terry
- W7. Following Jesus in a Religiously Plural World, Rev. Jamie Harrison
- W8. Reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula, Dr. Park, Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker

FORUM:

- F1. The "God is Still Speaking" Campaign, Ron Buford, United Church of Christ

For Office Use Only: Ticket # _____ Authorization # _____ 85

2004 ANNUAL MEETING WORKSHOPS AND FORUM

Please note that workshops are being handled differently this year:

- In addition to the workshops, there will be one large-group forum.
- Workshops will be on Friday afternoon, October 15, from 1:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m..
- All workshops and the forum will be held at East Granby Congregational Church; room assignments will be posted there.
- When you go to the workshop/forum site, you will also be able to sign in for the Annual Meeting, to save time when you get to the high school.
- This year you must preregister for workshops or forum—sign up for your choice on the Registration Form. Your workshop ticket will be in your packet when you go to East Granby Congregational Church.

Workshops

W1. Breaking Down the Walls: A Workshop on Combating Racism, Rev. Jeanette Olmsted Sawyer, Workshop Leader

This is a crash course on how a local church that may be racially, socioeconomically, or even denominationally different can initiate reconciliation and unity. Biblical principles stress the relationship proclaimed by Christ in John 17:20-22, "That they may all be one." Learn how to initiate discussion at Church Council meetings or special meetings on this subject, with evaluation suggestions to aid in future discussions.

W2. Behavioral Covenants, Debbie Pallatto and Rev. Lindsay Fulmer, Workshop Leaders

What is a "behavioral covenant" (what is its origin, how does it work, etc.)? Can a behavioral covenant help my church? If so, how? How can a congregation best adopt such a concept? Has it helped other congregations? Hear answers to these questions and more at this interactive workshop, co-led by an experienced Conference consultant (from the Consultants to Congregations program) and one of our local pastors whose church recently adopted a behavioral covenant.

W3. On Being a Delegate AFTER the Annual Meeting is Over, Rev. Kent Siladi, Workshop Leader

As a delegate, you have the opportunity to share what happens at Annual Meeting with your entire congregation! Come and share your ideas and receive the wisdom of the group about what works in our local churches. Consider what it means to be an "ambassador" of the news and experiences of our Annual Meeting.

W4. Interpreting OCWM, Charlie Kuchenbrod and Jim Morgan, Workshop Leaders

People are always asking us, "How are basic support contributions used by the Conference?" Come to this workshop and get the answers.

W5. Introducing Adults to Theology, Rev. Joe Callahan, Workshop Leader

This workshop introduces a method whereby adults can come to grips with all those questions about God and religion they have had unanswered for too long; no text books or extra study are required—the answers come out of the personal theology that each one of us has already developed. "The theological problem today is to find the art of drawing religion out of people not pumping it into them."