

Keynote Speaker and Panel for Annual Meeting Part II October 19 – 20, 2007



Hans Holznagel has served in the national ministries of the United Church of Christ for more than 20 years. Since starting as a part-time reporter for *United Church News* in New York City in 1985, he has served as a public relations officer, mission education specialist and administrator. On July 15, 2007, he joined the financial development staff as Associate for Leadership Gifts. He will be based at the UCC's national Church House in Cleveland, Ohio, as he has been since 1990. He is "the UCC Answer Guy" in the current 50th-anniversary DVD, "Yesterday's Visionaries, Today's Voices."

The Rev. Kaji Spellman currently serves as Pastoral Resident at Wellesley Congregational (Village) Church in a two-year fellowship sponsored by the Lilly Foundation's Transitions into Ministry program. Her ministry at the Village Church includes worship leadership, preaching, pastoral care, leading a Disciple Series Bible study, supporting a Partakers prison ministry program, and working with the Roxbury Renaissance Center's Maafa Mentorship program through the Village Church's partnership with the Charles Street AME Church. A graduate of Yale Divinity School through the Institute of Sacred Music, Kaji studied liturgy and theology. Most recently, Kaji has served as the Acting Associate Pastor of First Congregational Church in Darien.



The Rev. Quinn G. Caldwell currently serves as Associate Minister at Old South Church in Boston (UCC), a deeply historical, proudly Christian, often radical thriving urban congregation. It seeks to live a new progressive Christianity, following the example of Jesus in taking the strong roots of an ancient tradition and growing from them new faith for a new day. Quinn's work includes coordinating that Old South's successful Jazz Worship Service, which integrates traditional worship forms with modern life in a syncopated rhythm. He also serves with the StillSpeaking Initiative at the national setting of the church. A lifelong member of the UCC, he graduated from Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York. Before coming to Old South, he was one of the first two Pastoral Residents in the Wellesley Congregational (Village) Church's Pastoral Residency Program.

Rachel Culmo is currently working for the Connecticut Conference and Silver Lake Conference Center. She grew up in The First Church of Christ in East Haven. She graduated from Smith College with a Bachelor of Arts. This past summer Rachel was the Maintenance Coordinator and Assistant Site Manager at Silver Lake Conference Center. The conference is richly blessed to have her skills and presence on our staff. Rachel has also worked for the Parent's Foundation for Transitional Living in New Haven.

