

2008 FALL ANNUAL MEETING WORKSHOPS

When you register, take a ticket for your chosen workshop. The number of tickets available indicates number of seats available. Workshop room assignments will be on each ticket and will be posted.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 p.m.	
1	<p><u>Reflections on Nurturing Generosity</u> Rev. Stephen Gray, Workshop Leader</p> <p>Here is an opportunity to join in conversation with our keynote speaker. Bring your questions, concerns, affirmations, alternative perspectives, or just your open heart and mind!</p>
2	<p><u>Generosity and Our Church's Wider Mission</u> Rev. Jane Heckles, Workshop Leader</p> <p>Generous sharing for mission is a characteristic of vital and growing congregations. Let's explore together why one fosters the other. If you are on a Mission or Budget Committee, a pastor or trustee, this workshop is for you! Pulling back on mission giving when the budget tightens rarely helps. So let's talk about how local, conference, national, and global mission express who you are as a congregation! Rev. Jane Heckles is Minister for OCWM Development for the United Church of Christ.</p>
3	<p><u>When Will the Church Get It?</u> Sylvia Ferrell-Jones, Workshop Leader</p> <p>Come hear what the President and CEO of YWCA Boston and Chair of the Massachusetts Conference Board of Directors has to say about the relationship between fund development (raising money in the social services segment of the nonprofit sector) and financial stewardship (raising money in the church.) What the church should "get" is that stewardship really is a lot like fund development in any other nonprofit, and can be done in a similar fashion.</p>
4	<p><u>Sparking the Conversation About Generosity</u> Mally Cox-Chapman and Dayl Walker, Workshop Leaders</p> <p>This workshop will model several different, non-threatening ways to break the taboo around speaking of money and help your fellow congregants gain clarity about their giving intent. Having engaged in the conversation yourself, you will have all the questions (and handouts) you need to spark the conversation in your church. You will write a money autobiography, play a values game about money, and hear a wonderful testimony from a fellow congregant who stepped out of fear in challenging times into an attitude of abundance. Mally is the author of the Case for Heaven and philanthropy advisor with Benefactory LLC, helping family foundations create impact and joy. For many years she facilitated with Dayl Walker a Ministry of Money at Asylum Hill Church to encourage congregants to talk about money and spirituality.</p>
5	<p><u>Giving as a Spiritual Practice</u> Rev. Alison Patton, Workshop Leader</p> <p>Giving to your church is rooted and grounded in faith, so why do we often talk more about "balancing the budget" and a church's financial health than the spiritual growth and well-being of a church's membership? The practice of giving is as much an act of discipleship as worship, prayer, meditating on scripture and other foundations of our spiritual lives. Alison is the Associate Pastor for Parish Life and Outreach at First Church of Christ in Simsbury.</p>
6	<p><u>The Gifting God</u> Rev. Shelly Stackhouse, Workshop Leader</p> <p>Explore a new resource for small group study written by the workshop leader, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer in New Haven, and published by the UCC. We will explore the difference between "giving" and "gifting" using Biblical models and stories from your congregation. We will also discuss the idea of "Holy Spirit Budgeting."</p>

<p>7</p>	<p><u>Generosity Inspiring Worship</u> Rev. Susan Townsley, Workshop Leader</p> <p>Learn what the original reformers had to say about worship. Consider what ancient wisdom might work today. Explore how joyful worship patterns can inspire generous practices in Christian living. Create liturgy that supports stewardship. Susan Townsley is the Regional Minister for Fairfield County.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p><u>Bring Back the EMC! (Every Member Canvass)</u> Maryann Doyle, Workshop Leader</p> <p>Once upon a time, an Every Member Canvass was how almost everyone did their annual stewardship drive. Come learn how to use personal visits to build relationships, raise awareness of how giving supports the ministries of your church, and increase annual giving. Maryann Doyle is a consultant who has assisted a number of Conference churches with successful capital campaigns.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p><u>Priorities for Living</u> Rev. Mark Pilletere, Workshop Leader</p> <p>Three days left, plenty of checks, no money. Where did it all go? This workshop will explore priorities of giving from two perspectives. As individuals, how do we decide what gets paid first? As congregations, how do we talk about this? There will be a short presentation followed by discussion. Mark is the pastor of Mill Plain Union Church in Waterbury</p>
<p>10</p>	<p><u>Your Church Can Raise the Funds It Needs</u> Rev. P. William VanderWyden, Workshop Leader</p> <p>Practical guidance in how churches can increase their Operating Budget giving, and in how to raise funds for renovations and/or additions through a Partnership Capital Fund Campaign. Rev. VanderWyden has served as a local church Pastor, and on the National Staff of the United Church of Christ.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p><u>Global Ministries: Giving Locally, Acting Globally</u> Tim Rose, Workshop Leader</p> <p>Tim Rose will discuss UCC Global Ministries, in general, his experience as a UCC missionary in France, in particular, and how personal connections can feed the soul and inspire generosity. Tim works for the Common Global Ministries of the UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.)</p>
<p>12</p>	<p><u>Good Fellowship = Good Stewardship</u> Wayne Miller and Dave Rubelmann, Workshop Leaders</p> <p>Lay leaders from Orange Congregational Church will describe how they developed a series of dinners that engaged the entire congregation in fellowship, visioning the future of their church, and brought a direct stewardship message to every active member.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p><u>Using Bi-Commitment Pledges to Enhance Giving and Support for Mission</u> Rev. Lucille Fritz and Rev. Ted Mosebach, Workshop Leaders</p> <p>Some churches ask members to pledge separately to their local church and to wider mission. Come hear two proponents of this approach share their stories of how separate pledges have helped with the spiritual vitality and financial health of their congregations. Ted is the pastor of First Congregational Church of East Hartford and Lucille is the pastor of Oxford United Church of Christ Congregational.</p>
<p>14</p>	<p><u>Ways to Increase Your Church's Endowment Funds</u> Rev. Len Clough, Workshop Leader</p> <p>If your church is interested in starting an endowment fund or expanding existing funds, this workshop will give you a chance to ask questions and to learn how other churches have increased their endowment funds. Leonard Clough is a retired national director of the UCC Planned Giving Ministry and currently serves as a volunteer to help UCC churches in Connecticut secure contributions to their endowment funds.</p>

<p>15</p>	<p><u>It's a Matter of Will Power</u> Priscilla Deck, Workshop Leader</p> <p>A workshop on the importance of understanding the responsibilities and opportunities of asset ownership. Over half the households in America are supported by a wage-earner without a will. If you do nothing, your assets may all go away when you die. If you use your will power wisely, you can make a will that provides for your family, guides funds to causes and institutions in which you believe and leaves a living legacy to support your values into the future. If you don't have a plan, Uncle Sam does. But it may not be what you intended. Priscilla Conwell Deck is the Vice President for Institutional Advancement at the Andover Newton Theological School.</p>
<p>16</p>	<p><u>Wading Through Resources</u> Rev. Ineke Mitchell, Workshop Leader</p> <p>A guided tour of available resources to help you find what you need to engage and energize your stewardship team. If you have a favorite resource, bring it along to add to the mix. Ineke Mitchell is the Regional Minister for North Central Connecticut.</p>
<p>17</p>	<p><u>Stewardship of our Common Life – Investing in Healthcare for All</u> Ken Esposito and Rev. Nancy Allen, Workshop Leaders</p> <p>Stewardship of our Common Life – Investing in Healthcare for All Blurb: Taking your citizenship seriously as a resource to further the common good. Discussion with Ken Esposito and the Rev. Nancy Allen of the Christian Activities Council.</p>
<p>18</p>	<p><u>Greening The Church -- Doing Well While Doing Good</u> Environmental Ministry Team, Workshop Leaders</p> <p>The Environmental Ministry Team will introduce their Green Church Program, a three level system of identifying "greenness" of a congregation's efforts in stewardship of the environment. Facilitated by Lois Happe, Regional Minister, Eastern Region.</p>
<p>19</p>	<p><u>Who is Protecting Your Generosity?</u> Brendon Collins and Richard Livingston, UCCIB, Workshop Leaders</p> <p>Your ministry exists to better the community and its people. Through your acts of generosity, love and justice hopefully you are able to do just that! But who is looking out for your ministry? With a few loss prevention tools in place and a few smart decisions on insurance coverage you can rest assured that there will be minimal interruption to the mission of your ministry if tragedy strikes.</p>
<p>20</p>	<p><u>Healthy Endowments</u> Charlie Kuchenbrod, Workshop Leader</p> <p>Endowments offer the opportunity for a church to integrate the stewardship of wealth into the mission and ministry of the congregation and to provide a model of stewardship for church members. Come learn what to do (and what not to do) to realize this opportunity. Charlie is the Associate Conference Minister for Endowment Ministries.</p>