

Connecticut Conference United Church of Christ  
Hartford, CT

May 7, 2018

Call to the Tri-Conference Annual Meeting  
(the 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the CT Conference)  
MassMutual Center  
1277 Main St, Springfield, MA 01103  
Friday & Saturday: June 15 & 16, 2018



To: Lay & Youth Delegates from Local Churches  
All Authorized Ministers of the Conference  
All Officers of the Conference  
Moderators of Associations  
Former Moderators of the Annual Meetings  
Board of Directors and Committees Named in The Bylaws

This comes to you as the Call and Invitation to the Tri-Conference Annual Meeting (the 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference) <http://www.ctucc.org/annualmeeting>

**Remember that all sessions are open to registered visitors as well as delegates, so be sure to tell others about this historic meeting!**

#### **Registration**

Registration is available on-line at <https://www.ctucc.org/eventdetail/8909660>.  
Please register and pay by Friday, June 1, 2018. *Walk-in registrations will be available however, we cannot guarantee that Saturday lunch tickets will be available as a walk-in registrant.* Registration will begin at 2:30 PM on Friday and again at 7:30 AM on Saturday morning.

#### **Keynote speaker for the Annual Meeting-The Rev. Traci Blackmon**

In addition to the business to be conducted at the meeting, there will be dynamic worship and a keynote address by the Rev. Traci Blackmon, the Executive Minister of Justice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ, and Senior Pastor of Christ The King UCC in Florissant, Missouri. For more information on The Rev. Traci Blackmon click here: <http://uccfiles.com/pdf/TraciBlackmonBio.pdf>

#### **Friday, June 15, 2018**

On Friday afternoon there will be an orientation for new delegates and hearings. The Friday evening plenary will be a special time of worship with all three conferences coming together as one body in Christ. The Rev. Traci Blackmon will be our Keynoter. A worship team comprised of members of all three Conferences have been collaborating to make this a spirit-filled beginning to this historic meeting. Their theme: Hope is On The Way

#### **Saturday, June 16, 2018**

On Saturday morning there will be a joint plenary session in which the TA1 Planning Team will make a presentation to the delegates regarding the New Conference.  
This will be followed by individual plenaries for each Conference to conduct their own business and action items. There will be a presentation by our PROK Korean partnership, Living Waters Award, Silver Lake presentation, and voting on recommended resolutions.  
We will then break for lunch and then attend the Tri-Conference Plenary Session which will lead us into the Tri-Conference Listening Sessions. We will regather and close with worship.  
*See below for business items to be acted upon.*

The Worship Committee is led by the Rev. Chad William Kidd, Minister of Music at the First Congregational Church, UCC in Reading, and co-pastor of the First Congregational Church of Truro and The Rev. Alison Buttrick Patton, Pastor of the Saugatuck Congregational Church of Westport.

### **Authorized Ministers' Lunch**

This years Authorized Ministers Lunch will be held as a separate event. SAVE THE DATE: December 4, 2018. Please look for more details about the authorized ministers' event coming out in the near future on [www.ctucc.org](http://www.ctucc.org).

### **Hospitality**

Due to space restrictions, the Children's Program will be held offsite from Annual Meeting at the Sheraton Hotel. Please check our website at <https://www.ctucc.org/eventdetail/8909660/item/11122410> for more information. More information about special needs and directions can be found on the registration link, <https://www.ctucc.org/eventdetail/annual-meeting-8909660>.

The following business will be discussed and acted upon:

## **Actions Recommended by the three Board of Directors of the Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island conferences**

**A. Proposed Covenant and Affiliation Agreement:** This document expressed the intent of the three conferences to join together in forming a new conference. The three Boards of Directors have voted to ask delegates at their Annual Meetings in June, 2018, to approve these.  
<https://www.macucc.org/files/ta1+documents/3.23.18+draft+covenant+and+affiliation+agreement+condensed+3.28.pdf>

**B. Proposed by-laws for the new Together, As One Conference:** These would be the bylaws for the new conference being formed by the CT, MA and RI conferences. The three Boards of Directors have voted to ask delegates at their Annual Meetings in June, 2018, to approve these.  
<https://www.macucc.org/files/ta1+documents/3.23.18+draft+ta1+corp.+bylaws.cmc.pdf>

**C. Elect a new TA1 Board of Directors:**  
<https://www.ctucc.org/newsdetail/together-as-one-planning-team-9254052>

## **Actions Recommended by the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Conference**

### **A. Consent Agenda**

Our Board of Directors uses a method in their meetings called the "Consent Agenda." Attached to this Call are the items on the Consent Agenda with an explanation about a Consent Agenda.

**B. Vote to ratify the proposed changes to the UCC Constitution:** On July 2 and 3, 2017 the Thirty-first General Synod adopted a series of amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the United Church of Christ dealing with the relationship between the United Church of Christ and the United Church of Canada, on authorized ministry and relating to the structure of the Board of Directors and National Setting. The 38 Conferences of the Church are now required to ratify the changes to the Constitution before those Constitutional changes may be implemented.  
[http://www.ucc.org/ucc\\_constitution\\_and\\_bylaws](http://www.ucc.org/ucc_constitution_and_bylaws)

**C. Modification to the CT Conference CTUCC Constitution & By-laws:** The CT Conference Board of Directors has voted to ask delegates at their Annual Meetings in June, 2018, to approve these changes.

**D. Resolutions and such other actions that may come before the meeting.**

Find links to the business items here: <https://www.ctucc.org/annualmeeting>

When we assemble at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, MA, we will be the Body of Christ worshipping, praying, deliberating, and making a witness to Jesus Christ. Come prayerfully, thoughtfully, and enthusiastically to seek God's wisdom for our common mission as the United Church of Christ in Connecticut.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kent J. Siladi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small flourish at the end.

The Rev. Kent J. Siladi  
Conference Minister