

# January 2024 Monthly Packet

Happy New Year!

[News and requests from the conference office](#)

- It's time for the **Yearbook Reports**. We are working on getting the information out to our Local Churches this week.
- **Please send your year-end donations by mail to the conference office by January 15th.**
- [2024 dues update](#) As voted at the last annual meeting, please be informed that 2024 member dues are \$6 per member. Invoices will be sent out at the beginning of February using member numbers from 2023. If needed, churches should correct the invoice with updated member numbers.
- Also expected very soon: the **Annual Information Review forms for clergy**.

## *Conference Calendar*

If you'd like your committee meeting or event added to the calendar, please send an email to [office@pncucc.org](mailto:office@pncucc.org).

*All meetings are online unless otherwise indicated.*

**2024**

**January**

- 1 Conference Office Closed
- 2 Board of Directors meeting; 6:30-8:00pm
- 3 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am
- 4 Moderators Meeting; 7:00-8:00pm
  
- 9 Church Development Committee; 1:15-2:30pm
- 10 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am
- 11 Committee on Ministry-Westside; 9:30am-2:30pm
  
- 15 Conference Office Closed to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 16 Dismantling Racism; 5:30-7:00pm
- 17 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am
- 18 Moderators Meeting; 7:00-8:30
- 19 Eastside Committee on Ministry Meeting; 10:00am-2:00pm
  
- 24 Jonna's Office Hour; 7:30-10:30am
- 27 Ordination of Steve King; Spirit of Peace UCC; 1:00pm
  
- 31 Jonna's Office Hour; 7:30-10:30am



*The Pacific Northwest Conference  
of the United Church of Christ  
and  
Spirit of Peace United Church of Christ*

*Invite you to the ordination of*

*Steven King*

*at*

*Spirit of Peace UCC  
in the sanctuary of the host church,  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
745 Front Street S,  
Issaquah, WA 98027*

*January 27, 2024  
1:00 p.m.*

*Hors d'oeuvres will follow*



**Steve King** is a graduate of Claremont School of Theology and currently a member in discernment of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the UCC. He has been in ministry for over 20 years, including: music/art, Christian education, and ministerial roles.

Over the past two years has been serving primarily as pulpit supply for pastors who are on sabbatical or other extended leave. Steve has a passion for seeing the social and spiritual vision of Jesus played out here and now. He is looking forward to ordination in the near future.

Steve is the proud father of 4 children, several pets, and husband to Rebekah. He enjoys being outside as much as possible and taking in all the Northwest has to offer, whether through scuba diving, hiking, camping, or cycling. When he can't do any of those, you'll find him reading the nearest book he can find.

## Transitions

The Board of Directors has extended **Morag Stewart's** term by one year and they approved **Ann-Marie Illsley** as a member as requested by the Eastside Committee on Ministry.

On January 27, the ordination of **Steve King** will take place at Spirit of Peace UCC in Issaquah.

**Amanda Sullivan Kersey's** Covenant was approved at the December meeting of COM-W.

### [Monday, January 29, 6:00 – 9:00pm ET, Boundary Awareness Training for Ministers in Specialized Settings, with Revs. Tara Barber and Anissa Glaser-Bacon](#)

This training, hosted by Revs. Tara Barber and Anissa Glaser-Bacon, is open to ministers serving in specialized settings throughout the United Church of Christ. Serving in specialized settings requires particular attention to boundaries within the ministry setting and home church that are challenging and different from those serving as local church pastors. This training will focus on matters that relate specifically to issues that these ministers face, providing opportunities for clergy to reflect on best practices and growth in their practice of ministry.

\*Note - This training completes individual requirements for boundary training ONLY WHEN authorized by a local Committee on Ministry.

### [Wednesday, January 31, 3:00 – 5:00pm ET Pastoral Support Committee Training with Rev. Tara Barber](#)

Not your Predecessors PPRC! Pastor/Parish Relations Committees have provided essential leadership in the life of a congregation. And the name has led to some confusion about the focus of their role. Come to this workshop as we explore what it means to become a Pastoral Support Committee - what it is and what it is not. We'll be talking through and naming the priorities and commitments of a well-functioning PSC. Rev. Tara Barber will share best practices from around the church and be prepared to answer your questions. Open to pastors, lay leaders, and judicatory staff.

# Men's Retreat

“Evolving Masculinities: Inter-Generational Perspectives & Conversations”.

at Pilgrim Firs

February 2-4, 2024

Optional Silent Retreat on Thursday, February 1, starting at 7 pm.

**Reverend Dan Stern** will lead this year's retreat. There will be music, singing, a wisdom circle and, as afore mentioned, an optional silent retreat Thursday evening (February 1) to begin the weekend. The committee explored adding a Zoom option for remote attendance but that's not yet feasible.

We understand the risk of illness is ever present. Please don't attend if you are uncomfortable with the risk. Feel free to wear a mask to lessen your exposure. The cost of the retreat is \$165.00 for Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast with lodging for two nights. There is also a Silent Retreat from Thursday (February 1st) after dinner to Friday at 5 pm. The cost is \$249.00 for Thursday night through Sunday morning, meals and lodging.

For Program, scholarship or logistics information contact Rick Russell at [myrtos@comcast.net](mailto:myrtos@comcast.net) or 206-999-6968

Yours on the Jesus Way, Rick Russell, Prospect UCC, member of the planning team.

Link to

Register: <https://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?idCamp=367&campCode=nss&idSession=445242>

# PRIMARY SEASON

## PRIORITIZING CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

JANUARY 10, 2024  
1 PM ET

FAITH-ROOTED, PROPHETIC ADVOCACY  
FREE WEBINAR

### UCC Webinar— Primary Season: Prioritizing Climate Solutions

Recent headlines have highlighted a "waning enthusiasm" among voters who have helped propel environmental justice champions into office in previous elections. A decline in enthusiasm has been noted among Black, Hispanic, and young voters. Among voters concerned about the climate crisis, dissatisfaction and anger have arisen as fossil fuel projects in Alaska and Appalachia move forward. In this webinar, we will focus on what can be done to create the momentum needed for champions of climate justice to be elected into office. We will look at how climate solutions can be prioritized in the primaries, so that policies in accord with environmental justice values can be advanced. Our featured webinar guests include speakers from the League of Conservation Voters, the Black Voters Matter Fund, and the Green New Deal Network. Even if you cannot make the webinar at its scheduled time on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm ET, still sign-up, and we will send you a link to a recording of it.

[Register now!](#)

[Hyperlink: [https://UCC.zoom.us/webinar/register/8317012863138/WN\\_T4pCqp6QQ7GZGPbcVJakqw](https://UCC.zoom.us/webinar/register/8317012863138/WN_T4pCqp6QQ7GZGPbcVJakqw)]

# Save the Date!

## N-Sid-Sen Summer Camp 2024

### “Linked by Love”

*Intermediate (grades 5 & 6) and Junior High Camp (grades 7-9)*

*July 14 - 20*

*Senior High Camp (grades 10-13)*

*July 21 - 27*

*You and Me Camp (grades 1-5 with an adult family member) July 21 - 24*

*Kids Camp (grades 2-4) July 24 - 27*

*Emerging Young Adult (ages 19-35) TBA*

*Grade listed is the grade entering in the fall of 2024*

*Family Camp July 28 - August 3*

*Camp Together - August 4 - 10*

**Registration Opens February 1, 2024 at [www.n-sid-sen.org](http://www.n-sid-sen.org)**



## ***December Celebrations***

Best wishes to our clergy and their partners on their special days.

### ***Ordinations***

Roy Hoover	61 years
Donene Blair	13 years
Jane Sorenson	20 years
Paul Forman	56 years
Amy Furth	29 years
Harold Bergmann	9 years

### ***Birthdays***

Valerie Garrick  
Thomas Riedlinger  
Paul Topper  
Matthew Emery  
Carl Guess  
Lisa Horst Clark  
Chuck Blaisdell  
Rachael Weasley  
Carol Scott-Kassner  
Diane Darling  
Dan Stern  
Jonathan Bliss  
Terry Teigen

### ***Anniversaries***

Debra Jarvis & Wes Van Voorhis  
Judith Bardsley & Paul Topper  
Niutunu & Faaulu Faiupu  
Kaye Hult & Al Torres  
William & Marybeth Maury-Holmes  
David & Lois Brown  
Ronald & Shirley Hutchinson  
James & Barbara Spraker