

July Monthly Packet



General Synod is live-streaming! <https://www.ucc.org/gs-livestream/>. From June 30th until July 4th.

The Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson was elected to be the first woman to lead the UCC: <https://www.ucc.org/karen-georgia-thompson-becomes-first-woman-to-lead-ucc-in-historic-vote/>

For more about the proposed resolutions: <https://generalsynod.org/proposed-resolutions>
Some of these have already been voted on.

We encourage you to be informed about the National Office and to watch the live-streaming when you are able.

To read the Monthly Packet on our website, click [here](#).

Conference Directory

The Conference Directory has been updated with the newly elected Committee and Board members. If you'd like a copy emailed to you, please contact Arlene at arlene@pncucc.org.

Transitions

On June 4, 2023 the **Newport UCC** voted to sever their relationship from the PNC-UCC and the national UCC. Their new name is The Newport Community Church and they have no affiliation with our conference or the national UCC.

The Committee on Ministry met with Rev. Melanie Oommen for **Boundary Training for Committee on Ministry members**.

The **Rev. Cristina Airaghi** has requested resignation from UCC Ministerial Standing. Select members of the COM met with her and are honoring re request, accepted without prejudice.

Both Eastside Committee on Ministry and Westside Committee on Minister have approved the revised **checklists for Privilege of Call and Dual Standing**. They are now posted on the PNC website under COM Resources.

Conference Calendar

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

July

- 1-4 34th UCC General Synod; Indianapolis, IN
- 4 Independence Day, Conference office is closed
- 5 Jonna's Office Hour; online at 9:30-10:30am
- 6 Moderators Meeting; online at 7:00-8:00pm

- 12 Jonna's Office Hour; online at 9:30-10:30am
- 13 Westside Committee on Ministry meeting; online; 9:30am-2:30pm
- 13 Church Development Committee meeting; 1:15-3:00pm

- 18 Dismantling Racism meeting; online; 5:30-7:00pm
- 19 Jonna's Office Hour; online at 9:30-10:30am
- 20 Personnel Committee Meeting; 2:30-4:00
- 20 Board of Directors meeting; online; 6:30-8:00
- 20 Moderators Meeting; online; 7:00-8:30pm

- 26 Jonna's Office Hour; online at 9:30-10:30am

Interim Conference Minister Search

The Board of Directors voted to establish a committee to begin the search for an Intentional Interim Conference Minister. This person could serve for up to 36 months. They had initial training with Lee Albertson, the resource person at the National Setting for conference minister search committees.

The timeline established is as follows:

Always welcome are prayers for the Conference and this process.

May 15 Position posted to the national's page for Employment Opportunities

June 30 Position posting closes

Late June/Early July Profiles will be forwarded to the Committee members (confidential)

July Committee will read profiles and have discussion and prioritize profiles (confidential) and have interviews.

Early August Name will be brought to Board of Directors and voted on. The candidate may have to give 60 days notice at their current position, if applicable. Once a contract has been signed the person will be made public to the Conference.

October Possible starting date of the Intentional Interim Conference Minister for PNCUCC.

Please forward any questions or concerns to Indigo Brown or Esther Sanders.

May God's blessings be abundantly known in your ministry settings.

Committee members (alphabetical by last name) :

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In Grace and Peace,

Rev. Esther Sanders, BCC

Churches hit with vandalism

Another one of our churches' Pride Display has been the target of vandalism. Veradale UCC in Spokane Valley had their pride flags stolen and "Lev 2013" was drawn on their lawn with fuel. The Rev. Heywood responded with "Love is Greater than Hate" potluck gathering. Both stories were in local publications and posted on the Veradale UCC Facebook page. Several other churches in our conference have also been vandalized.

UCC Events



UCC Webinar— Seeing through the Smoke: Wildfires, Climate, and a Path Forward

How can we find a path forward in addressing the wildfires that have created a landscape of crisis in our climate changed world? This webinar will feature leading thinkers and practitioners in answering this question. Even if you cannot make the webinar at its scheduled time on July 12th at 1 pm ET, still sign-up, and we will send you a link to a recording of it. [Register now!](#)



July Celebrations

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

Ordinations

Jim Halfaker	61 years	Bill Kirlin-Hackett	38 years
Judith Bardsley	33 years	Esther Sanders	26 years
Jennifer Rupp	18 years	Tara Leininger	17 years
Bonnie Dalious	38 years	Jeffrey Lee Barker	30 years
Katy Lloyd	27 years	Carson Hawks	1 year
Niutunu Faiupu	18 years	Tara Barber	22 years
Amy Hitchens	19 years	Bob Ingalls	51 years

Birthdays

Jennifer Jerbi	Stephen Eriksen	Andrew Gill
Ronald Hutchinson	Georgia Nelson	Edith Jackson
Sally Balmer	Amy Furth	Amara Oden
Robert Rieke	Ann Eidson	Kevin Bechtold
Sandra Rosen	Rachel Haxtema	Bruce Wilson
Kathryn Sharp	Georgann Peck	Robert Anderson
Marj Johnston	Faaulu Faiupu	Stevi Hamill
Joyce Wyanski	Angela Ying	

Anniversaries

Paul & Kathie Forman
Kendall & Sonia Baker Baker
Tara & Donovan Johnson Leininger
Kris & Michael Ostrem
Bianca Davis-Lovelace Davis & Melvin Lovelace
Bill & Susan Kirlin-Hackett
Amy Hitchens & Shannon Thomas
Steve & Jennifer Jerbi
Mimi Lane & Peggy Jo Skill
David & Marcia Royer