

November Monthly Packet

'A new thing': Thompson's historic installation surrounded by multiple traditions, interfaith partners and joyful noise. [See story on UCC.org.](#)

Conference Calendar

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

All meetings are online unless otherwise indicated.

November

- 1 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am
- 2 Moderators Meeting; 7:00-8:00pm
- 3-5 Board Retreat; Pilgrim Firs
- 6-8 'Tis Eco Theology's Season – Retreat at N-Sid-Sen (Zoom option available)
- 6 Annual Meeting Planning Committee meeting; 6:00-7:00pm
- 7 Board of Directors Meeting; 6:30-8:00pm
- 8 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am
- 9 Westside Committee on Ministry meeting; 9:30am-2:30pm
- 14 Church Development Committee meeting; 1:15-3:00pm
- 15 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am
- 16 Personnel Committee meeting; 2:30-3:30pm
- 16 Moderators Meeting; 7:00-8:00pm
- 17 Eastside Committee on Ministry meeting; 10:00am-1:00pm
- 21 Dismantling Racism; 5:30-7:00pm
- 22 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am
- 23 Thanksgiving Day – Conference office closed
- 24 Conference Office Closed
- 29 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am

December

- 5 Board of Directors Meeting; 6:30-8:00pm
- 6 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am
- 7 Moderators Meeting; 7:00-8:00pm
- 12 Church Development Committee meeting; 1:15-3:00pm
- 13 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am
- 14 Westside Committee on Ministry meeting; 9:30am-2:30pm
- 15 Eastside Committee on Ministry meeting; 10:00am-1:00pm
- 19 Dismantling Racism; 5:30-7:00pm
- 21 Personnel Committee meeting; 2:30-3:30pm
- 21 Moderators Meeting; 7:00-8:00pm
- 22 Conference office closes at noon
- 25 Conference office closed for Christmas Day

Transitions

At the September meeting of the Eastside Committee on Ministry, the **Rev. Anne-Marie Illsley** was approved for transfer of standing into our conference. She serves at the First Congregational Church in Walla Walla. Janel Rieve transitioned out of lay ministry.

At the October meeting of the Westside Committee on Ministry, the **Rev. Dennis Calhoun** was approved for transfer of standing into our conference.

The **Rev. Michael Ellick** was installed as Minister of Worship and Care at University Congregational UCC on October 22nd.

The [Clergy Compensation Guidelines](#) has been updated with new figures. The revised document is posted on the PNC website.

Boundary Training for Retired Clergy

[Monday, November 6, 5:30-8:30pm ET - Boundary Training for Retired Clergy](#)

By request, we have added another BAT for those considering retirement or who are already in retirement. Join us for a focused conversation on boundary topics faced in retirement – identity, leaving well, exempt status, as well as a refresher on the Ministerial Code, power, and accountability. Led by Revs. Tara Barber, Melanie Oommen, and Anissa Glaser-Bacon.

All MESA trainings require advance registration; a confirmation email will then be sent to registrants with additional information.

[Registration available here.](#)

N-Sid-Sen and The Pine Pulpit

Present

“ 'Tis Eco Theology's Season”

Advent Liturgy Planning

November 6 – 8 (Mon – Wed)

(Zoom options available)

All Conferences and Denominations Welcome, bring a friend!

Cost: \$125 per person (No cost for the Zoom option)

Monday Nov 6, arrive any time after 2pm, dinner at 6 pm

Tuesday Nov 7, lite continental breakfast 7-9 am

Brunch 11:00 am

Dinner 6:00 pm

Wednesday Nov 8, full breakfast at 8:30 am

Sending at 11:00 am

Must be active clergy in any setting

To reserve your spot, in person or by Zoom,

please e-mail or call N-Sid-Sen

director@n-sid-sen.org

208-689-3489

Staff Column

Do you know your social location?

I attended a Zoom workshop about social location, organized by the Justice Leadership Program and facilitated by Rev. Dr. Yuki Schwartz, Assistant Professor of Constructive Theologies, Spirituality & Decolonial Studies at Claremont School of Theology. (Full disclosure, Yuki used to be an associate pastor at Keystone Church, UCC, in Seattle, which is my home church.)

This workshop was intended to build leadership skills and knowledge for the work of social justice. It included a YouTube crash course on sociology.

An individual's social location can include a combination of factors including gender, race, social class, age, ability, religion, sexual orientation, your class position, your job, your relationships and whatever you want someone to know about you. These identifies may change over time.

Based on your social location, you may find ways you are *able and unable* to relate to others' experiences. It may point out ways that you experience privilege and power, or oppression and marginalization. It is one tool that people can use in their justice work.

The reason I am writing about this is not to try to educate anyone. I know far too little about this subject. But it occurred to me that as we do the work of the conference, it is helpful for me to keep I mind my social location as defined by me, and that you may not know my social location since we don't necessarily talk about it.

Here are some elements of my social location:

She/her or they/them

European American: Ancestors are from England, The Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, and Ireland

Cisgender female

US citizen born in the Midwest

Christian

Mother, sister, daughter, aunt

Working Class

Currently Food and Housing Secure

Major health issues

The Justice Leadership Program will have more workshops in November, December, and next year. Look for the announcements in the Monthly Packet on our website.

Arlene Hobson

Executive Administrator

Pacific Northwest Conference of the UCC

Stewardship Committee Update

The Stewardship committee has been busy this past month with several projects. At their last meeting, the committee voted to move \$1.9 million in assets at United Church Funds from Balanced Fund to Beyond Fossil Fuels Balanced Fund. This move is in alignment with our Conference values and is sound financial Stewardship. You can learn more about the Beyond Fossil Fuels fund by visiting United Church Funds (<https://ucfunds.org/>).

The committee also decided to send handwritten letters of thanks to all our churches who contribute to OCWM. OCWM contributions are critical to sustaining Conference and wider denominational support. Thank you Conference churches, their members, and our Stewardship committee volunteers!

Next, Giving Tuesday will be here before you know it. The Stewardship committee will be sending an appeal to all our Friends of the Conference in November. Thanks to all our Friends of the Conference for their continued support!

The Stewardship committee also updated the Conference Financial Policies and submitted them to the Board for their approval. The Financial Policies guide the staff and Stewardship Committee on best practices and procedures.

Lastly, a reminder to all Conference churches. At last year's annual meeting, delegates voted to increase membership dues to \$6 per member in 2024. These dues are also critical to sustaining our Conference.

Many thanks to Martha Baldwin and Tom Miller for co-chairing the Stewardship Committee this year.

UCC Events

Please check out these important [Upcoming Webinars](#) on the UCC website.



**FROM GREENWASHING
TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

The Struggle over the UN Climate Conference

A FREE WEBINAR

 **November 8th, 2023**
1:00 – 2:00 pm

Register Now
<https://bit.ly/UnitedNationsGreenwashing>

UCC Webinar—From Greenwashing to Environmental Justice at UN Climate Conference

The President of the upcoming UN Climate Conference is the CEO of the one of the world's largest oil producers and is currently working to aggressively expand his company's production. In this webinar, panelists will not only provide a critical assessment of the greenwashing and corporate capture of this conference, but they will also cast an alternative vision and pathway forward. The world deserves and desperately needs a UN process dedicated to the advancement of all peoples, a core principle of the UN Charter. Even if you cannot make the webinar at its scheduled time on November 8th 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/8716782925025/WN_63Jjwy1IT9GkdRtXVNNksQ]



November Celebrations

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

Ordinations

| | | | |
|--------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|
| Robert Jackson | 54 years | Jerry Chang | 3 years |
| Marj Johnston | 15 years | Stephen Haddan | 22 years |
| Roderick Mackenzie | 63 years | Genavieve Heywood | 33 years |
| Georgann Peck | 10 years | Debra Jarvis | 33 years |
| Craig Rennebohm | 52 years | Kerby Avedovech | 12 years |
| Catherine Foote | 30 years | Robert Rieke | 49 years |
| Richard Gamble | 34 years | Patricia Knorpp-Williams | 40 years |
| Ed Evans | 26 years | Andrew Gill | 10 years |
| Dan Stern | 36 years | | |

Birthdays

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Kirk Kassner | Pat Bennett | Jodie Hollinger-Lant |
| Lois Brown | David Isla | Gail Crouch |
| Cindi Abbott | Iona Parker | Beth Plumbo |
| Wayne Wilson | Sam Rennebohm | Beverly |
| Thomas Carson | Daniel Schnabel | Jenden-Riedlinger |
| Patricia | Carol Taylor | Harold Bergmann |
| Knorpp-Williams | Greg Turk | Evelyn Kroehler |
| David Kratz | Catherine Foote | Melvin Lovelace |

Anniversaries

Joan Sulser & Kurt Jensen
 Fred Hutchinson & Ruth Bishop
 Floyd & Jean Emerson