

## October Monthly Packet

October is Clergy Appreciation Month with October 8th designated as Clergy Appreciation Day. Please join the conference in celebrating the contributions of pastors, chaplains, and ministerial leaders now and throughout the year. We appreciate the contributions of our clergy and the many ways they minister to all of us throughout the conference.

# 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.*

### October

- 3 Board of Directors Meeting; 6:30-8:00pm
- 4 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am
- 5 Moderators Meeting; 7:00-8:00pm
  
- 9 Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 10 Church Development Committee meeting; 1:15-3:00pm
- 11 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am
- 12 Westside Committee on Ministry meeting; 9:30am-2:30pm
  
- 17 Dismantling Racism Meeting; 5:30-7:00pm
- 18 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am
- 19 Personnel Committee Meeting; 2:30-4:00pm
- 19 Moderators Meeting; 7:00-8:30pm
- 20 Eastside Committee on Ministry meeting; 10:00am-1:00pm
  
- 25 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am

### November

- 1 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am
- 2 Moderators Meeting; 7:00-8:00pm
  
- 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 Moderators Meeting; 7:00-8:00pm
- 17 Eastside Committee on Ministry meeting; 10:00am-1:00pm

## Camp News

**Thanks to the dedicated N-Sid-Sen** leaders, we are happy to announce that N-Sid-Sen has been awarded an AmeriCorps NCCC Team for the November-December round! The team will arrive around the 1st of November and stay until the 3rd week of December. Their main job will be fire mitigation - cutting down the overgrowth, bushes, and saplings throughout the property. And more great news!! We are very excited to welcome a full-time resident Kitchen Boss/Chef to our staff! We are looking forward to holiday parties and fund-raising dinners throughout the winter season.

## Transitions

**Rachael Haxtema** was ordained on September 24, at Keystone Church, UCC in Seattle. At the September meeting of the Westside Committee on Ministry,

The entire Committee on Ministry (East and West) has approved Rev. Amy Johnson's **OWL program** to be designated "Endorsed by the COM".

## UCC Events

The installation of the Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, will be held Oct. 20th. Click [here](#) for information.

## Our Whole Lives Taking Flight webinar on LGBTQ+ and Aging

Join us on Oct 4th at 9:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) for the Our Whole Lives Taking Flight webinar on LGBTQ+ and Aging. Our panelists include Dr. Wilhelmina Perry, Rev. Anne Holmes, Dr. Jane Fleishman and Rev. Meg Riley. You can register here: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)  
All webinars are recorded and available after the fact here: <http://bit.ly/3X4XWaT>

## Writing Workshops Offered by Gathering Ground

This fall, [Gathering Ground](#) is offering a short series of writing workshops which might be of interest to you or your congregations. We'd appreciate you sharing the word for those who might find it an affirming or fun way to creatively engage with their story. Taking the perspective of "queering" is a deeply theological exercise that enriches anyone!

### Queering Your Journey Writing Workshops

Explore ourselves and the people in our lives as heroes, through a lens of queerness. Writers of all levels welcome, in a space that welcomes those who are queer, those who are

not, and those who are still figuring it out! Offered both [In person](#) and [online](#). You are welcome to attend one or both workshops in the series. Contribute-as-you-can as you rsvp. Led by Elijah Merrill (he/him) a fantasy novelist, a playwright, and the Curator of Writing at Gathering Ground.

In Person: Sundays 10/8 & 10/22, 12:30-2:30pm

Online: Thursdays 10/12 & 10/26, 7:00-9:00pm

Event post [here](#)

Poster available [here](#)

**The Rev. Dr. Yvonne Delk**  
**Making Visible The Fifth Strand**  
**[Plymouth UCC](#)**  
**SUNDAY, OCT 15!**

The PNC invites congregations to learn the often-untold story about our Afro-Christian roots in the shaping of the UCC faith tradition. Join us for this rare opportunity!

\* **10:30 AM Worship:** The Rev. Dr. Yvonne Delk preaching, [Plymouth Church Seattle, UCC](#). In-person and online.

\* **After Worship: Presentation** by The Rev. Dr. Yvonne Delk, editor, [Afro-Christian Convention: The Fifth Stream of the United Church of Christ \(Pilgrim Press, 2023\)](#), on the Convention's [Franklinton Center at Bricks](#) in nurturing racial equity and justice. In-person, interactive, hybrid event. Introduction by Rev. Joanne Braxton, PhD, President of the [Braxton Institute for Sustainability, Resiliency and Joy at Plymouth Church](#).

\* **Monday, October 16: Dialogue on Resisting and Thriving.** Mother Delk leads a small group conversation about the significance of the [Franklinton Center at Bricks](#) as a fundamental UCC resource for the Conference. Facilitated by Dr. Braxton. For Conference leaders, congregants, friends of the Conference. TBA. Maximum 20 participants. To sign up: [jbra...@braxtoninstitute.org](mailto:jbra...@braxtoninstitute.org).

The Afro-Christian Convention encompassed 25,000 members from Texas to Virginia, 150 churches, a publishing house, schools, local and global missions, and an indomitable spirit of resilience and faith.

The Rev Dr Yvonne Delk, or Mother Delk, is a national award-winning preacher, educator, and social justice advocate with 60 years of experience across 5 continents. She serves on the Board of Trustees for the Franklinton Center at the Bricks, established by the Afro-Christian Convention 150 years ago, and an ongoing UCC legacy institution, for retreats, research, and social justice.

## Coalition of congregations and partners to host a four-night revival



This fall a coalition of congregations and partners are hosting a 4-night revival. Our theme is “Reclaiming the Welfare of the City: A Revival for Racial Reconciliation,” based on the scripture Jeremiah 29. Our revival will include vibrant music, powerful preaching, creative expression, and multi-racial community building.

Our revival begins on **October 3rd** at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Seattle’s Central District. Rev. Yolanda Norton, founder of Global Arts and Theology Experience (GATE) and the curator of the Beyoncé Mass, is our opening night preacher. GATE’s *Black Girl Magic Ensemble* will lead music. This is the same worship team that brought the Beyoncé Mass to Seattle in the spring of 2021.

On **October 4th**, we will gather at Quest Church in Ballard. In partnership with Acts On Stage theater, we present a unique arts-based, interactive worship & workshop experience. This night of the revival invites attendees to witness and then discuss a theatrical presentation entitled, *Story of An Off Brand Band*. Written by Michelle Lang-Raymond, this one-act play is an art imitating life piece that centers us on the Micah 6:8 call to "do justice,

love mercy, and walk humbly with God". Suitable for all ages. Discussion groups will be based on age with mild facilitation.

On **October 5th**, we converge downtown at Plymouth United Church of Christ. Preaching this night is Rev. Steve Jerbi, Minister of Christian Formation, Love & Justice at University Congregation UCC in Seattle. The Chancel Choir from UCUCU will offer music and the *Black Girl Magic Ensemble* returns as our praise band.

Our closing night, **October 6th**, moves to the U-district at University Congregational United Church of Christ. Rev. Joe Kim, lead pastor at Bothell United Methodist Church, is our preacher this night. Musical selections will come from the *Black Girl Magic Ensemble* and the praise team at Kingdom Family Worship Center.

Each night we ask the community to bring material goods to support Immanuel Community Services. Details and RSVPs are available at <https://fb.me/e/6wES2uBgK>.

The coalition of congregations and organizations for this revival are: Acts on Stage, Bothell UMC, The Global Arts & Theology Experience, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kingdom Family Worship Center, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Plymouth UCC, Quest Church, University Congregational UCC, and University Gathering UMC. Seed money was provided by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Phyllis and Ralph Swanson Endowment, and the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ’s Church Development Committee.

# Communities of Practice (CoP) 2023/24



*Photo by Rev. Jennifer Butner, used with permission*

**Communities of Practice are support groups organized by the Committee on Ministry, led by trained facilitators, for folks who are in a variety of ministries in our Conference.**

Perhaps you have been part of one at one time, or have been curious. Now is the time to think about this circle of support for 2023/24.

- Groups for specialized ministers, pastors in different contexts and congregation sizes, retired clergy, and more
- Inclusive for Members in Discernment
- Most groups meet on zoom making it possible for groups to exist across the mountains and even time zones

## **What do people say about it?**

*"I am new to the UCC ministry and find it very helpful to be in a group with others who are further along and who offer both encouragement and guidance as I learn to do ministry the UCC way. Our leader poses good questions to get us talking and offers insightful reflections after each one shares."*

*"It's essential!"*

*"Being able to meet regularly with a CoP group of colleagues is one of the best things I do for myself. This group keeps me connected & relative to the PNC & UCC, supports me in my life and ministry and inspires me to grow as we support and learn from one another."*

## **How much does it cost?**

\$250.00 September through June, though some groups opt to meet during the summer too; Scholarships are available

How do I get more info? Contact Rev. Amy Hitchens at [amy@npucc.org](mailto:amy@npucc.org) PNC, UCC



# **A PLEA FROM THE POPE**

**A FREE WEBINAR**

**OCTOBER 11TH AT 1 PM ET**

**ADDRESSING  
CLIMATE AND INEQUALITY  
WITH MORAL URGENCY AND FAITH**

## **UCC Webinar— A Plea from the Pope**

As the feast day of Francis of Assisi is celebrated on October 4th, Pope Francis will release the "second part" of his encyclical on the climate crisis and inequality. The new edition of the encyclical will provide an update to confronting "the senseless war on our common home." A panel of climate faith leaders will reflect upon Pope Francis's plea for climate action. Even if you cannot make the webinar at its scheduled time on October 11<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/6916782922806/WN\\_X2xWiTFW\\_TjCQ\\_dpt7CFpuw](https://UCC.zoom.us/webinar/register/6916782922806/WN_X2xWiTFW_TjCQ_dpt7CFpuw)]

# FAITH ACTION NETWORK

*A Partnership for the Common Good*

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Dear King County Advocates,

We want to share with you some urgent needs in your area and ask if you can help.

## **Help needed for immigrants camping at Riverton Park United Methodist Church in Tukwila!**

You may have seen [today's article in the Seattle Times](#), focused on FAN partner Riverton Park United Methodist Church in Tukwila, which has been hosting and helping more than 180 people--mostly immigrants and asylum seekers--camping at the church. Pastor Jan Bolerjack has told us of several urgent needs:

- **Volunteers** to help respond to requests from those who are camping. A donation coordinator, case managers, immigration helpers and chaos preventers.
- Supplies like tents, blankets, tarps and warm clothes

If you have supplies to share, contact Elizabeth at [dickinson@fanwa.org](mailto:dickinson@fanwa.org) until Riverton Park can find a donations coordinator. If you can volunteer in other ways, please contact **Pastor Jan** by text: 206-612-8648.

## **We also want to share opportunities for King County individuals and faith communities who want to act on homelessness this fall:**

- The Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness is offering trainings for **IN-PERSON VOTING RIGHTS** to help register eligible voters who are homeless, newly or unstably housed, or have past felony convictions. These trainings prepare participants to do informative, non-partisan, and trauma-informed voter education with those who face barriers. **Pre-registration is required** for these trainings.

**Saturday 9/30**, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Seattle's University District.

[Register here](#)

**Tuesday 10/3**, 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Boulevard Park.

[Register here](#)

Contact [Tim](#) with questions or if you want to volunteer with them.

- **FAN has endorsed the renewal of the Seattle Housing Levy** that will appear on your November 7 ballot. This proposed Levy would raise \$970 million over the next seven years. Our taxes will go to produce and preserve 3,500 affordable homes,

provide rental assistance to 4,500 households at risk of eviction, fund operations for permanent supportive housing for 1,150 formerly homeless people, and more. You can learn more about it [here](https://yesforhomes.org/) (<https://yesforhomes.org/>). To help pass the levy, you can:

- Endorse the Levy as a faith community (Although faith communities can't endorse candidates, we can legally support initiatives and bills.)
  - Participate in voter outreach (phone and text banks) through the Coalition on Homelessness. **Email [Hali](#) to get involved.**
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- Residents of Burien are encouraged to write a letter to the editor in response to [Ordinance 818](#) passed this week by a 4-3 majority of the Burien City Council. The ordinance bans people **who** sleep or have tents or other materials related to "camping" in public places from 10.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m.
  - Finally, this fall is full of opportunities to SPEAK UP and make sure Seattle and King County electeds prioritize housing, essential services, and the workers who provide them, and sustain and expand investments in evidence-based practices and policy solutions to homelessness. Contact the **Coalition's [Google site](#)** to be part of shared local advocacy.

We are so inspired and grateful for your action for justice!  
Elizabeth Dickinson and FAN Staff  
FAN Partnership Coordinator  
[FANWA.org](https://FANWA.org)





# *October Celebrations*

## *Ordinations*

David Kratz	51 years	Chris Morton	51 years
Ann Eidson	18 year	David Brown	68 years
Kizzie E. Jones	29 years	Mary Olney-Loyd	41 years
Trina Banks	23 years	Susan Welsh	41 years
Roberta Rominger	41 years	Sophie Morse	3 years
Beth Plumbo	31 years	Judi Edwards	30 years
Kelsey Beebe	5 years	Stephen Eriksen	37 years
Beverly		Greg Kammann	47 years
Jenden-Riedlinger	20 years	Bianca Davis	8 years
Meighan Pritchard	9 years	Lauren Cannon	9 years
Cecilia McKean	21 years	Joy Haertig	37 years
Rick Russell	39 years	Sandra Rosen	40 years
Matthew Emery	17 years	Anthony Robinson	46 years
Kevin Bechtold	5 years	Randall Mullins	46 years
Robert Anderson	62 years		

## *Birthdays*

Sharon Pavelda	Susan Y. Morris	Nell Carlson
Linda Robinson	Chris Morton	Carson Hawks
Emily Tanis-Likkell	Jane Sorenson	Bob Ingalls
Lynnea Mayer	Judith Bardsley	Alice MC Ling
Martha Teigen	Jennifer Rupp	Randall Mullins
Ryan Lambert	Ed Crouch	Terry Rice
Chris Morton	Paul Forman	Donivan Johnson
Richard Gamble	Jackie Mampel	Sandy Wisecarver
	Mark Bonnema	

## *Anniversaries*

Beverly Jenden-Riedlinger & Thomas Riedlinger  
Marj Johnston & Cindi Abbott  
Kathleen Morgan & Ann Lev  
Mark Travis & Michael Tomberg  
Dan Stern & Sam Wilson  
Matthew Emery & Adam Yates