

September News

Welcome back Courtney!

To view all of the conference news, please click: [website](#).

Conference Calendar

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

September

- 1 Moderators Check-in; online; <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/333224991>; 7:00-8:30pm
- 2 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link to be determined; 1-2:00pm

- 5 Conference office closed for Labor Day
- 8 Westside Committee on Ministry; online; 9:30am-2:30pm
- 9 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link to be determined; 1-2:00pm

- 12 PNCUCC Moderator & Board Office 1.5 hours; new link to be determined; 6-7:30pm
- 14 Church Development Committee meeting; 1:00-3:00pm
- 15 Moderators Check-in; online; <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/333224991>; 7:00-8:30pm
- 16 Eastside Committee on Ministry meeting; online; 10:00am-2:00pm
- 16 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link to be determined; 1-2:00pm

- 20 Board of Directors meeting; online; 6:30-8:00pm
- 23 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link to be determined; 1-2:00pm

- 30 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link to be determined; 1-2:00pm

October

- 6 Moderators Check-in; online; <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/333224991>; 7:00-8:30pm
- 7 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link to be determined; 1-2:00pm

- 10 PNCUCC Moderator & Board Office 1.5 hours; new link to be determined; 6-7:30pm
- 12 Church Development Committee meeting; 1:00-3:00pm
- 13 Westside Committee on Ministry; online; 9:30am-2:30pm
- 14 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link to be determined; 1-2:00pm
- 15 Conference Gathering; TBD

- 20 Moderators Check-in; online; <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/333224991>; 7:00-8:30pm
- 21 Eastside Committee on Ministry meeting; online; 10:00am-2:00pm
- 21 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link to be determined; 1-2:00pm

- 28 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link to be determined; 1-2:00pm

Transitions

The following are transitions confirmed by the Committee on Ministry in August.

The Rev. Kelsey Beebe was supported in transferring her standing as requested by the Wisconsin Conference. Her “Dancing Pastor Ministry” will continue to be supported by our conference and Wayside UCC.

The Rev. Sally Balmer has recently retired from serving at Guemes Island UCC. The Committee affirmed **Marcia McLaughlin’s** status with the designation of Retired

Commissioned in our conference.

The Rev. Alice Ling completed her service with the United Church of Christ Congregational in Wallace, Idaho.

September Stewardship Message

Whenever I see the words “Neighbors in Need” I first think back to the early 70’s and a couple, Ken and Virginia Baxter, who started the Seattle Food Bank under that name to help recently laid off Boeing workers and others who were struggling to feed their families. UCC’s campaign called Neighbors in Need focuses on different needs today, but they are just as important. The offering scheduled on the first Sunday in October (although contributions can be received anytime) is directed toward supporting ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. The remaining one-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM), which helps support 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

This is us in the UCC putting our inclusive and extravagant welcome messages about compassion and justice into action. Together we practice what we preach and make a material difference in people’s lives.

The link for finding resources to use in your individual congregations may be found at: <https://www.uccresources.com/a/downloads/-/97cc25186205ad32/e710148ae99ac388>. Contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made online at any time as well through the PNCUCC Conference website <http://bit.ly/PNCUCC-donate> . If you list your local church by your donation, the contribution will be credited toward your church total. The PNCUCC Stewardship Committee is grateful for your support of Neighbors in Need.

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LIFELINE

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PREVENCIÓN DEL
SUICIDIO Y CRISIS

Mental health challenges and emotional distress are at an all-time high among all ages, cultures, genders, economic class, and abilities. Now there is a new resource to help. In addition to the national 911 number, anyone can call 988, either for yourself or for someone else. Services are offered in both English and Spanish. Help spread the word about this new resource by announcing it in your worship bulletins, newsletters, and social media. For more information go to: <https://www.ucc.org/988-calling-all-angels/>



UCC Webinar—The Birth of the Environmental Justice Movement

One of the most significant events in the history of the UCC was a six week nonviolent action campaign that gave birth to the environmental justice movement with its pioneering focus on environmental racism. This webinar will feature three leaders from the protest against the dumping of toxic waste in Warren County, North Carolina: Dollie Burwell, the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Chavis, Jr., and the Rev. William Kearney. Even if you can't make the scheduled time on Wednesday, September 14th at 1 pm ET/12 pm CT/11 am MT/10 am PT, still sign-up, and we will send you a recording. [Register now!](https://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/1616583252566/WN_4QwV55zqR1OISZX1SLqSsA)
[Hyperlink: https://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/1616583252566/WN_4QwV55zqR1OISZX1SLqSsA]

Gender: God's Beloved Diversity

Amy Johnson, UCC Minister for Sexuality Education and Justice will lead an interactive workshop about gender, including the examination of how cultures socialize people around gender, how churches use gender, and biblical interpretations of gender. What does this all mean for you and your church? Join us to find out!

October 2nd at 2 p.m.

Spirit of Peace UCC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Gender Workshop with Amy Johnson

Time: Oct 2, 2022 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86740587127>

Meeting ID: 867 4058 7127

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JUSTICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Justice Leadership Program – Fall application deadline September 23rd

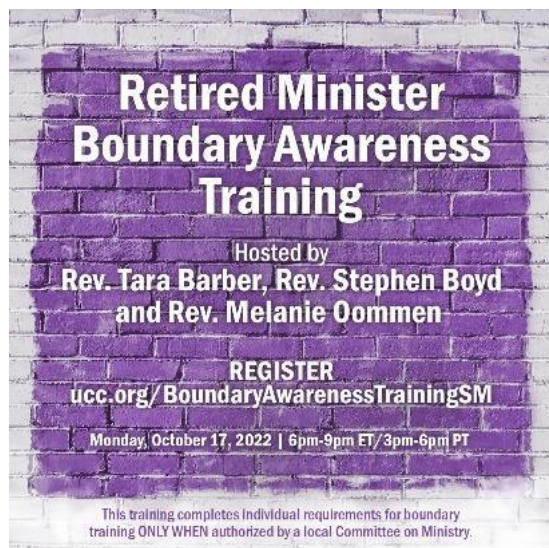
Building on the success of the online spring Jubilee cohort, we're excited to be accepting applications for the fall Jubilee cohort that will run from October 2022 to May 2023. All participants from the spring cohort, hailing from five PNW congregations, agreed that the program was instrumental in their growth as justice leaders. Jubilee is an introductory justice course for adults of any age who want to deepen their understanding of justice and learn practical organizing skills. Program participants meet weekly for skill and knowledge building workshops, spiritual reflection, and group discussion and support.

Apply now for Fall 2022

www.justiceleadership.org

info@justiceleadership.com

Jubilee is a booster grant recipient of Volunteer Ministries of the National UCC, supported by GLOBAL H.O.P.E.



**Retired Minister
Boundary Awareness
Training**

Hosted by
**Rev. Tara Barber, Rev. Stephen Boyd
and Rev. Melanie Oommen**

REGISTER
ucc.org/BoundaryAwarenessTrainingSM

Monday, October 17, 2022 | 6pm-9pm ET / 3pm-6pm PT

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

October 17, 6:00 – 9:00pm ET, Retired Clergy Boundary Training with Revs. Tara Barber, Stephen Boyd, and Rev. Melanie Oommen

Maintaining healthy boundaries is challenging at any stage in ministry and it is particularly tender and difficult attending to boundaries as we transition out of our last call, and while in retirement. Using "A Sure Foundation," "The Ministerial Code" and Rev. Dr. Bruce Epperley's new book, "The Jubilee Years," Rev. Stephen Boyd, Rev. Tara Barber, and Rev. Melanie Oommen will offer a focused Boundary Awareness Training for those entering and living in retirement. Note - This training completes individual requirements for boundary training ONLY WHEN authorized by a local Committee on Ministry.

REV. DR. JIM ANTAL

UCC Leader, Activist, and Public Theologian

HYBRID SEMINAR & SUNDAY SERMON

NOV 5 & 6

It's time for the church to meet the moral challenge of climate change.



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Regional Women's Retreat at the Salishan Resort this November with Jennifer Garrison. See Video: <https://bit.ly/3q2ceur> ([more](#))



Ordinations

	Richard Wyanski	54 years	17	Cristina Airaghi	6 years
1	Larry Winters	56 years	19	Michael Denton	23 years
2	Mark Bonnema	42 years	23	Sally Balmer	33 years
8	Yuki Schwartz	3 years	25	Joan Sulser	34 years
8	Rebecca Withington	10 years	27	Larry Baker	58 years
9	Kaye Hult	38 years	27	Andy CastroLang	24 years
9	Amy Roon	15 years	27	Gail Crouch	31 years
13	Bruce Wilson	7 years	27	Angela Ying	30 years
14	Catharine Cline	9 years	28	Terry Teigen	42 years
15	Marci Scott-Weis	4 years			

Birthdays

2	Jim CastroLang	14	Lyn Kratz	23	Elizabeth Gordon
2	Richard Wyanski	16	Joanie Henjum	23	Joseph Murphy
3	Gary Loyd	17	Allen Chase	25	Jennifer Butner
3	James Spraker	19	Pasi Virta	26	Mimi Lane
5	Ben Files	20	Suzanne Buer	29	Roderick Mackenzie
9	John Ruhland	20	Dee Eisenhauer		
10	Tom Sorenson	22	Carol Blake		

Anniversaries

3	Kathy & Greg Turner
7	Diane Schmitz & Bill Stalder
8	Donald & Lynnea Mayer
9	Art & Jackie Mampel
16	Katy Lloyd & Carl Guess
25	Marcia McLaughlin & Beth Seacord
26	Allysa & Kalyn De Wolf