Greetings! Congratulations on your call and welcome to the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ. Hopefully this letter will be helpful in providing a basic sense of who we are as a Conference.

Each month the Monthly Packet is updated on our website (www.pncucc.org) with information for members of our Conference. I send out an e-mail letting people know it has been updated.

We have two Camps and Conference Centers: N-Sid-Sen (<u>www.n-sid-sen.org</u>) is near Harrison, Idaho and Pilgrim Firs (<u>www.pilgrimfirs.org</u>) is near Poulsbo, Washington.

We also have a conference listsery to post items of conference-wide interest. To join, please send an email to office@pncucc.org with your request to join.

Please download Committee on Ministry's Transfer Checklist for when you are ready to begin the process of transferring your standing. It is available under the "resources" tab, then "Committee on Ministry". The chair of the Committee on Ministry will contact you to arrange an interview when all the checklist materials are received in the conference office. If you have any questions about it or other aspects of the Conference, please feel free to contact me.

Once your transfer has been approved, please contact the office for the latest copy of the Conference Directory. It is updated every year after the Annual Meeting. If you are unable to contact someone listed, just give me a call for the most current information. You may also notice in the Monthly <u>Packet</u> a page called "Celebrations". If you let me know your birthday and other significant dates, I'd like to include you in that page

There are various clergy groups that meet periodically around the Conference. The UCC pastors in your area may be helpful in responding to questions about the Conference and local resources. However, feel free to contact any of our churches or the office, in the hopes of finding good places for clergy support. You may also be interested in joining a Community of Practice group.

Again, welcome!

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