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# Vermont Conference



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## **VT CONFERENCE NEWS**



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**Hi!**

**It is good to write to you today as your new associate conference minister! I started at the beginning of December, and have had the chance to "shadow" my wonderful predecessor, Pam Lucas at a number of events. Pam has had such a meaningful ministry in our conference over the past 19 years, and it has been such a gift for me to see personally just a few of the ways that she has touched the churches and the pastors of our conference. I know that we are all profoundly grateful for her.**

**I have also had the chance to spend some time with our conference minister, Lynn, who has such a wealth of knowledge about our churches and who cares so deeply about our ministry together. Jesse and Charri are also such gifts in our conference office, so it has been a great month to get to know all of them.**

**But now that the Advent and Christmas seasons are over, I am looking forward to getting out to spend time with more of you! I was a parish pastor for 32 years, serving churches of all different sizes, and I am a good listener, so I will look forward to hearing how your ministry is going, both the good and the bad. I also want to hear from you about how our conference can help you, and how you could help the people and churches of our conference.**

**So please reach out to me! You can reach me at [sangreepucc@gmail.com](mailto:sangreepucc@gmail.com), or at 508-838-0475. I would love to get together for lunch or coffee or any other time that is good for you. Invite me to come to spend time with a group, or invite me one-on-one. I would also love to come visit your churches on a Sunday morning-I promise you that I am a good preacher and will not embarrass you!**

**I look forward to our future together!**

**Faithfully yours,  
Paul**

**To remind you.....**

that the last date for the Conference to receive all contributions intended for 2018 is **January 10, 2019.**

This includes contributions toward OCWM Basic Support, as well as all of the UCC special offerings - Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, and the Christmas Fund.

## **ATTENTION**

### **Important Dates for Churches**

The Data Hub will be open to churches at noon on **January 2nd** and will remain available until **March 6th.**

We encourage churches to submit their data prior to the **March 6th deadline** as **there will not** be an extension offered for churches.

### **How To Reach New People**

A workshop for Church Teams to learn how to:  
Reintroduce the church to the community  
Effectively network the pastor in the community  
Teach the congregation to invite

**Each Team will come away with a 6-month Action Plan and coaching for a year. Paul Nickerson will be the Trainer and Coach**

**Key Information:**

**When:** February 9th from 9:00am to -4:00pm (bring a bag lunch. Coffee, cookies and breakfast goodies provided)

**Where:** First Congregational Church, UCC in Springfield, VT ([www.fccuccspfdvt.org](http://www.fccuccspfdvt.org))

**Who:** Each church must have a pastor and at least three lay people attend

**Cost:** \$100.00 per church ( there is an additional cost for the monthly coaching calls.) Churches may apply to the Conference for scholarship help if needed.

**How To Register**

Please send a check made out to Vermont Conference UCC for \$100.00. Please include with the check the name of your church and the names of those who will be attending. You can pay at the door, but you **MUST** call the Conference Office (802-728-4999) to register.

**[Find out more here.....](#)**



**BE THE CHURCH**



**Oxford Background Checks**

**• If you are submitting a background check through Oxford, please  
• let Jesse know who they are and what church it is for.  
• Sometimes, we have no idea who the people are and we need to  
• know who to forward the information to. If you are waiting on  
• results call the Conference Office.**

**• Thanks!**

## **DISASTER RELIEF DONATION CHECKS**

**SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

**ATTN: Financial Services  
United Church of Christ  
700 Prospect Ave. 6th Floor  
Cleveland, OH 44115**

**or**

**Church World Service  
P.O. Box 968  
Elkhart, IN 46515**

**Thank you!**

## **Continuing Education**

**[Theological Education for a Changing World](#)**



<http://www.voicesonstewardship.com>

## UCC NEWS

### 2019 Pension Board Insurance Rates

[Click here for individual 2019 Pension Board Rate Assessment  
Click Here...](#)

To see the PBUCC Explanation Letter and Rate Charts for 2019 Pension Board Rates [Click Here...](#)

## Church World Service



Hannane Oreus's house didn't hold when Hurricane Matthew ripped through Haiti in 2016. Thanks to your support, we've helped to rebuild hers and hundreds of other homes with stronger material built to withstand disasters.

Now, Hannane has a safe home for her family:  
[cwsglobal.org/hannane/](https://cwsglobal.org/hannane/)



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## UCC NEWSFEED

A refugee mother resettled in Columbus will soon welcome her children to their new homeland

A refugee and a mother of four from Uganda will be reuniting with her children soon after a separation of almost five years - thanks to her dogged determination, the continued accompaniment of her church family, and assistance from the national executives of the United Church of Christ.

Annual Fund supports UCC mission of love, justice and peace  
For Betsy and Stanley Dole, UCC members from Michigan, contributing  
to the United Church of Christ Annual Fund is a logical and meaningful  
gift.



Original worship resources for local churches...because Sunday's coming.

## **DINNERS AND SOCIAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Community Suppers**

**Every Friday, 6 pm at the United Church of South Royalton**



**Bradford Congregational Church  
The Community Suppers are the  
4th THURSDAY of each month**

**Pot Luck and Hymn Sing - third Tuesday of every month, 6:pm, at  
the Roxbury Union Congregational Church.**



**Essex Eats Out Community Dinners Continue... 1st Friday of Every Month**  
**[www.essexeatsoout.org](http://www.essexeatsoout.org)**

**United Church of Underhill hosts community dinners on the second Thursday of each month from 5:00-6:30 pm**

**The Waitsfield United Church of Christ Village Meeting House has free community suppers on the last Friday of every month, at 5:30 PM.**

**4335 Main Street, Waitsfield VT 05673 This month will kick off our seventh year.**



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**



**Open Positions - UCC National Offices**

**[See posting here...](#)**

**VERMONT OUTDOOR  
MINISTRIES**

2018 brought our third great week of UCC camp at Rock Point!  
Many thanks to all our campers, volunteer staff and camp staff  
that lead our UCC week!

We are looking forward to filling our camp week with 24 campers  
in 2019 and connecting with God, nature, friends - old and new,  
and reaching out in service...along with all the fun things you can  
do at camp. We hope you will mark your calendars and join us!

[Read More Here.....](#)

Click on the following links for information

[2019 Camp Counseling Information](#)

[2019 Camp Nurse Information](#)

[2019 Camp Lifeguard information](#)

## SAVE THE DATES

ONLINE

UCC History, Theology and Polity Course  
Jan/Feb 2019

A UCC History, Theology and Polity Course that meets the requirements  
as set forth by the UCC Polity Teacher's Network will be offered online in  
Jan/Feb 2019. The instructor will be Rev. David Gaewski, Conference  
Minister of the New York Conference, UCC. Classes will begin at  
9:30am and end at 3:30pm on the following dates: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9.  
The platform utilized will be Zoom Video Conferencing (zoom.us) The  
tuition will be \$495. [For more information click here...](#)



Join UCC and Episcopal church leaders to share stories and  
discover ways to bring your congregation's values, principles  
and practices into your outreach and evangelism efforts. Enjoy

good food, rest and renewal, in a beautiful setting. Ideally, two or more members of a faith community will participate together.

[Read more here.....](#)



**Save the Date**  
**April 30th - May 2nd 2019**  
**Pilgrim Pines, Swanzey, NH**  
**Welcoming Keynote: Rev. Traci Smith**  
**Author of Seamless Faith and Faithful Families**  
**Check out Traci's website**  
**[www.traci-smith.com](http://www.traci-smith.com)**

**Join Rev. Traci Smith as she guides those gathered - Christian educators, pastors, parents, and children's ministry leaders through effective ways to encourage the spiritual lives of families. Leave with a copy of Traci's book, Faithful Families, practical tips and ideas for developing age appropriate faith practices, fostering rich worship experiences for all ages, and nurturing sacred space even in busy times. Open to everyone who is interested in learning child-centered ministry practices.**

**Focus scripture: 1 Corinthians 3**

**Registration information coming soon!**

**We hope you enjoy E-Kit! We welcome submissions for the weekly E-Kit. Please submit your submission by Tuesday of each week! We will be running all events and news in this weekly E-Kit.**  
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