

# What's Happening ?

**An Informal Guide  
to the 135th Annual Meeting  
of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ  
Hill Regional Career High School, New Haven, Connecticut  
October 18 – 20, 2002**

Theme: "God is still speaking..."

Friday, October 18, 2002  
Afternoon Events, Before the Meeting

- 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. **Authorized Ministry Luncheon and Presentation – Yale Divinity School**
- 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
3:30-4:15 p.m. Resolutions Committee Meeting Hill Regional Career High School  
**Reception for 25/50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of Ordination**  
Please come and help us honor all those who have served in ordained ministry for twenty-five or fifty years. A list of those who we will be honoring is included in this mailing. This event will be at Yale Divinity School.
- 4:00 p.m. **Registration and Displays will open at Hill Regional Career High School**
- 4:15 – 5:00 **Resolutions Hearings**  
To be held in the Auditorium and Drama Room at Hill Regional Career High School
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. **Dinner in the Hill Regional Career High School Cafeteria**

Friday, October 18, 2002  
The Meeting Begins – Session One

- 6:15 – 6:25 p.m. **Call to Order & Opening Worship**  
The Rev. Hannah Howe, Moderator, will call the meeting to order. The Reverend William Zito, Conference Chaplain, will be called upon to lead the Annual Meeting in prayer.
- 6:25 p.m. **Welcome and Greetings**  
We will begin with greetings from our hosts, the churches of the

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New Haven Association. We will then introduce the Connecticut Conference staff, honored guests, those who have been ordained or commissioned in the past year, those who have entered newly into ministry in Connecticut, and members of Connecticut congregations who are In Care.

There are some preliminary items of business that must be taken care of at the beginning of our meeting:

1. We will adopt the Rules of Procedure for the Annual Meeting and the Agenda.
2. The Moderator will remind us of the guidelines for the "Presentation of New Matters".
3. The Annual Meeting committees will be appointed.
4. The guidelines for "Speak Outs" will be presented.
5. We will meet our Parliamentarian, the Reverend Malcolm Bertram, Jr., and other guests who will be granted *voice without vote* status.

7:00 p.m.                    **Conference Minister's Address**  
Our Conference Minister, the Reverend Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree, will deliver her annual Conference Minister's Address.

8 - 8:45 p.m.            **Closing Worship**

Saturday, October 19, 2002

8:15 a.m.                    **Registration and Displays Open**

8:30 a.m.                    **Orientation for newly-registered Delegates**  
Since there is only one orientation session, new delegates are encouraged to attend this orientation to be held in the Auditorium. This is the essential quick orientation to the way the Connecticut Conference conducts its business. Especially if you have never been to an Annual Meeting, this is the place to be.

Saturday Morning – Session Two

9:00 a.m.                    **Call to Order, Morning Prayer and Business**  
Our morning will begin with the Moderator's call to order and a time of morning prayer. Business items for our morning session will include a report from the Resolutions Committee on the 2001 resolutions and setting the priority order for the 2002 resolutions.

9:20 – 9:30 a.m.        **Worship & Commissioning those who will be participating in the Annual Meeting Youth Workday Activity**

9:30 – 9:50 a.m.        Wider Church Ministry Team & Colombia Update

9:50 – 10:40 a.m.      **Keynote Address**

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- 10:40 - 10:50 a.m. Bernice Powell Jackson will address the meeting.  
**Break**
- 10:50 – 11:00 a.m. Announcements
- 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Morning Worship
- 11:45 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch in the Cafeteria, Buses leave for Connecticut Women of the UCC Luncheon**
- 12:00 – 1:45 p.m. **Connecticut Women of the UCC Luncheon and Program/Workshop**  
*A special luncheon and program/workshop is being sponsored by the Connecticut Women of the UCC. This event will be held at the Center Church Parish House, New Haven. Transportation will be provided beginning at 12 noon. Please note that those who attend this luncheon and program will not return in time to attend a 1:00 p.m. workshop. (Register on Annual Meeting registration form.)*
- 1:00 – 1:50 p.m. **Workshops**  
Consult flyer included in this mailing. **Sign up for workshops at the time you arrive at Annual Meeting.**

### Saturday Afternoon – Session Three

- 2:00 p.m. **More Business**  
Our afternoon business session will begin with an opportunity for “Speak Outs” and then will proceed with several significant items of business. During this session, we will receive the Report of the Treasurer and a presentation on the 2003 budget. There will be a report on the ministry of Silver Lake Conference Center. There will be an update on the capital campaign. The Annual meeting will begin to consider and act on resolutions. There will be time for Awards to Tithing/Step Up Churches, a Laity Award and reports from our Closely Related Seminaries: Andover Newton Theological School and Bangor Seminary. The Rev. Don Ketcham will present the Board of Directors Report.
- 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. We will continue our business session with Speak Out #2, followed by the report from our Youth on their Work Day experience. We will recognize our new O & A Churches, the Justice and Witness Team. At 6:15 p.m., we will recess for the evening with a benediction by the Chaplain after the dinner.
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner

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## Sunday Morning – Session Five

- 9:00 a.m.           **Yet More Business**  
Our Sunday morning session will include another opportunity for “Speak Outs”. The Annual Meeting will continue with action on resolutions, both Group A and Group B. The Annual Meeting will adopt an annual budget for 2003 based on the recommendation of the Board of Directors. Bylaw revisions will be presented by the Rev. Don Ketcham. The Nominating Committee will present its report and the Annual Meeting will elect officers and committees for the Conference.
- 11:10 a.m.           **Keynote Address**  
Bernice Powell Jackson will offer a second address as we conclude our weekend together.
- 12 noon              **Concluding Business**  
If there is any unresolved business, the Moderator will inform the delegates of the process by which they can extend the Meeting. If there is no remaining business, the final business session of our Annual Meeting will be concluded with an Amenities report, presentations from our Conference Minister, and final remarks from our Moderator.
- 12:15 p.m.           **Recess and Lunch at Cafeteria, Hill Regional Career High School**
- Sunday Afternoon – Festival Worship
- 1:15 p.m.           **Prelude to Worship, United Church on the Green**
- 1:30 p.m.           **Festival Service of Worship**  
We will praise God, enjoy special music, install our new officers, hear a sermon from the Reverend William Zito, Conference Chaplain, and share the meal of Holy Communion. Blessed by God through fellowship with one another, we will go forth from this service, strengthened for another year of service as the United Church of Christ in Connecticut.
- 3:00 p.m.           **Adjournment**  
3:10 p.m.           **Board of Directors will meet at Hill Regional Career High School.**

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