

Fall Annual Meeting

Agenda

142nd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ
Middletown High School

Theme: “Sacred Conversations on Race”

Friday afternoon—October 23, 2009

- 12–3:30 p.m. **Clergy Luncheon with Recognition of 25- and 50-year Ordinands at First Church of Christ Middletown**
Authorized Ministry Presentation
Speakers: Sanford Cloud & The Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson
- 4:00 p.m. **Registration begins at Middletown High School**
- 4:30-5:15 p.m. **Shari Prestemon, Back Bay Mission Update and Information Session**

Regional Ministers- The 5 Regional Ministers, Michael Ciba, Ineke Mitchell, Michael Penn-Strah, Susan Tarolli and Sarah Verasco, and Ron Brown, Associate Conference Minister for Clergy Concerns will be available to answer questions about regional ministry given the reduction of hours for the staff deployed in the Eastern and Fairfield County Regions.
- 5:15 p.m. **Dinner in Cafeteria at Middletown High School**
- Friday evening—The Meeting Begins—Session One
- 6:30 p.m. **Call to Order & Opening Worship**
- 6:45 p.m. **Welcome and Greetings**
Introductions of the Connecticut Conference staff, honored guests, those who have been ordained or commissioned in the past year, those who have newly entered into ministry in Connecticut, and members of Connecticut congregations who are In Care.
Some preliminary items of business will be taken care of through the use of a “Consent Agenda” (see the Call to the meeting)
The Moderator will present guests to be granted *voice without vote* status.
- Treasurer’s Report**
- Speak Out #1 (Sign up at the Registration Table before the meeting begins.)**
- 8:05 p.m. **Order of the Day-Conference Minister’s Address**
Our Conference Minister, the Reverend Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree, will deliver her fourteenth annual Conference Minister’s Address.
- 8:45–9:15 p.m. **Worship**
- 9:15 p.m. **Recess for the evening**

Saturday Morning, October 24, 2009—Session Two

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration Opens**
- 8:30 a.m. **Orientation of New Delegates-Auditorium**
- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Worship**
- 9:15 a.m. **Order of the Day-Keynote**
Rev. Geoffrey Black, General Minister and President, United Church of Christ
- 10 a.m. **Living Waters Award**
Jeri Hepworth, PhD.-Storrs
Professor and Associate Residency Director, Department of Family Medicine,
University of Connecticut School of Medicine
- 10:15 **Experiencing Sacred Conversations on Race**
- Introduction to Sacred Conversations-The Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson,
Minister for Racial Justice, UCC
 - Sacred Conversations Groups
- 12:30 **Lunch – Cafeteria, Middletown High School**

Saturday Afternoon—Session Three

- 1:30 **Speak Out #2**
- 1:45 **Worship**
- 2:30 p.m. **Order of the Day-Board of Directors Report**
- Now For the Future, The Campaign for Silver Lake
 - Recognition of Our Churches Generosity
 - Budget Presentation
 - Resolutions-if any have been submitted
 - New Open and Affirming Congregations
 - Other Business Matters
- 4:00 p.m. **Worship**
- 4:30 p.m. **Adjournment**