



**“God’s Church in a Strange Land: 7 Ways to Thrive”  
Call to the 143<sup>rd</sup> Spring Annual Meeting  
Connecticut Conference United Church of Christ  
(Congregational Christian Churches)  
First Congregational Church of Madison  
26 Meetinghouse Lane  
Saturday, May 8, 2010**

**Please be sure Delegates and Attendees receive this Material.**

**Theme:** Today’s church, at times, feels like it is wandering in a wilderness that is this world in which we minister and live. Come be equipped to face the challenges of today’s church. Learn about ways to grow the church and how to identify and equip leadership for the church of today and tomorrow.

**Keynoters:** We are honored and privileged to have as our keynoters the Rev. Stephen L. Sterner, Executive Minister of the United Church of Christ’s Local Church Ministries and the Rev. Cameron Trimble, Executive Co-director for the Center for Progressive Renewal, a church planting and resourcing organization affiliated with the United Church of Christ.

**Registration** will begin at 8 a.m., with adjournment at 5 p.m. The agenda for the day is available at [www.ctucc.org/annualmeeting/](http://www.ctucc.org/annualmeeting/). Also available: FAQ Answer Sheet with details about the meeting, Consent Agenda with the Rules of Procedure, Biographical information for the Keynote Speakers, Registration Form, the Workshop listing, and directions to First Congregational Church of Madison.

**The Day:** Mr. James Robertson, Moderator, will call us to order at 8:55 a.m. Our Alternate Conference Preacher, the Rev. John Nelson, is planning the opening and closing worship. The closing worship service will include Communion and A Service For Ending An Authorized Ministry for me as your Conference Minister. Elections of officers, the Board of Directors and other committees will be included on the Consent Agenda for action early in the day. An offering for *Silver Lake Scholarships* will be received.

When we assemble at First Congregational Church of Madison, we will be rejuvenated as the Body of Christ—there we will experience the imagination and creativity that is a part of all of us, be challenged to live in ways that invite the spirit in, and worship God with joy. So come prayerfully, thoughtfully, and enthusiastically to seek God’s wisdom for our common mission as the United Church of Christ in Connecticut.

This Call is Sent To:

Visitors and Members Of Local Churches In The Connecticut Conference  
Lay Delegates From Local Churches  
Youth Delegates From Local Churches  
All Authorized Ministers Of The Conference  
All Officers Of The Conference  
Moderators Of Associations  
Former Moderators Of The Annual Meetings  
Board Of Directors And Committees Named In The Bylaws

Sincerely in Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree  
Conference Minister