

FROM THE MINISTRY OF OUTREACH AND MISSION

The 46th Annual Meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference 2010 Annual Meeting

Our delegates are Dodie Younger, Jim O'Brien, Bart Brown, and Sherry Brabham: speak to any of these with questions about the resolutions or about the annual meeting itself. On June 11, 12 and 13 delegates and clergy from throughout the Central Atlantic Conference will gather at the University of Delaware in Newark, DE for the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ. The business coming before the meeting includes:

- 1) Election of officers, board members and General Synod delegates
- 2) Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)-- A proposal to change the percentage of Our Church's Wider Mission received by the Conference from 65% Conference/35% National to 70% Conference/30% National. This motion is being proposed by the Conference Board of Directors in keeping with the Conference By-laws.
- 3) The 2011 Central Atlantic Conference budget as prepared and recommended by the Conference Board of Directors. The 2011 budget includes a 3% salary adjustment for Conference personnel, incorporates the proposed 70/30 OCWM split (see above) and modifies the Conference Endowment by merging it with a portion of the Conference Operating Reserve and allowing for an annual draw of up to 5%.
- 4) A Campaign for the Conference-- The Conference Ministry Team was reduced by two positions on January 1, 2010 as a result of budget reductions. The Board of Directors is recommending development of a "Campaign for the Conference" to restore at least one of these positions with a new purpose, job description, etc. Funds raised would be subject to the OCWM percentage split affirmed by the Conference.
- 5) UCC Constitution and Bylaws Ratification-- The 2009 General Synod of the United Church of Christ adopted revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws of the United Church of Christ. Revisions to the Constitution require a 2/3 majority vote of the 38 United Church of Christ Conferences for ratification. The Board of Directors has placed this item on the Annual Meeting agenda for ratification. The substance of these changes focus on matters concerning preparation for authorized ministry in and on behalf of the United Church of Christ. A link to an explanatory file is on the CAC webpage www.cacucc.org under Annual Meeting business.
- 6) Compensation Guidelines-- The minimum Clergy Compensation Guidelines are reviewed annually by the Operations and Personnel Working Group of the Board of Directors. The Board has affirmed a 3% increase in the compensation grid which is incorporated into these guidelines. The guidelines are used extensively by local churches and the Ministry Team particularly during times of pastoral transition.
- 7) Rear Admiral Stinson will also lead a workshop at the Annual Meeting on Saturday entitled *Ministry to the Military*.

RESOLUTIONS FROM ASSOCIATIONS

- 8) Virginia and Maryland Health Issues-- A resolution from the May 1, 2010 Annual Meeting of the Potomac Association asks the Conference Annual Meeting to affirm two resolutions regarding health issues: "Faith United Against Tobacco in Virginia" And "We Support the Maryland Health Care for All"
- 8) Putting Our Money Where Our Values Are-- A resolution from the May 1, 2010 Annual Meeting of the Catoctin Association calls upon church bodies to examine their banking relationships and, where possible and practical, deliberately move toward relating to banks that have records of fair lending and investing in the communities where they do business. If adopted, the resolution also asks that it be forwarded to the 2011 General Synod of the United Church of Christ for the Synod's consideration.

Details of the various items of business follow or can be found on the CAC website under Annual Meeting business.

INTRODUCING "STILL SPEAKING" MAGAZINE

The UCC is launching a subscription campaign for its new StillSpeaking Magazine. The 88-page magazine will be published twice annually. An inaugural, three-year subscription is \$29 if purchased before July 1. After that, subscriptions will be \$39. Order online at ucc.org/magazine. "StillSpeaking Magazine promises to be a full-sensory experience for readers, with compelling writing and photography that will communicate stories of the best aspirations of the UCC, its members and its churches," said the Rev. J. Bennett Guess, the UCC's director of communications. Other websites of interest: ucc.org/news - the weekly e-zine: Keeping You ePosted. Or a first rate daily devotional: dailydevotional@ucc.org

THE FOOD PANTRY AT BETHEL LOVE

...reports a need for canned vegetables: green beans, corn and mixed vegetables. Please leave your donations in the shopping cart in the narthex. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE

A Starry Night

...a church fundraising event
With dinner and entertainment
Friday, November 19
At the Women's Club of Glen Ridge