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## **What Happens After the Comma?**

The Wisconsin Conference Thursday Workshop Pilgrim Center Chapel, Green Lake WI Thursday, June 7, 2012 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

We believe that "God is still speaking," but what happens after the comma? We not only continue to listen for God, but we also try to figure out how we respond as individuals and as a church.

Come join a conversation with Geoffrey Black at the Thursday Workshop before the Conference Annual meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and talk with our church's national president. We will listen to him, discuss issues that follow, ask questions. We will get to know more about Geoffrey Black and our church.

This year the Thursday workshop will be at Pilgrim Center in the Chapel. We will lunch at Pilgrim Center.

The morning will begin with a brief time for worship and Bible study, led by Geoffrey. Following this centering time Geoffrey will speak about his sense of where we are in the UCC and what is unfolding before us in the months and years to come. There will be a brief time for questions and answers following this presentation. After lunch we will form small groups in which we will discuss what we heard from Geoffrey in the morning and share the questions and comments that arose in our hearts and minds as we listened to him talk. After this small group time, the small group leaders will engage in a "fish-bowl" style of conversation with Geoffrey using what they heard in their small groups as a way of engaging Geoffrey in dialogue about our most pressing questions, concerns comments and encouragements.



The **Rev. Geoffrey A. Black** was elected General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ in June 2009. Prior to that, he served as Conference Minister of the UCC's New York Conference for nine years beginning in 2000. He previously served as a Minister for Church Life and Leadership with the then-Office for Church Life and Leadership (currently Parish Life and Leadership). Prior to joining the staff of OCLL in 1994, he served as Pastor of the Congregational UCC of South Hempstead (N.Y.). During his years in ministry, Black also has served as assistant chaplain at Brown University, associate minister at St. Albans Congregational UCC in Queens, Lecturer in the Field Education Department at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and Protestant chaplain at Adelphi University. Ecumenical commitment, concern for

equal justice, African-American empowerment, and community improvement have shaped Black's ministry in the church and in the communities in which he has lived. This has resulted in his work with organizations such as the Nassau Coalition for Safety and Justice, The Long Island Interracial Alliance for a Common Future, and the Amistad Cultural Center of Long Island, which he co-founded. While living in Ohio, he has been an active member of Caring Communities of Shaker Heights, Ohio, and Partnership 2000 of the Shaker Public schools.

## Registration for the 2012 Thursday Workshop Pilgrim Center Chapel

## Register online at <a href="https://www.wcucc.org">www.wcucc.org</a> or mail in this registration form

Name			
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Daytime phone		E-mail	
Church		City	
Registration & Lunch	\$50.00		
Amount enclosed			

Mail registration with your check, made payable to:

Wisconsin Conference UCC PO Box 435 DeForest, WI 53532-0435

If you plan to stay for the Annual Meeting you must contact Green Lake Conference Center for accommodations and meals. If you wish Thursday dinner, you must ask for it specifically. Call Guest Services at 920-294-3323.

For more information, call the Wisconsin Conference UCC: 608-846-7880 or e-mail Tracy Hauge at thauge@wcucc.org

