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Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, who calls us into new and faithful ways of Living the Light of Christ together.

Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

On behalf of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ and the four Associations of the Conference, it is my privilege as your Conference Moderator to invite you to gather for our Annual Meeting.

This year, because the Wisconsin Conference is hosting the General Synod for our national United Church of Christ in June, our Conference Annual Meeting dates have shifted to April and will take on



Combined Annual Meeting Schedule Friday, April 5, 5:00 pm to Saturday, April 6, 3:45 pm

This year's Annual Meeting begins with dinner at 5:00 pm. The first business session directly follows dinner, at 6:15 pm. A social gathering featuring a live band and cash bar will begin after the business meeting, in the same room. Connect with friends and make new ones!

Saturday begins with breakfast at 7:30 am. The morning program includes a presentation by Conference Minister Rev. Franz Rigert and breakout sessions for Association business. Lunch is at 11:30, followed

a different flavor. We will be including time for the Annual Meetings of our four geographical Associations as well. *The dates for our Combined Annual Meeting are April 5-6, 2019, and we will meet at the Glacier Canyon Conference Center at Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells.*

Our theme for this Combined 2019 Annual Meeting is *"Living the Light."* We will hear from our Conference Minister, the Reverend Franz Rigert, and his presentation will feature a video highlighting how the Wisconsin UCC is living Christ's light in congregations and communities. If you would like to see your congregation or group's story included in this tribute, please record a 1-minute video briefly describing your program or ministry and including a scene of this ministry in action. Deadline for submission is February 20. If you have questions, please contact the Conference Office, or get details [here](#).

Important business to be considered at the 2019 Annual Meeting includes a Resolution Repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery. Congregations all over our Conference have been holding information and discussion sessions on this topic, and resource materials are available on the Conference website under the Justice Ministries tab, or wcucc.org/doctrineofdiscovery.

I look forward to seeing you as we gather together to Live the Light through our one calling in Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Rev. Patricia M. Tucker, Moderator

by an afternoon business session and worship. The meeting will close at 3:45 pm.

The Annual Meeting is being held at the Glacier Canyon Conference Center in the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Map and directions can be found [here](#).

Boundary Training

Need to take your Boundary Training this year? It's easy to do at Annual Meeting. Boundary Training will be held on Friday, April 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Separate registration is required for Boundary Training.

Boundary Training Registration

There will also be time for fun and connecting with others from your Association and Conference. Friday night after business will feature the lively sounds of the Copper Box Band from Oshkosh. You'll also want to check out the various recreational opportunities of the Wilderness Resort. Your Friday night lodging entitles you to enjoy the 4 indoor waterparks all day both Friday and Saturday.

Further information, including the schedule, registration information and room reservation information for the Wilderness Resort are on the Conference website under the "About" tab, Annual Meeting. Or, go to wcucc.org/annualmeeting.

Wilderness Resort can't guarantee rates or availability after March 5, so reserve your room early!

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- Where to start with a new ministry
- How to get unstuck

- Building on your strengths
- How to shift focus from maintenance to mission

Coaching equips clergy to:

- build on their strengths
- identify and act on priorities
- identify ministry goals and work toward them
- thrive in ministry
- [View this video](#) to learn more about clergy coaching!

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- Passionate worship
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- Extravagant generosity
- Intentional Faith Development

Three Resources for Enhancing Your Congregation's Ministry

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Tuesday, March 12, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
 First Congregational UCC
 120 Kuckkan Ln
 Watertown, WI
 Cost: \$15 (includes lunch)



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Register at <https://bit.ly/2FOHgAP> by Monday, March 4. Contact Tisha Brown, tbrown@wcucc.org, with questions. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Conference UCC Catalyst Team, whose mission is to resource and encourage vital and innovative ministries that transform lives.

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering To Be Collected March 31, 2019

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 One Great Hour of Sharing® (OGHS) is the Lenten Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports disaster, refugee, and development activities worldwide. This offering will be collected

Lakeland University Mon., Mar. 4 7-8:15 pm ULRICH CENTER ETHICS COLLOQUY: THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY AND ITS ONGOING EFFECTS

Laun Center, Rm. 209, Lakeland University, W3718 South Dr., Plymouth WI

Larry Littlegeorge is a member of the Hochunk Nation, the Warrior Clan. He was baptized in 1957 at the Hocak (Hochunk) Church (formerly Winnebago), which is part of the WI Conference of the UCC. He completed the WI Conference

in our church and other UCC Churches on March 31, 2019. About 62% of this offering goes overseas in partnership with Church World Service, several Denominations in the US (including the UCC), and local relief agencies who have staff and volunteers organized in areas of need. Most of the expenditures are put into the budget to support long-term sustainable development. All funding is reviewed and monitored by a leadership committee that also reviews grant requests for long-term disaster rehabilitation initiatives.

The remainder of the OGHS offering, approximately 38%, is used domestically for disaster relief, and to aid refugees and immigrants fleeing to the US and territories for a better life. In 2018 in the US states and territories OGHS funds supported victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and Florence, both for immediate aid and for long-term, on-going disaster recovery aid. OGHS funds also supported victims of the fires in Northern California, for example, vulnerable Spanish-speaking people in Sonoma County who might not otherwise be able to effectively access Disaster Aid resources. That is only one example of how OGHS funds also aid other immigrants and migrants in the US who need help. Flood relief was also provided in various areas of the US where there were people and well-organized efforts in place to effectively use resources and funds provided by OGHS and Church World Service (CWS) to help flood victims clean up and relocate. One example of how our Ladysmith and Conrath congregations and others in the Wisconsin Conference's Northwest Association can effectively help in disasters like floods is to purchase materials for and assemble "bucket kits" in advance. These kits are stored at strategic, pre-designated locations and provided promptly to disaster victims and their helpers for clean-up. Learn more about bucket kits at the following link: http://www.ucc.org/disaster_2018_matching_grants_for_cws_kits_home_page

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is extremely efficient, cost-effective way to reach out and help people near and far. On average, for every dollar given to One Great Hour of Sharing, 95 cents is used directly for mission programming; and 5 cents for interpretation materials. Any associated administrative costs are paid by gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission National Basic Support. In 2017, the OGHS offering received over \$2 million. Nearly sixty-five percent of UCC

Lay Academy in 2016 and is currently a spiritual leader of the Hocak Church. Larry has personally felt the effects of racism that he traces back to historic documents like Papal Bulls laying out the Doctrine of Discovery, and he has done a great deal of study and writing on the topic. Rev. Rob McDougall is Associate Conference Minister with primary responsibility for the Northwest Association of the Conference, of which the Hocak Church is part of. Larry and Rob will provide an overview of the Doctrine of Discovery and explain why the issue is being studied by Conference churches prior to considering a resolution to repudiate the Doctrine at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Free; reservations are requested. Please register online by Feb. 25 at www.Lakeland.edu/UlrichCenter or contact Linda Bosman at bosmanlr@lakeland.edu or 920-565-1023 ext. 2151.

Position Announcement Choral Director

First Congregational United Church of Christ, located in Menomonie, Wisconsin, seeks a Choral Director whose primary responsibility is to direct our 35-member adult choir.

Position Announcement Choral Director Choral Director Job Description Application for Employment – Personnel Committee

Book Studies

Community UCC, Medford
"Fear" by Bob Woodward.

First Congregational UCC Menomonie
Evicted, Poverty and Profit in the American
City, Mathew Desmond

First Congregational River Falls
Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro
(fiction)

congregations participate annually in this offering. Let's all reach out on March 31 to people who need our help including immigrants, people in the US and its territories, and people all over the world. Learn more at these links:

<https://www.facebook.com/onegreathourofsharingucc>

http://www.ucc.org/oghs_resources_frequently-asked-questions

St. Paul's

Bluegrass & Bourbon

Tour



September 14-22, 2019

- *Grand Ole Opry
- *Noah's Ark
- *Jack Hannah Zoo
- *Nashville
- *Country Music Hall of Fame

Cost: \$1,399/Person (Double Occupancy Rooms)
*A full brochure is available in the church office upon request!

IGNITE YOUR FIRE, FEED YOUR SOUL,
BUILD YOUR FAITH... IN NATURE'S SANCTUARY

Think about Camp!

<https://ucci.org/>

Something for everyone
Wild Women Weekend/ Tenderfoot/ Adventure Camp/ Mom and Me/
Fall Colors and Cranberries Family Camp/ Bike Camp/Biblical Brewing /
Family Camps and more

Pulpit Supply List

