UCC formed in 1957

Fred Hoskins (Congregational) and James Wagner (E&R) seal the union with an historic handshake
Wisconsin Conference formed in 1962

- Congregational Christian
  - 182 Congregations with 51,628 members

- Evangelical and Reformed
  - 161 Congregations with 50,996 members
Congregational Leaders

Jess Norenberg
Congregational Superintendent

George Nau Burridge
Congregational Lay Leader
Evangelical and Reformed Leaders

Paul Kehle, president
South Wisconsin E&R Synod

John Scheib, president
North Wisconsin E&R Synod
The uniting meeting took place at these Madison churches in October 1962

Memorial E&R

First Congregational
The Clarence McCall Years: 1963-1966
The Conference Office on Marshall Court
The March on Selma

Keith Karau, a UCC college student from Merrill, reflected on his participation
Ecumenism blossomed in the 1960s

Protestant and Catholic youth met at First Congregational UCC in Wisconsin Rapids

Ray Hernandez was Conference Youth Minister in 1966
Conference Annual Meeting in Appleton

Clarence McCall concluded his ministry at the 1965 Annual Meeting
The Ralph Ley Years: 1966-1981
The Ley Staff included:

Jim Savides, Northwest Association Minister
Dick Wichlei, Southwest Association Minister
Roy Alberswerth, Southeast Association Minister
Don Hinze, Northeast Association Minister
Not long ago a well-known magazine held a competition among its readers to list the "eighth deadly sin" and give reasons for their suggestions. I don't know what the winning selection was, but a noted theologian said his entry would have been "the sin of sincerity." He went on to state that one of our basic problems today is that everyone sincerely believes his cause to be a righteous one!

I rather suspect this to be true whether it be in the church, a political campaign, a foreign policy, or some special project for social justice and change.

Jesus himself was placed on the cross by sincere people. He demanded more than sincerity from his followers. They were to be his disciples and do their Father's will. When he accused the Pharisees of being hypocrites, he didn't accuse them of insincerity. He meant that they were merely sincere, not righteous.

As we begin our fall programs and projects, as we return to programs of Christian education, as we engage in evangelism and social mission, as we participate in the election year activities, we must insist that we live our faith so it goes beyond sincerity to truth, wisdom and love. We must strive to have the mind of Christ.

In the final judgment we will not be judged for our sincerity. That will be taken for granted. But we will be judged by the deeds we might have achieved, by the gifts we have wasted and by the service we fail to render.

RALPH P. LEY
Conference President

Campbellsport and West German Congregations
Begin Eleven Month Pastor Exchange

The Campbellsport United Church of Christ and the Evangelical Congregation in Leeden, Westphalia, West Germany, have begun an 11 month pastor exchange. The Rev. George A. Hoffmann, has gone to serve the German church, which dates back to pre-reformation times when it was a convent, and the Rev. Wilfried Mahler has come to Campbellsport with his wife and two year old daughter. The Campbellsport, like the German church is located in a small village and draws its membership from the surrounding rural area.

Both congregations are of the German Reformed heritage. German services were held exclusively in the Campbellsport church until 1917 and regularly until 1951.

To implement the program, parsonages and salaries will be exchanged with each congregation paying insurance and pension for its own pastor.

Wisconsin Conference Churches
Respond To Flood Crisis

The Conference office reports that $9,025.27 has been received from the churches of our Conference and forwarded through the office to Rapid City, S.D., for the much needed flood relief and assistance.

Of the amount $187.23 was sent directly from our summer camps. It is noted that all of the money remitted by our churches has been sent and is already at work to aid those most desperately in need.

In addition to the money remitted through the Conference office, relief gifts have been sent directly to Rapid City by churches and individual members.

Florida and Wisconsin in Family Camp Leadership Exchange

Using the theme "We are His Keepers" the Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Leek, of Holiday, Florida, were key leaders at one of last summer's Moon Beach Family Camps. The exchange will be complete when Dr. and Mrs. Richard Shephard of Madison will appear at a Florida Conference meeting in April, 1973.

Three generations of a ministerial family participated in the ordination service on June 25 for James D. Mohr (right above), oldest son of the Rev. George A. Mohr (left) and grandson of the Rev. John Mohr, retired (center). The service was held at Zion United Church of Christ, Sheboygan. The newly ordained clergyman is minister at First Congregational Church, Milton, and in continuing his studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.
Our Camps have been the “cream of the crop” in the UCC

Moon Beach

Pilgrim Center
Lively Annual Meetings at Lawrence University in Appleton

Plenary sessions took place in the chapel.

Many issues were discussed.
International Exchanges began

An exchange group in East Berlin
General Synod
Delegates in 1977
The Frederick Trost Years: 1981-2001
Lay Academy began in 1994

Bonnie Van Overbeke was the first director
Ecumenical and International Partnerships

* We have had special connections to churches in Germany, Honduras, Mexico, Great Britain, Egypt, France and other countries.
A new Conference Office in De Forest in 1993

Before

After
Annual Meetings were held in Stevens Point from 1996 to 2006
Trost’s impact was far-reaching...
The David Moyer Years: 2001-2013
Since 2006 Annual Meetings have been held at the Green Lake Center.
The camping program has remained strong.

The Ley Chapel at Pilgrim was dedicated in 2009.
Conference Staff in the 1960s

Staff from the 1960s gathered in 1997:
Paul Olm, Dick Wichlei, Joyce Sylvester, David Rohlfing, Ruth Ley, Ray Hernandez, Roy Alberswerth, Jim Savides, and Conference Minister Fred Trost
These people served the Conference

Obid Hofland, youth and camping 1970-1975

Helen Barnhill, moderator in the 1970s
These people served the Conference

Ree Hale, outdoor, youth & young adult ministries, 1982-1990

Ginger Long, assistant to the Conference Minister, 1981-1994

Jackie Mitchell, assistant to the Conference Minister, 1994-2008
These people served the Conference

Bonnie Paulson, Business Manager, 1985-1997

Peter Monkres, Christian Education, Lay Life & Leadership, 1982-1992
These people served the Conference

Mary Nack
Church in Society & Mission Education
1977-1990

Perry Bell
Mission and Stewardship
1990-1997
Northwest Association Ministers

James Savides, 1963-1988

David Moyer, 1988-2001

Jeanny House, 2002-2011
Southeast Association Ministers

Roy Alberswerth, 1965-1981

Robert Horst, 1981-1996

Thomas Bentz, 1996-2010
Northeast Association Ministers

Paul Olm, 1963-1973

Don Hinze, 1973-1995

Joan Sulzer, 1995-2001

Art Wille, 2003-2011
Southwest Association Ministers


Robert Mutton, 1981-2012