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First Congregational UCC, Eau Claire's Urban Immersion at Bethel-Bethany in Milwaukee

Links to the days activities

Day 1, Travel, Underground Railroad stop in Milton, welcome from Pastor Tim.

Day 2, Weeding & planting, tour and preparing lunch at Guest House, Jewish History Museum, St Ben's for dinner.

Day 3, Huevos rancheros, pop-up pie stand, neighborhood clean-up, Brewers, Night Market and sandwich making.

Day 4, Guest House, food pantry, wrong turn park picnic, soul food and "cans"!

Day 5, Final day, Old World Wisconsin and home.



Division of Mission of Church in the World

NEARBY WORKCAMPS

For those who would like to have more options for work camps/mission trips that are closer-by or more that include intergenerational experience, the Division of Mission of the Church in the World has two possibilities to suggest. They are *Urban Immersion* run by Bethel-Bethany United Church of Christ in Milwaukee and *Rockford Work Camps* run by Rockford Urban Ministries in northern Illinois. They are both well organized, have guides and supervision. Urban Immersion has been around since the 1980's and focuses on giving you a well-rounded experience of city-life and history, UCC ministries, different ways of worshipping God, and, of course sampling food and culture. It can be one day, two days, three days or



Rockford Work Camps tends to be 6 days (but can be one to six days) and focuses more on rehabilitation of neighborhoods and renovation of housing for low income, disabled and aging city dwellers so they can have a warm, healthy environment to live in. Rockford Work Camps stresses engaging people in the restoration of their homes, getting to know them, and reflecting on the experience in-group, with time for devotions and worship. Rockford matches skills and experience with tasks, so beside

a week long and can be tailored to the needs and desires of different groups and ages. The typical Friday-into-Saturday in Milwaukee starts with groups eating and reflecting with a staff member from St. Ben's Community Meal Program, then attending a service at Greater Mt. Sinai Church of God in Christ, a Black Pentecostal Church. Saturday morning, groups often go to the Guest House Shelter for Men, make bag lunches for the men, take a tour and reflect on homelessness with the staff, then off to the Milwaukee Public Market to select lunch from a variety of vendors. The 2 day is concluded with a visit to the Islamic Center of Milwaukee and an introduction to Islam. These are year around. But longer work camp experiences during the summer have been offered that include deeper community service experience and more opportunity to enjoy Milwaukee cultural life.

construction projects, Rockford provides a variety of opportunities to work at food pantries, homeless shelters, medical clinics, parks and protected lands—even an urban farm!

Both have air conditioned churches to stay in--Bethel-Bethany also has cots, kitchen and refrigerator space, access to TV equipment; Rockford has classroom accommodation (bring your own bedding), showers, host churches provide all you need for your own meal preparation. Rockford is already well-booked for June. Contact--Jeff Brace, rockfordworkcamps@gmail.com. For Urban Immersion, make reservations and arrangements through Bethel-Bethany Office—414-442-1281, see <http://bbucc.org/urban-immersion/>.



Back Bay Mission

And you can contact Carol Merriman about Back Bay Mission.

<https://thebackbaymission.org/>

2018 CLERGY RETREAT AND WORKSHOP

"Worship for Praise, Resistance and Hope: How Prayer, Song, Sacraments and the Arts Inspire Us for Challenging Times."

Sunday, September 30 - Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Moon Beach Camp

St. Germain, Wisconsin (715) 479-8255

You are invited to the annual clergy retreat, Sunday, September 30th-Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018! This is hosted by the UCCI, Northeast and Northwest Associations of the Wisconsin Conference.

The focus of the retreat and workshop is "Worship for Praise, Resistance and Hope: How Prayer, Song, Sacraments and the Arts Inspire Us for Challenging Times." It is led by former UCC General Minister and President, Rev. John Thomas and Art Clyde, church musician, composer and editor of THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL.

The three day retreat in the beautiful nature setting of Moon Beach, St. Germain, will offer a balanced approach to share joys and concerns, successes and failures. There will be exploration of alternative

paradigms for worship along with theological reflections. Of equal importance is time spent relaxing and resting, playing and singing.....and of course, there will be the famous Moon Beach chocolate chip cookies!!

Retired clergy and clergy new to the Association are invited to attend as guests of their Association. Scholarship assistance is available. Contact your Association Church and Ministry Committee for details.

For those who wish more Sabbath time, people can stay until Wednesday morning. The cost will be \$45, no meals provided.

Register by September 20th for this event! See you there!

Cost is \$199 per person

(\$50 is nonrefundable; deposit is required at registration)

The cost includes meals and lodging.

Register at www.ucci.org

Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting Videos and Resources

Select videos from Annual Meeting are now available on the Annual Meeting page on our website – wcucc.org/annualmeeting. Please note that Traci Blackmon is happy to have us share these in the Wisconsin Conference, but requires that they are password protected. Passwords are listed below and will be included in the next Conference Newsletter.

Videos provided include -

- Franz's Friday presentation (as a video and as a written script).
- Traci Blackmon's presentations –
 - Friday sermon – am2018RTBa
 - Saturday keynote (excluding the - am2018RTBb
 - Traci's Saturday morning end commentary on race and white privilege - am2018RTBc
- The explanation of the resolution process and Larry Littlegeorge's appeal for supporting repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery

The Annual Meeting webpage also includes several materials regarding the Doctrine of Discovery resolution and study and Karl Kuhn's bible study materials.

Doctrine of Discovery study materials are at <http://www.wcucc.org/resource-center/justice-ministries/doctrine-of-discovery-study-resources/> More information will be added to this page as developed.

Grow in Faith with Lay Academy -

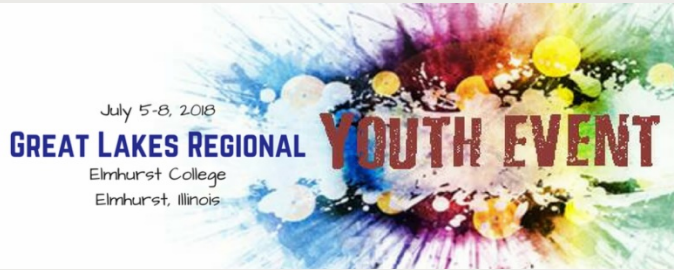
Lay Academy is a ministry of transformation and faith formation offered by the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ. Participants dive into scripture, explore theology, consider God's presence in their lives and discover fresh ways to speak about and live out their faith in their day to day lives.

Registration is open now through July 31, 2018, for the next cycle of classes, which will begin on



Saturday, August 18 and continue with additional two-day weekend sessions in September, November, January, March and April. For more detailed information, go to www.wcucc.org/layacademy or speak with your pastor.

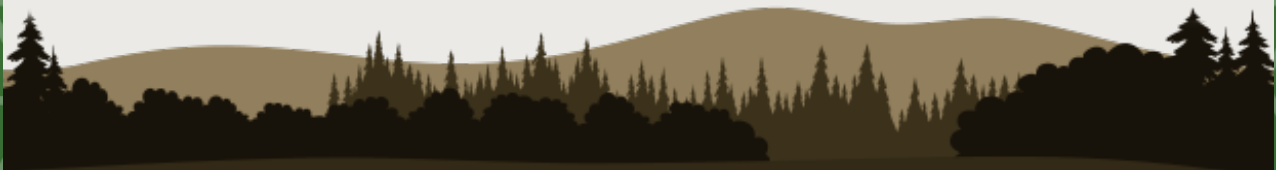
St Paul's UCC Ellsworth
Share Fair at Annual Meeting.



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