

## NorthWest Word

*March 2019 Spring is coming!*

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### Combined Annual Meeting Schedule Friday, April 5 - Saturday, April 6

Meeting highlights include:

- Videos from churches around the state sharing their stories of Living the Light in their congregations and communities
- Presentation by Conference Minister Rev. Franz Rigert
- Associations and Conference business meetings
- Community worship service
- Fellowship time with live music, cash bar and snacks

Important business to be considered at the 2019 Annual Meeting includes a Resolution Repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery. Information and resource materials are available on the Conference website under the Justice Ministries tab, or at [wcucc.org/doctrineofdiscovery](http://wcucc.org/doctrineofdiscovery).

Online registration is available [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



### Volunteers Needed!

We still need volunteers to help out at Annual Meeting. Please consider helping out. Choose from the options below. Your spouse/partner is also welcome to volunteer. Click on the links below to sign up.

**HOSPITALITY** - Greet people as they arrive and direct them to the registration table and meeting rooms.

**REGISTRATION TABLE** - You will hand out name badges and registration materials and check people off the registrants list.

**USHERS** - You will be able to see the meeting, and there will be chairs for you to sit near the doors. Usher training is Friday, April 5, at 3:30pm.

[Links to all volunteer sign ups](#)

### Reports for the Combined Annual Meetings

The 2018 Annual Reports for the upcoming Combined Northwest Association/Conference Annual Meeting scheduled for April 5-6, 2019 is available [here](#) and on the Association webpage, <http://www.wcucc.org/associations/northwest-association/>.

Because of the shorter time frame for this meeting, your association leadership ask that you please read all the division reports in this 2018 Annual Reports booklet before the meeting. A limited supply of paper



2018 ANNUAL REPORTS  
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## Meet Your NWWA Executive Committee:



### Rev. David Huber, Secretary

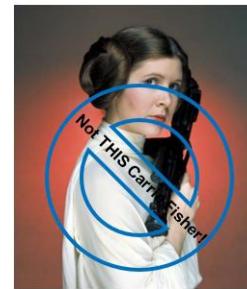
A lifelong member of the United Church of Christ, David Huber grew up in the embrace of Janesville's First Congregational

UCC. After his 1989 graduation from the GMI Engineering & Management Institute in Flint, Michigan, David resisted the call to ordained ministry for more than a decade. Other "careers" led him to work as a grocer and later as an Executive Assistant for firms such as McKinsey & Co and Lehman Brothers. He graduated from New York's Union Theological Seminary in 1997 but did not seek ordination or a call to a church until 2004, when Plymouth Congregational UCC in Eau Claire called him to serve as its pastor. David enjoys singing with Eau Claire's *Schola Cantorum*, cooking, painting, and has a passion for social activism leavened with a theological perspective of Christ's followers. David was appointed "in the womb" to be a recording secretary; as a teenager, he served as the secretary of his bowling league for a couple of years! The Reverend Yuki YAMAMOTO, a pastor in the United Church of Christ of Japan, has been his long distance Significant Other for more than two decades.

### Carrie Fisher. Treasurer



Carrie Fisher, a member of Roberts United Church of Christ, has served as the NWWA's treasurer since 2016. She has been an active member of the UCC for her entire life, serving as a youth leader during high school and planning events with now Rev. David Huber back when David had a full head of hair! She has taught Sunday School and Confirmation classes and worked as a youth group leader at her church, Roberts United Church of Christ. She attended the Wisconsin Conference Lay Academy for two years and has engaged in lay ministry including supply preaching during the pastor's absence. She and Eric Fisher, her husband, are the parents of three adult children and the grandparents of two. They live in Prescott, where Carrie works part-time as the Prescott School System's Communications Coordinator.



### New Scholarship Applications!

Please use the NEW applications for CAMP and RETREATS and CLERGY and LAY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT scholarships. You'll find them on the Ministry in the Local Church [webpage](#).



### BUSSES TO GENERAL SYNOD

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

Are you registered for camp yet?  
Take a look at everything offered.

[United Church Camps, Inc.](#)

The Northwest Association is sponsoring busses from three locations to General Synod, Sunday, June 23, 2018.

This is a free day at Synod.

You'll arrive for worship, be able to see the exhibits, and join in the street fair that afternoon.

Cost - \$20

*Watch for more information at the Association Annual Meeting. We'll send out registration information when it is available.*

## Back Bay Mission Trip January 2019



In January a group of 16 men and women headed to Biloxi, Mississippi to participate in a workcamp week at Back Bay Mission. These volunteers joined together from 5 different congregation to give of their time and skills to be in service to the folks in the gulf coast area.

We want to thank the North West Association Mission in the World committee for the grant that helped defray the costs of such an adventure.

The major group of volunteers spent the days at the home of John and Rochell an elderly couple in Gulfport. The team divided up into work teams and completed the following work on the house. Replaced the siding, repaired part of the foundation, and added flashing. These men worked out in the cold but got the job done. Inside the workers replaced drywall, removed a window, and mudded what would be a walk-in storage area. Another group painted a bedroom from "pepto-bismol" pink to an off white. Yes, it took 3 coats of paint to do that. All the trim was painted as well, note this small bedroom had 3 doorways and a large window to paint around. Once that was done work began on replacing the flooring, in that bedroom and into the joining kitchen and dining room. Removing the old flooring and the glue was a challenge in and of itself, but the team pushed ahead and got the new flooring down. The kitchen appliances were put back in place and the house was ready to be turned over to the next work group.

A slide show of the workers and work being done during the week can be viewed at [www.TheBackBayMission.org](http://www.TheBackBayMission.org) site. Look under <https://thebackbaymission.org/2019/01/2019-volunteers-st-pauls-ucc-wausau-wi/>

A few other volunteers stayed back at the mission site to help out at the Mical Day Center where our help is needed doing the laundry and timing and cleaning out the showers. This service is provided Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday to the homeless community.

Another place where a few of the volunteers also leaded a hand was in the food pantry. People are allowed to select from the food items on the shelves according to the size of the family and category of food item. If anyone would like to make a donation to The Back Bay Mission this would be a great spot to send some support as those food shelves were really empty.

The last place where one could help out was with serving, packing and cleaning up after meals served at Loaves and Fished. This soup kitchen serves over 100 folks at meal times.

The rewards of participating in a workweek at Back Bay Mission are heart warming. Thank you for helping support our group.