

Call to Annual Meeting Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ

October 11 & 12, 2019
First Congregational Church, UCC – Kalamazoo, MI
345 W. Michigan Avenue

The 54th Annual Meeting of the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ will be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan at First Congregational UCC on **October 11 and 12**, 2019. The meeting will open at 10:00 a.m. on October 11 and end the day with an Awards Banquet that begins at 5:30. The Saturday portion will begin with worship at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn by 3:30.

Each Conference Local Church is encouraged and entitled to send **two delegates** (and a third if they are 21 or under) to conduct the business of the United Church of Christ in Michigan. Visitors and guests are also welcome! Please identify your church delegates and share with them this information. More information may be found at the Conference website, www.michucc.org.

The theme for this year's meeting is, **"How Are the Children?"** It will feature a keynote address by **Rev. Starsky Wilson**, the President and CEO of The Deaconess Foundation in St. Louis that is helping to change the lives of children in that metropolitan area. Local church delegates and guests will also receive many takeaway resources that can be used to better the lives of children and youth in their home communities.

This will be the second year that **Youth@AnnualMeeting** will offer parallel programming for the youth of our churches. The goal is for youth to intersect with annual meeting and have their own adventures. Young people will engage with the keynote speaker, participate in worship, experience the wider church and share in faith formation, fun and fellowship. These events will include an overnight at nearby Portage UCC and a service project in Kalamazoo.

The Prophetic Integrity Mission Area Team will highlight **Resolutions of Witness** from General Synod and invite delegates to share these resolutions with their local church. Michigan specific resolutions may come before the delegates. Email Rev. Jay Cummings for more information about how to submit a resolution, jhcummings109@gmail.com.

Please review the contents of this mailing for more information regarding Social Justice and Advocacy Grants, Youth@AnnualMeeting, and Innovation Awards.

We look forward to seeing you for a lively and productive meeting in October!

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