- TO: All Clergy, Delegates, Linking Board, and Church Members
- Subject: Letter of call for the Detroit Metropolitan Association UCC Spring Meeting on Saturday, 20 April 2024.

This is a HYBRID MEETING (in-Person and Zoom), our first in-Person DMA meeting since COVID began.

Official notice is HEREBY GIVEN of the Detroit Metropolitan Association of the United Church of Christ to meet in session on Saturday, April 20, 2024, via ZOOM and IN-PERSON, from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM, at the **Grosse Pointe Congregational Church**, located at 240 Chalfonte Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

THEME:

"Faith and Democracy"

Reasons to Get-Out-The-Vote in 2024

Keynote Speaker Rev. Dr. Wendell Anthony

Senior Pastor, Fellowship Chapel UCC and President, Detroit Chapter NAACP

Panel Discussion

Moderator, Rev. Kandia Milton, Shrine of the Black Madonna UCC

Panel Participants

Prof. James Perkinson, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, "White Christian Nationalism"

Ms. Paula Bowman, Co-President, League of Women Voters of Michigan, "Voting Rights and Protecting the Vote"

Rev. Roslyn Murray Bouier, Trinity-St. Marks, UCC, Pastor, and Executive Director, Brightmoor Connection Food Pantry *"Advocating for those whose voices need to be heard"*

DMA Spring Business Meeting

The Business meeting will follow the panel discussion and will include:

- Approval of the 2024 DMA budget
- Election of new DMA Officers, new members of the DMA Linking Board, and new members of the Committee on Ministry
- Approval of the Updated DMA Bylaws
- Mission Area Team reports
- "Speak-Out" session on upcoming DMA activities

For any questions, please call Galen Fisher, 248-705-2183

Registration

This DMA Spring meeting is being kindly hosted by the **Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, UCC**.

All are welcome, but participants must register.

If you are planning to attend **either** in-person or on ZOOM, please register for this Meeting online at <u>https://gpcong.org/dma-spring-meeting-sign-up</u>. This link will be fully functional by Friday, April 5, 2024.

Those attending in-person may give a donation (\$15 suggested) for the Fellowship luncheon. If possible, please make your donation when registering online by credit card.

If you cannot register via the internet, please call Angela McCarroll at (248) 200-9261. After registration, you will receive the ZOOM link and additional meeting documents on or about <u>Monday, April 15, 2024</u>. If you are attending in person, you will receive your lunch ticket and any meeting documents on site.

<u>We need your participation</u>. Please invite members of your congregation because of the important nature of these discussions.

Yours In Christ,

Dr. Galen Fisher

DMA Vice Moderator