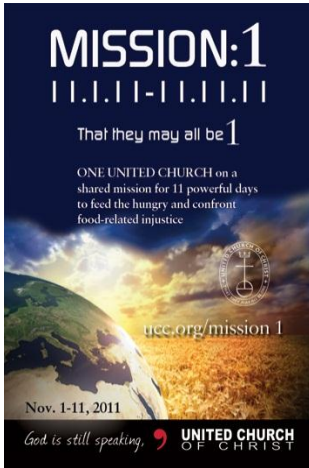


MISSION: 1 is talking off in most every church in the Rhode Island Conference!

Nov. 1-11, 2011... ONE UNITED CHURCH on a shared mission for 11 powerful days to feed the hungry and confront food-related injustice. This is MISSION: 1



- In 11 days, the United Church of Christ will collect more than 1 MILLION ITEMS OF HEALTHY FOOD and other household items for local food banks and outreach services.
- In 11 days, the United Church of Christ will make an extra-special push to gather online contributions of more than \$111,111 DOLLARS for **Neighbors in Need food-related ministries**, offerings that will be shared for hunger-action purposes with agencies of justice and compassion throughout the United States.
- In 11 days, the United Church of Christ will offer more than 11,111 LETTERS to Congress asking our government to reform U.S. foreign assistance in a way that more effectively benefits hungry and poor people worldwide, helping to provide a major final push to Bread for the World's 2011 "**Offering of Letters**" campaign.

DURING THE FIRST 11 DAYS of NOVEMBER, an online tote board at ucc.org will tally our collective count of foodstuffs, donations and letters - information we'll update and celebrate in real time together.

And throughout the 11 days, the UCC's **Justice and Witness Ministries** will organize church-member delegations to meet with Members of Congress to bring attention to our church's concern about hunger at home and abroad.

Most importantly, our UCC motto and Jesus' prayer "that they may all be 1" will become a focused, concerted mission emphasis across the whole United Church of Christ to educate ourselves and one another about food-related policy issues through sermons, seminars and conversations; to advocate on behalf of hungry people at home and around the world; to raise money for hunger-action purposes; and to share bread - and tuna, and peanut butter, and vegetables, and cereal - with our neighbors in need.

Begin now to organize your church's victory strategy. And plan now to join in a national celebration of our campaign's success on Sunday, Nov. 13 - in your local UCC church.

The world needs the distinct values, vision and voice of the United Church of Christ - Continuing Testament. Extravagant Welcome. Changing Lives. This is MISSION: 1

Share your church's goals/plans for Mission:1

Missionaries to Argentina and Paraguay!

James deBoer, of Central Congregational Church and a Member in Discernment, has been called, along with his partner Marian Thorpe, to a Global Ministries assignment in Argentina and Paraguay. They will be based in Resistencia, Argentina, and will work with local Disciples of Christ congregations in both countries to explore new possibilities for outreach and advocacy. They were recently in Indianapolis for a training conference with Global Ministries and are excited for the possibilities that lie ahead. This position will be for one year, and they will be departing in December or January.

FREE Registration for the 75th & 100th person to sign-up. Hurry! Space is running out!!

Reclaim the art of blessing and experience the ways in which this ancient rite has breathed new life, energy and vitality into Christian communities.

Join us for a national conference of worship leaders — presented by the United Church of Christ's Local Church Ministries, Old South Church in Boston and the SALT Project — where Old South's clergy will examine and

present blessing as theology, ecclesiology and Christian practice; and demonstrate how Old South's vitality is directly related to the learned art and the oft-practiced act of blessing.

The conference will conclude with a national service of blessing for "[Mission: 1](#)," the United Church of Christ's denomination-wide mission campaign (Nov. 1-11) to confront hunger and food-related injustice, at 4 p.m. (ET) Friday, Nov. 11.

Where: Old South Church in Boston, UCC

645 Boylston St.

Boston, MA 02116

Cost: \$60

Includes snacks, Thursday evening reception, box lunch on Friday and DVD you can take back to your congregation

[National Youth Event 2012](#)

National Youth Event, a UCC gathering held every four years, will be held on July 10-13, 2012 at Purdue University. This event provides an opportunity for about 3000 youth (ages 13-18) to gather for four days of worship, workshops, faith, fun and fellowship. [Click here for more information](#) [2012 Youth Event](#).

The Rhode Island Conference is putting together a delegation to travel to the National Youth Event. If you are a student interested in attending, or an adult interested in being a chaperone, e-mail Kat Towns (kat@centralchurch.us) for more information. If your church has its own delegation, please contact us and let us know.

[Christian Education in Rhode Island](#)

We are delighted that a group of Christian Educators are meeting regularly to provide mutual support and guidance to each other. We would very much like to expand the list of people who are aware of this creative and sharing opportunity, so we ask that each of our congregations be in touch with Sandy (401-724-7700) and let us know the name and contact information for the person who does Christian Education Coordination in your congregation. We have wonderful opportunities for connection and cooperation waiting for each and every one of them!