



"Mission: 1" — as the campaign is called — plays on the prevalence of the number "1" in the Nov. 1-11, 2011, timeframe and calls for three overarching goals:

- In the 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 the 11 days, the United Church of Christ will make an extra-special push to gather online contribution of more than \$111,111 for Neighbors in Need, offerings that will be shared for hunger-action purposes with agencies of justice and compassion throughout the United States.
- In the 11 days, the United Church of Christ will offer more than 11,111 letters to Congress asking the 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.

On Nov. 1, the UCC's homepage at ucc.org was converted into an online tote board that will tally the denomination's collective count of food stuffs, donations and letters — information that will be updated and celebrated in real time. Churches, as well as individuals, will be encouraged to self-report their participation.

We want to report out our church's goals and accomplishments so please let us know.

Dan Randall of Bristol reports: Our FCC goal is to donate a combination of 1, 111 dollars and/or food items to the East Bay Food Pantry. we kick it off on November 1, 2011 - November 11, 2011!

Pat Liberty: Kingston Congregational Church reports:

We're doing our part with over 50 items each week

\$111,111 for Neighbors in Need Hunger-related Missions

---plus an extra \$111,111 for UCC's East Africa famine appeal

All monetary gifts made to "Mission 1" in November during 11- 1-11 will be divided equally between Neighbors in Need hunger ministries in the US and the UCC's East Africa famine appeal

. At KCC we will present a petition, with as many of our signatures as possible. It's an exciting time in the life of our national church. We feel privileged to be part of this powerful movement.

How about your Church? We want to let you all know of the love and generosity of the RI UCC Churches. Also Watch the Tote board on the UCC Webpage. UCC.org

Ministers Association Schedule

At our recent meeting we decided to continue alternating monthly meetings between morning breakfast meetings and noontime meetings, in an effort to accommodate as many people as possible. This is a great time to stay in touch, get to know newer colleagues, find out more about conference and colleague initiatives, and enjoy relaxed good humor...well, maybe that's well-challenged-and-on-the-run good humor, but it's still good humor! (The kind that's gracious and contagious, the kind we all need!) Also, get that Christmas Party on your calendar! If you have questions, call or e-mail me, 401-732-9310 or fitzeljones@verizon.net..As always with this sort of thing, invite a (clergy) friend.

Yours, Jack, Rev. Jack Fizzle-Jones

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2011

8:30 A.M.
Miss Cranston's Diner
1224 Oaklawn Ave.
Cranston R.I.

Friday, Dec. 9, 2011

6:30 P.M. Christmas Party
Kathy Henry's home
394 New Meadow Rd.
Barrington R.I.

Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012

Dues are \$25.00 payable to R.I. Ministers

12 noon
Woodridge Congregational Church
546 Budlong Rd.
Cranston R.I.

Association
please mailed to Treasurer Betsy Garland

National Search and Call Work

Revisions to the UCC Search and Call process were one of the seven areas of focus as we left the 2011 Annual Consultation. As a result PLL engaged in a two-fold response. One to address areas of known concern in the five primary areas of Search and Call (Employment Opportunities Listings, Ministerial Profiles, Searchable Ministerial Profiles Database, Local Church Profiles and Long Term-Visioning). And secondly to launch a denomination-wide survey on the Search and Call process.

Responses from Conference Ministers, Conference Search and Call Coordinators, clergy seeking calls and local churches seeking pastors all suggest that the majority of users generally are satisfied with the process. However, in each case, a significant number say that the system has major shortcomings, and just about everyone believes improvements are needed. The more common problems include:

1. The Search and Call process takes too long and is too complex.
2. The process works least well in churches with part-time pastors, especially those who are less than half-time. These churches are a significant and growing proportion of all UCC congregations.
3. Different procedures in each conference make cross-conference searches difficult.
4. Conference staff play an important role in the success of the process, yet with decreasing staff in many conferences, they have less time for this function than in the past.
5. Clergy do not believe that the Employment Opportunities listings give them enough information on which to make a decision about submitting their profiles.

Changes in the Opportunities listings and ability to do a data search should be available this program year and a new profile for is scheduled for 2012. When they are available we will have a workshop here in RI to help Clergy navigate the process.

Peace Breakfast

Join us for the Peace Breakfast on November 5th, 2011, at 8:00 AM.

Sarah Rohrer, the Northeast Regional Organizer for Bread for the World, will be speaking about how we can become part of Bread's Offering of Letters. Bread for the World continues to push Congress and the administration toward U.S. foreign assistance that is more effective in reducing global poverty and is the UCC partner in the Mission 1 effort to send more than 11,111 letters to Congress.

Please let the Conference office know that you will be attending as this is a separate gathering from the registration.

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Watch for registration and more information coming in January.

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