

The 205th Autumnal Meeting

The Rhode Island Conference, United Church of Christ

Saturday, November 5th, 2011

Slatersville Congregational UCC

25 Green Street,

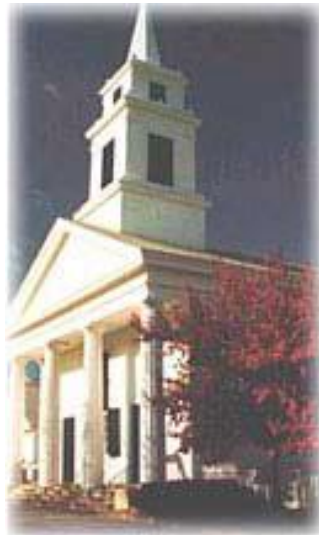
Slatersville, RI 02876



Theme: Imagine what is possible when we think outside of ourselves.

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Slatersville Congregational Church

Welcome

**We are so glad you are part of the Rhode Island Conference
United Church of Christ Family and the 2011 Autumnal Meeting**



Theme: Imagine what is possible when we think outside of ourselves.

Deuteronomy 15:7-8

⁷If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you does not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. ⁸You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be.

At our Autumnal Meeting:

We will be Worshiping

We will be establishing our financial plans for next year.

We will be hearing the exciting stories from General Synod

We will be learning at our peace breakfast

We will be testing to see ourselves as a Global Mission Conference



A Delegate? ME?

Rejoice!

You have been chosen to participate in this

WHY?? HOW?? WHEN?? WHAT??

You now hold the honor of serving as a delegate to the Rhode Island Conference of the United Church of Christ, and so may expect, as in all areas of our common life, both blessing and responsibility, cost and joy. God grant that both will add fulfillment to your service in this wonderful community of faith!

WHY...

The United Church of Christ (UCC) functions in most areas of decision-making as a body of representative members. Thus, our local churches designate, chosen members to serve as its delegates within the Rhode Island Conference. We in the UCC believe that whenever two or three are gathered, the church is present and therefore the Holy Spirit will be active. Representative decision-making is dependent upon this belief. Delegates are expected to seek the will of God in all business entrusted to them so that the body will indeed serve as God's instrument in the world.

HOW...

Most churches in the UCC empower their delegates to seek God's will by becoming informed about the upcoming business, to prayerfully consider its merits, to listen to the questions within one's heart, to seek the opinions of others, then to allow the Holy Spirit to move in on one's soul and mind to responsible voting. Because we have grown out of those trusted Congregational roots, an occasional church will function differently,

empowering their delegates to carry the tested and informed opinion of the local congregation to the conference meeting and to vote accordingly. Our Conference has lived with this unease, trusting that the power of the Holy Spirit is present in our gathered decision-making whenever delegates are acting faithfully within their understanding of their "charge."

It is further expected that each delegate will return to their local church and report back so that the entire congregation also remains connected in spirit to the whole.

WHEN...

Business of the Conference is conducted through direct delegate participation at both our Annual Meeting, held on the last Saturday in October. During these gatherings, we put in place commitments for mission outreach, public and personal justice stands; we consider items of business concerning the wider church and the ecumenical community; we celebrate fellowship and worship; churches and individuals sharing common enthusiasms make connections;

we hold elections; we make decisions about spending and investing; and we receive education and inspiration on issues.

Vital gatherings of delegates also occur whenever an Ecclesiastical Council is called. This can be to examine a candidate seeking ordination or commissioning or to examine the credentials of a minister seeking installation in a local church. Because we are a Covenantal Church and must make these authorizations with due seriousness, we depend upon the participation of each delegate in order to discern the will of God concerning these ministries. Councils may occur throughout the year as needed.

WHAT...

The delegate is the representative, from and to the local church, enabling this conference to function and thrive within the will of God as a pastoral, a prophetic, and a teaching presence in this corner of the creation, as a part of this denomination. Each choice we make draws us always either closer or farther from that perfect will.

To all NEW Conference Delegates...

(Please disregard this if you are a continuing delegate)

If you have not previously attended a Rhode Island Conference Meeting as a delegate from your local church, I would encourage you to attend an Orientation Session at 8:30 AM, just prior to the opening of the Conference Autumnal Meeting. This meeting will give you an overview of your privileges, responsibilities and give you an opportunity to:

- Meet other folks who are also attending for the first time
- Get a sense of what to expect
- Ask any questions regarding your role

We will adjourn in plenty of time for you to be present for the opening session of the Conference Meeting at 9 a.m.

I look forward to seeing you on November 05 at Slatersville Congregational Church,
Slatersville RI.

Sincerely,

Amy Frenze

Clerk for Administration

2012 Proposed Budget
Rhode Island Conference, UCC
General Fund

Accounts	Annual Budget (This Year)	Annual Budget (Next Year)
Revenues		
INCOME		
004010 - Investment Income	\$31,000.00	\$24,200.00
004020 - Hamlin Income	\$35,300.00	\$32,900.00
004032 - Interest Income - Other	\$1,000.00	\$650.00
004720 - Outdoor Ministry Program	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
004730 - Harley Youth - Irons	\$2,100.00	\$1,900.00
004740 - Homestead Rental	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
004750 - Interfund Transfers	\$40,700.00	\$33,000.00
004755 - Hispanic Salary Recovery	\$12,000.00	\$13,500.00
004760 - Irons Income	\$30,000.00	\$27,000.00
004780 - Income Conference Mtgs	\$5,000.00	\$4,500.00
004784 - Friends of the Conference	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
004785 - Miscellaneous Income	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Per Capita Conference	\$105,000.00	\$96,500.00
Basic Support	\$310,000.00	\$260,000.00
Conference Local Missions	\$30,000.00	\$26,000.00
Total INCOME	\$620,100.00	\$536,150.00
Total Revenues	\$620,100.00	\$536,150.00

2012 Proposed Budget
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Accounts	Annual Budget (This Year)	Annual Budget (Next Year)
Expenses		
BASIC OPERATIONS		
CONFERENCE MINISTER		
005110 - Salary	\$44,000.00	\$44,000.00
005120 - Housing	\$48,250.00	\$48,250.00
005130 - Annuity Dues	\$13,250.00	\$13,250.00
005140 - Health Insurance	\$17,500.00	\$19,000.00
005150 - Soc/Sec Allowance	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00
005190 - Dues - UCC Conference	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Expense	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Auto Expense	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Total CONFERENCE MINISTER	<u>\$141,100.00</u>	<u>\$142,600.00</u>
ASSOC CONFERENCE MINISTER (PT)		
005210 - Salary	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
005215 - Housing Allowance	\$31,700.00	\$0.00
005220 - Annuity Dues	\$6,400.00	\$0.00
005240 - Social Security Allowance	\$3,190.00	\$0.00
005245 - Auto Expense	\$2,600.00	\$0.00
005250 - Expenses	\$1,125.00	\$500.00
Total ASSOC CONFERENCE MINISTER (PT)	<u>\$55,015.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
CE/YOUTH CONSULTANT (PT)		
005260 - Salary	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00
005265 - Annuity Retirement	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
005280 - CE/Y Expenses	\$500.00	\$250.00
005285 - CE/Y Auto Expense	\$1,000.00	\$250.00
Total CE/YOUTH CONSULTANT (PT)	<u>\$19,000.00</u>	<u>\$8,000.00</u>
SUPPORT STAFF		
005310 - Salary Office Admin	\$27,000.00	\$32,000.00
005320 - Annuity	\$0.00	\$2,400.00
005330 - Health Insurance	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
005340 - Business Manager	\$26,900.00	\$26,900.00
005350 - Bus Manager Annuity	\$4,480.00	\$4,480.00
005360 - Bus Man Health Insurance	\$17,500.00	\$19,000.00
005365 - Clerical - Part Time	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
005370 - Salary Janitorial	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
005380 - Support Staff Soc/Sec	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Total SUPPORT STAFF	<u>\$91,880.00</u>	<u>\$110,780.00</u>
GENERAL EXPENSES		
005410 - Office Rent	\$15,900.00	\$16,400.00
005412 - Utilities & Building Supp. - Office	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
005430 - Telephone	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
005440 - Board/Committee Expense	\$500.00	\$500.00
005460 - Conference Mtg Expense	\$4,500.00	\$5,000.00
005470 - Books/Magazines	\$400.00	\$400.00
005480 - Insurance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
005482 - Conference Audit	\$7,000.00	\$6,000.00
005484 - Interest Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
005486 - Computer Services	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Office Expenses	\$14,000.00	\$10,000.00
Total GENERAL EXPENSES	<u>\$59,800.00</u>	<u>\$55,800.00</u>
Total BASIC OPERATIONS	<u>\$366,795.00</u>	<u>\$317,680.00</u>
PROGRAM & MISSION		
PROGRAM EXPENSE		

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Accounts	Annual Budget (This Year)	Annual Budget (Next Year)
005510 - Resource Center	\$500.00	\$500.00
005550 - Professional Development	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
005552 - Newsletter	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00
005554 - Minister's Association	\$150.00	\$150.00
005556 - General Synod Del Reserve	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
005558 - Outdoor Ministry Program	\$800.00	\$800.00
005562 - Nat/Reg Women's Meeting	\$400.00	\$400.00
Program Expense	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Irons Operating Expenses	\$48,500.00	\$48,500.00
Irons Contingency	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Total PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$68,350.00	\$64,350.00
MISSIONS/PARTNERSHIPS		
005610 - Mt Vernon Parish	\$160.00	\$160.00
005725 - RI Council ACI Chaplain	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
005726 - Laotian Church Assistance	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
005730 - The Chaplaincy Center	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Hispanic Church	\$31,000.00	\$31,000.00
Total MISSIONS/PARTNERSHIPS	\$40,160.00	\$40,160.00
ECUMENICAL/REG SUPPORT		
005710 - RI Council - Basic	\$23,750.00	\$18,000.00
005750 - Congregational Hist Soc	\$100.00	\$100.00
005765 - New England AUCE	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total ECUMENICAL/REG SUPPORT	\$24,350.00	\$18,600.00
CONTINGENCY		
005810 - Contingency	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Total CONTINGENCY	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
BASIC SUPPORT TO NATIONAL		
005910 - Basic Support to National	\$117,000.00	\$93,500.00
Total BASIC SUPPORT TO NATIONAL	\$117,000.00	\$93,500.00
Total PROGRAM & MISSION	\$251,860.00	\$217,610.00
Total Expenses	\$618,655.00	\$535,290.00
Net Total	\$1,445.00	\$860.00

1 **RESOLUTION: BE A GLOBAL MISSION CONFERENCE**

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3 WHEREAS, throughout the past two centuries, for the United Church of Christ and Christian
4 Church (Disciples of Christ), global presence and witness have been the core of God’s mission
5 through the church; and

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7 WHEREAS, since 1996 Global Ministries has been a unique common witness of the Division of
8 Overseas Ministries, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and of Wider Church Ministries, United
9 Church of Christ; and

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11 WHEREAS, Global Ministries continues to walk with 270 global partners in some 68 countries dis-
12 cerning together priorities of critical presence and action with the sole purpose of timely and appro-
13 priately meeting God’s people and creation at the point of deepest need: spiritually, physically,
14 emotionally and/or economically; and

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16 WHEREAS, in keeping that critical presence priority, over 150 persons in mission are currently
17 serving as missionaries, volunteers, interns and associates in 50 countries, and missionaries sent by
18 our global partners are welcomed to serve in the United States and Canada in fulfillment of our
19 commitment to mutuality in mission; and

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21 WHEREAS, in 2009, the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
22 passed resolutions at our Disciples’ General Assembly and our United Church of Christ’s General
23 Synod, affirming our denominations’ commitment to *“Be a Global Mission Church!”* and encour-
24 aging all regions/conferences and congregations to claim and implement the Global Mission
25 Church designation; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Conference, charged with leading and
28 guiding the region/conference and congregations to live fully into the commitment to
29 *“Be a Global Mission Region!”* and to *“Be a Global Mission Church!”*

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31 THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Autumnal meeting of the
32 Rhode Island Conference, meeting in Slatersville, Rhode Island, on November 5th,
33 2011 commits itself to *“Being a Global Mission Conference!”* by engaging in an action plan that:

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- 35 • PRAYS regularly for partners, missionaries and the world;
- 36 • EDUCATES its members about global issues from preschool age to adult;
- 37 • SEEKS JUSTICE for the “least of these” in the international community;
- 38 • RECEIVES the gifts of the global church;
- 39 • GIVES to the work of global mission;
- 40 • SENDS its members into the world to share the Good News of Jesus; and
- 41 • GROWS in sharing the story of God’s mission with others.

42 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Rhode Island Conference encourages every
43 congregation in the conference to study, explore, and live out the commitment to *“Be a*
44 *Global Mission Church!”* as detailed in the program materials from Global Ministries.

Slatersville Congregational Church

On the Common

Corner of School & Greene Streets

Slatersville, RI 02876

401/769-2773

DIRECTIONS

From Rt. 95 North or South

- Take Rt. 146 North
- Take Slatersville/Forestdale Exit
- Turn sharp left at the top of the exit
- Continue approximately 8/10th of a mile
- The church will be on the right

Notes

Autumnal Meeting REGISTRATION FORM

November 5, 2011
Slatersville Congregational UCC of Slatersville, RI

Please Print

Please Circle One: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Rev.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____

As we strive to become a greener conference, it's important to us to have your email. This will allow us to be good stewards in several ways. Your email will not be shared with ANY groups outside of the UCC.

Church: _____

Peace Breakfast: _____ Will Attend _____ Will Not Attend ** Topic: Marriage Equality **

Lunch: (All meals will be vegetarian) _____ Lunch _____ No Lunch

I will attend the meeting as a:

_____ Delegate _____ Youth Delegate _____ Minister _____ Visitor

_____ Ex-Officio _____ In Care Student

I will need childcare: _____ Yes _____ No

Names & Ages of Children: _____

This year's fee is \$18.00 (includes materials and lunch) The fee is \$23 for registrations after Oct. 24th 2011

Please make checks payable to: RICUCC

Please mail this form and your check to:

RICUCC
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Pawtucket, RI 02860