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ADULT CONFERENCE 2024

"Re-member, Re-new, Re-vitalize, Rejoice!"

Romans 12:2

What's New in 2024

The first new experience for us is that our Adult Conference Planning Team are members from both the DOC and Heartland UCC! It's been a delight to work together to bring you what we hope is a great conference! This year's theme is Re-member, Re-new, Re-vitalize, and Rejoice! It's a play on words to mark the partnership efforts between the DOC and Heartland UCC while remembering our rich past that has served Adult Conference so well over so many years. We felt that Romans 12:2 was a great scripture to help us: "Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

New this year includes going "green" to be good stewards of our environment. Northwest Christian Church is a "green" church. We won't be using paper or plastic products whenever possible, so bring your water bottle and coffee cup to help the cause!

In reviewing evaluations from last year, the Planning Team listened to suggestions, including hearing several speakers. This year's classes offer several options, including attending a 3-day or one-day session if you can only come for one day. You can attend a 3-day session and still pick other speakers as the 3-day teachers repeat their sessions in the morning and afternoon. You'll find more descriptions in the Adult Conference (AC) booklet to help you decide what you wish to attend. The booklet will soon be posted on line on the CCIO webpage

We will continue to have our Bible Lecturer (the Rev. Carl Robinson,) Vespers speaker (the Rev. Sheila P. Spencer,) Forums (*details in AC booklet,*) morning devotions, and Choir (singing for the last two days of the conference; details to come.) We'll have guest choirs on Monday and Tuesday evenings to help with outreach for our conference.

We hope you'll like this blend of remembering and moving forward as we gather to learn more and have fellowship with each other. May you be blessed in your time at Adult Conference!

Your 2024 Adult Conference Planning Team

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We have several workshops available and conferees may choose the workshops they want to attend. Our workshop leaders are:

- **Rev. Michael Howard**, Minister for Faith in Action, Living Water Association of the Heartland Conference, UCC
- **Rev. Beth Long-Higgins**, Vice President of Engagement of United Church Homes
- **Rev. Kara Swartz and Rev. Chad Penhorwood**, Central Christian Church in Newark, Ohio
- **Rev. Beth Gedert**, Zion UCC in Delaware, Ohio
- **Barb Anderson**, member of Dublin Community Church, in Dublin, Ohio
- **Jay Yutzey**, member of Just North UCC in Columbus, Ohio
- **LaVerne Thorpe**, a member of Gender Road Christian Church
- **Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay**, Minister for Worship and Theology for the national setting of the United Church of Christ, and First Congregational UCC in Wellington, Ohio.,
- **Rev. Dr. Judy Alston**, Associate Pastor at Woodland Christian Church, and Regional Elder for the Christian Church in Ohio
- **Matt Stevens and Andrew Gifford**, Church World Service
- **Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism Team Members**, Christian Church in Ohio

Details about the workshops and schedule will be available soon through the AC Booklet.

There are registration options for the full Conference or partial attendance.

We have a discounted room rate of \$122 a night (excluding taxes) at the Hampton Inn & Suites Columbus/University. Each room has 2 queen beds. When making your reservation, please follow this direct link (or by phone reference) "[Christian Church in Ohio 90G](#)" to get the discounted rate. **The cutoff date for the blocked room discounted rate is Saturday, May 18th.**

We respectfully ask that you announce the Adult Conference to your congregation and highlight the importance of spiritual growth and learning to them. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need further information or have other questions about Adult Conference. We stand ready to serve you and your parishioners in any way possible!

Grace and Peace to you from your Adult Conference 2024 Officers.

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Don't miss this engaging opportunity to be transformed!

More info & registration at www.ccinoh.com/ministries/adult/adult-conference