



Potomac Association

Central Atlantic Conference-United Church of Christ

Potomac Association Fall Meeting 2009

Westmoreland Congregational UCC-Bethesda, MD
Saturday, October 23, 2010
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Specifics

The Delegates and Authorized Ministers of the Potomac Association are called to the Fall Meeting 2010. The purpose of this meeting is to continue our work in *Strengthening Partnerships*:

Stone Soup: building on the foundations of our ministry today

We will share in a time of reflection and active dialogue in sharing the breadth and diversity of the missions of our local congregations, and finding ways to share in the many flavors of ministry.

Special focus will be given to

Extending our welcome to all sexual orientations and gender identities

Sacred Conversations and Anti-Racism

Empowerment of our Youth and Young Adults

Seeking the "Unchurched": Ways to greet the new faces in our congregations

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Agenda

8:30 Registration

9:00 Opening Worship

9:30 Call To Order/Reading of the Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes from the Spring 2010 Meeting
Amistad-St. Paul UCC-Lanham, MD Saturday, May 1, 2009

Reports of the Association Board and Committees

Nominations for Officers and Committees

Other Business before the Association

10:00 Keynote Address

Stone Soup in Richmond: the ministry of St. John's United Church of Christ
Rev. John Heaslet, Senior Pastor, and members of St. John's

10:45 Break to Workshops

12:30 Lunch and Displays

Minutes of the Spring Meeting 2010

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Amistad-St. Paul UCC-Lanham, MD

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8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

8:30 Registration

9:00 Opening Plenary

Reports of the Association Committees

Church and Ministry

Bill Wooten, chair

The Committee reported on the progress of the many searches taking place in the Association. Of note, several long-running searches are coming to the point of call, including that at the host church of the meeting. Continued focus is being given to Boundary Awareness Training, and the completion of the initial cycle of compliance with the three-year requirement.

Christian Education

Jessica Petersen, chair

The Committee celebrated the coming of two programs: 1) the *Faith Practices* training event in May, and 2) The Potomac Youth joint Summer Mission Experience in July. The Committee is also collecting names and points of contact for Children's, Youth, and Adult Education from each conversation, and promoting communication between the congregations.

Higher Education

Arlene King-Berry, chair

The Committee celebrated the April fund raiser for our Campus Ministries. In continued support, a motion was made to match the contributions raised at the fund raiser, in the amount of \$1500.

After discussion, Bethel UCC and the Briggs Center at Westmoreland each offered \$750 to match the funds, and the motion was recalled. Thanks were offered to both Bethel UCC and Briggs Center.

Local Church Development

David Diesselhorst, chair

The Committee reported on their work with several congregations seeking affiliation with the United Church of Christ. Most notably, United Christian Church-Lexington Park, MD (formerly Southern Maryland Faith Community) was received into full standing on

3/28/2010, and Covenant Baptist Church-Washington, DC will be received into full membership on 5/16/2010.

The Committee reported on its task from the 2009 Spring Meeting: creating a weekend-format “retreat” meeting for the Association Fall Meeting 2010. After considerable debate, the Moderator asked for the sense of the room. It was determined that the Fall Meeting 2010 would remain in the current one-day format.

Social Action and Mission

Julie Holm, chair

The Chair reviewed the Committee’s work, including the Mission Fair, and the discussion of the Association’s involvement with Capital Pride.

Reports from the Board of Directors

Conference Ministry Team

Kwame Osei Reed, Associate Conference Minister

John Deckenback, Conference Minister

The Conference Ministry Team previewed the agenda items to be presented to the Conference Annual Meeting. The Association was thanked for the leadership in organizing this year’s CAC Annual Meeting.

The congregations were thanked for their gifts to Our Church’s Wider Mission, and certificates were distributed, including those congregations who were “5 for 5.”

Treasurer’s Report

Christine Rowe, Treasurer

State of Association Finances in light of Assessments Received

The Treasurer reported that the finances of the Association are holding to budget, and the congregations are honoring the apportionments. While the overall economic outlook continues to give pause, our commitment to ministry together is responding well.

Moderator’s Report

Hank Fairman, Moderator

The Moderator gave no additional report, save to honor Rev. Dr. Kwame Osei Reed, and the thirty-first anniversary of his ordination.

Nominations for Officers and Committees

In addition to the written slate of nominations, the following names were offered in service:

Board of Directors, At-Large (2010)	Arlene King-Berry
Board of Directors, Scribe (2010)	Letha Dreyfus
Higher Education (2010)	Joseph McCormick
Church and Ministry (2010)	Nora Siebert
Local Church Development (2010)	Etta Williams

The slate was affirmed with a unanimous vote of the Assembly.

Resolutions Brought Before the Assembly

Resolution titled "Faith United Against Tobacco in Virginia"

Resolution titled "We Support the Maryland Health Care for All!"

Felicia Simms took the Chair, and regonized Suzanne Gilbert (Maryland Health Care for All) for a presentation on the motions. After discussion, the assembly elected to vote each resolution separately. The first Resolution (Virginia) passed with a majority vote. The second Resolution (Maryland) passed with a majority vote. Both will be forwarded to the Central Atlantic Conference for their attention.

Hank Fairman resumed the Chair.

10:30 Presentation on "Toward Unified Governance for the National Setting of the United Church of Christ (09-GS-36)".

Inez Smith Reid was presented the model for discussion, and led the assembly in reflection on the issues raised in 09-GS-36. The feedback of the assembly was documented, and forwarded on to the Governance Task Force. Ms. Reid was thanked for her leadership in the National Setting of the UCC.

Other Business before the Association

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned to lunch, fellowship and closing worship.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Henry E. Fairman, Moderator

Association Calendar

November

- 9 Potomac Ministerium 12:00
Hope UCC-Alexandria, VA
- 13 Ordination / Installation of James Estes 5:00
as Research Librarian at Oxnam Chapel,
Wesley Theological Seminary-Washington, DC
- 16 Church & Ministry, 10:00
Bethesda UCC-Bethesda, MD
- 17 Board of Directors, 6:30,
Rock Spring UCC-Arlington, VA
- 20 Making Friends of Church Numbers
Zion UCC-Perry Hall, MD

December

- 8 Church & Ministry, 10:00
and Joint Meeting with Ministerium 12:00
Bethesda UCC-Bethesda, MD
- 11 **Hold Date for Quarterly Ecclesiastical Council**
- 15 Board of Directors, 6:30,
Rock Spring UCC-Arlington, VA

January

- 9 Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast
Peoples UCC-DC
- 11 Ministerium 12:00
North Capital at Plymouth/
Plymouth UCC-Washington, DC
- 18 Church & Ministry, 10:00
Bethesda UCC-Bethesda, MD
- 19 Board of Directors, 6:30,
Rock Spring UCC-Arlington, VA

February

- 9 Ministerium 12:00
Rotation: Virginia
- 15 Church & Ministry, 10:00
Bethesda UCC-Bethesda, MD
- 16 Board of Directors, 6:30,
Rock Spring UCC-Arlington, VA
- 26 **Hold Date for Quarterly Ecclesiastical Council**

March

- 8 Ministerium 12:00
Rotation: Maryland
- 15 Church & Ministry, 10:00
Bethesda UCC-Bethesda, MD
- 16 Board of Directors, 6:30,
Rock Spring UCC-Arlington, VA

April

- 12 Ministerium 12:00
Rotation: District of Columbia
- 16 Pillars of Faith Award Luncheon (Tentative)
Martin's Crosswinds
- 19 Church & Ministry, 10:00
Bethesda UCC-Bethesda, MD
- 20 Board of Directors, 6:30,
Rock Spring UCC-Arlington, VA

May

- 7 Association Spring Meeting,
9:00-1:00, Location TBD
- 10 Ministerium 12:00
Rotation: Maryland
- 17 Church & Ministry, 10:00
Bethesda UCC-Bethesda, MD
- 18 Board of Directors, 6:30,
Rock Spring UCC-Arlington, VA

June

- 7 Ministerium 12:00
Rock Spring Congregational UCC-Arlington, VA
- 10-12 CAC Annual Meeting
University of Delaware-New Ark, DE
- 14 Church & Ministry, 10:00
Bethesda UCC-Bethesda, MD
- 15 Board of Directors, 6:30,
Rock Spring UCC-Arlington, VA
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