



**United Church of Christ  
Office Support Staff Network  
25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

***“Silver Linings”***

**April 12 – April 14, 2012**

**Sponsored by the Ohio Conference**  
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**UCC Church House and Radisson Hotel  
700 Prospect Ave. E. Cleveland, OH**

**REGISTRATION \$125.00**

**Keynote by**

**Mr. W. Mark Clark**

UCC Associate General Minister

**Mrs. Patricia Williams-Black**

spouse of the UCC President, Rev. Geoffrey Black

**Workshops**

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**Friday evening**

**“Pickwick and Frolic” Dinner Buffet**

(Additional cost)

Register online at [www.uccossn.org](http://www.uccossn.org)

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Location: UCC Church House and Radisson Hotel  
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Registration Cost: \$125 Program, materials & meals: formal dinner on Thursday evening, breakfast and lunch on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

Room Cost: \$80 per night – standard room – 2 double beds or 1 king size bed  
check in time 4:00 p.m. / check out time 11:00 a.m.  
Valet parking \$20 per day/per vehicle  
***Room reservations are made during online event registration.***

Bringing a guest, register online for meals  
Friday night: “Pickwick and Frolic” Dinner Buffet Additional Cost \$35.00  
4<sup>th</sup> Street, 2 blocks from the National office.  
<http://www.pickwickandfrolic.com/hilarities/>

**ATTIRE**

THURSDAY EVENING - Formal Dinner

Women - Formal dress in the way of dressy dress, dressy slacks, sparkles if desired  
Men – Dress pants with button down shirt

FRIDAY EVENING – Pickwick and Frolic Dinner Buffet - Nice Casual Clothing

**MENU**

**All meals: Regular and decaf coffee, tea, iced tea, water**

**Thursday – Banquet/Dinner** Choice of one

-Pork Roast Strip Loin with demi sauce served with red skin potatoes  
-Stir Fry Chicken with assorted vegetables over steamed rice  
-Pasta Primavera with toasted garlic, fresh herbs and olive oil  
House Salad – assorted dressings, rolls, chef’s choice of cake or pie

**Friday – Breakfast**

Fluffy Scrambled Eggs and French toast sausage links, breakfast potatoes, breakfast pastries, fresh fruit, assorted juices

**Friday – Lunch -TBA**

**Friday – Dinner at Pickwick & Follies Buffet (extra cost \$35)**

**Saturday – Breakfast**

Fluffy Scrambled Eggs and French toast sausage, breakfast potatoes, breakfast pastries, fresh fruit, assorted juices

**Saturday – Lunch**

Giant Cobb Salad, Grilled Chicken Breast, avocado, tomatoes, bacon, black olives, chopped hardboiled egg, red onions, crumbled blue cheese atop fresh greens  
dinner roll, cookies, brownies

## **Workshops:**

### **How to Say “No” Without Feeling Guilty! - Rev. Jim Cunningham**

Do you say “no” and then struggle with guilt?

Do you say “yes” and then regret it or resent it?

Learn how to take greater control over your life and your decision making!

Why do we say “yes” when we know we want to say “no?”

Come hear the workshop no pastor wants you to attend! :-)

### **UCC Research Office – “All Things Yearbook” – Destiny Hisey**

Learn the ins and outs of the annual United Church of Christ Yearbook. In this workshop we’ll discuss why it’s important to provide your annual report data, how it is used throughout the denomination and how best to provide this data. We’ll spend time demonstrating how easy it is to use the online database to submit your church’s data. Come prepared with your questions as we’ll leave a block of time for Q & A at the end of the session.

### **Bad Girls Rock! – Rev. Barbara Essex**

This hands-on, participatory workshop will provide an overview of those "bad girls" in the Bible we love to hate. Better than any television reality show, the lives of these infamous women provide lessons on what to do and what not to do. We will focus on one bad girl, Jezebel, and see what story she leaves for us. At the end of the workshop, you may even claim "badness" for yourself! Fasten your seatbelts--this will be a bumpy ride and so worth the effort.

### **UCC Websites – Stephanie Ortiz**

This workshop will deal with the subject of creating and maintaining websites. It will include recommendations of resources to create a local church website yourself, using free or cheap tools. Workshop speaker, Stephanie Ortiz, is an Online Communications Specialist in the Publishing, Identity, and Communication Department of Local Church Ministries. We will also be meeting Ann Poston, who is the Director of this department.

### **UCC Resource Center – Tiffany French**

#### **“Engaging and Embracing New Technology and Communication Mediums”**

This workshop will review over the new technologies and modes of communication the UCC is engaging in to better serve our churches, leaders and people in the pew – from social media to digital campaigns

### **“Appreciating life’s rainbows” Rev. Catherine Lawrence**

The Rev. Catherine Lawrence has been on a life long journey toward health and wholeness that embraces one’s mind, body and Spirit. As a registered nurse, she understands the importance of maintaining good physical health. Caring for patients and their families, though, she found that that quality health care, alone is not enough. This passionate search for deeper understanding wholeness led her to seminary. In 2008 she received Master of Divinity Degree with a specialization in pastoral care from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. With an additional four units of CPE, Clinical Pastoral Education, she accepted a call, was ordained and is the pastor of Zion United Church of Christ, Fireside in Bellevue Ohio. Her ministry embraces the importance of spiritual, mental and physical wholeness through healthy behaviors, joy, spirituality, prayer and play.

**Questions contact Joan Davidson at [joan@nwoa.org](mailto:joan@nwoa.org) or 419-447-8323.**

**For additional information about the network visit [www.uccossn.org](http://www.uccossn.org)**

## **AGENDA – UCCOSSN - National Conference - April 12-14, 2012**

### ***Thursday, April 12***

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting & Luncheon
2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Registration
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Formal Dinner with Keynote Speaker (Mr. W. Mark Clark) Group Picture

### ***Friday, April 13***

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Opening Worship – Rev. Paul Sadler
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 p.m.	Break
10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	How to Say “No” Without Feeling Guilty! – Rev. Jim Cunningham
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Book Nook Open
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	National Office Tour
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Workshops UCC Research Office – “All Things Yearbook” – Destiny Hisey
	Bad Girls Rock! – Rev. Barbara Essex
2:20 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.	Workshops UCC Websites, etc. Stephanie Ortiz UCC Resource Center – “Engaging and Embracing New Technology and Communication Mediums” - Tiffany French
3:05 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 p.m. –4:30 p.m.	“Appreciating life’s rainbows” Rev. Catherine Lawrence
5:30 p.m.	Pickwick & Frolic Buffet after dinner events to be announced

### ***Saturday, April 14***

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Business Meeting
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Speaker – Mrs. Patricia Williams-Black
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Reflection & Closing
2:00 p.m.	Evaluations & adjournment