



**St. Louis Association
United Church of Christ**

c/o St. Paul UCC
3510 Giles Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63116
stlaucc@hotmail.com

Dear Friends:

It's that time of year! **The Fall Business Meeting of the Saint Louis Association is Saturday, September 29, 2018 at The Deaconess Center for Child Well-Being, 1000 North Vandeventer Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri 63113.** The phone number is, 314-436-8001. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. We are planning to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Members of the St. Louis Association Council will be providing wonderful hospitality during the meeting.

This will be an opportunity to visit the new offices of both The Deaconess Foundation and Unleashing Potential or UP (formerly Neighborhood Houses). We appreciate their willingness to open their doors for our meeting and the assistance provided by their staff. Parking is available in the building's lot and on the street. The building is fully accessible. Morning refreshments, pastries and fruit as well as lunch are included in the day's schedule.

Delegates*: Each member church is entitled to be represented at all called meetings of the full Association by one lay delegate for each one hundred members or fraction thereof on the church roll, not to exceed twelve delegates. In addition, each member church is entitled to two young adult delegates (Confirmed members who are younger than 30 years of age at the time of the meeting). Every delegate shall have voice and vote at all called meetings of the full Association. Any person holding standing as an ordained, licensed, or commissioned minister (active or retired) who is a member of the Association shall have voice and vote at all called meetings of the full Association. Lay members of the Association Council and all members of Association Covenant Teams who are not named as voting delegates by the congregation of which they are a member shall have voice and vote at all called meetings of the full Association.

Visitors, who are members of local churches with standing in the St. Louis Association, are welcome at the meeting with voice but without vote. All are welcome to attend the meeting.

The day's agenda includes discussion and vote on the proposed 2019 Association Budget; the election of members to the Council and the Covenant Teams. We will also receive updates and reports from within the life of the Association, including the opportunity to be in conversation with representatives of the wonderful mission partners that receive Association mission funds.

Our keynote speaker/preacher is the Rev. Dr. Jane Fisler Hoffman. Jane is the author of *Covenant, A Study for the United Church of Christ*. *Covenant* encourages the members of the United Church of Christ to have meaningful discussion about the word, "covenant." It is Jane's hope that this resource will bring people together around this one word and show that, even with a diversity of views, people have more things in common than not in common.

Jane is a retired ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. Her ministerial standing is held in the Western Association of our Conference. She served as the interim conference minister of the Southern California/Nevada Conference, the conference minister of the Illinois Conference, and the Association Minister of the Southwest Ohio/Northern Kentucky Association of the Ohio Conference. She received her M.Div. from Eden Theological Seminary and is currently a member of Southwood United Church of Christ in Raytown, Missouri.

Educational workshops will be available in the morning. The topics and leaders are: **Being an Open and Affirming Conference**, Chase Peoples and Barbara Biedenstein; **Council for Health and Human Service Ministries**, Mary Paxton and Cindy Bumb; **Deaconess Foundation**, Constance Rush; **Unleashing Potential**, Darlene Sowell; **Offerings of the United Church of Christ**, Lorin Cope.

As is our practice, in order to be environmentally sensitive, meeting documents will be emailed to all who pre-register. Watch for emails from the Association email address: stlaucc@hotmail.com. Please add this address to your email directory so messages from the Association will arrive in your “in-box” and not be directed to your spam folder. **Please bring the documents with you. No printed material will be distributed at the meeting.** Information is also posted on the Saint Louis Association page of the Conference website at www.missourimidsouth.org.

Please also “like” us on Facebook at *St Louis Association – United Church of Christ* for more information, photos, and to stay connected to others in the Association.

And to continue to be environmentally aware, please bring your travel mug or closeable water bottle as coffee, tea and ice water will be available during the day.

During the gathering, there will be time for sharing six 1-minute “Speak Outs.” This is your opportunity to speak about a cause, a program, or a passion of yours that may be relevant to others in our Association. Please register for a Speak Out by contacting Lorin Cope at stlaucc@hotmail.com by September 28. Time slots for Speak Outs are available on a first come, first served basis.

Your Association Council works hard on and looks forward to welcoming you to this gathering each fall. If you’ve never been to an Association meeting before, or if you are one of our faithful annual attendees, we have meaningful resources and relationships to share. Please come! We can’t wait to be together again with you at The Deaconess Center for Child Well-Being on Saturday, September 29. Blessings until then!

Faithfully yours,



Rev. Dr. Heather Arcovitch
President, St. Louis Association Council

St. Louis Association, United Church of Christ
2018 Fall Business Meeting

Registration Form

Saturday, September 29, 2018 at
The Deaconess Center for Child Well-Being
1000 North Vandeventer Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri 63113
314-436-8001

Note: Copy this and send a separate registration for EACH person attending the meeting. Mail completed registration form and payment to: St. Louis Association, United Church of Christ, 3510 Giles Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63116.

Name: _____
Please type or print your name as it should appear on your nametag.

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Daytime phone number: _____

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

Check the appropriate box(es) below:

- Clergy Delegate Member in Discernment Lay Delegate
 Licensed/Commissioned Association Council Visitor (non-voting)
 Young Adult Association Covenant Team Member
 Display Host

I/we will need child care for: _____
(Please list the name and age of each child; must be requested in advance no later than September 22; use the back of the form if additional space is needed)

Do you have any dietary restrictions? _____

Registration Fee: \$10.00 per person if postmarked on or before September 22.
\$15.00 per person if postmarked after September 22.

NOTE: All checks should be made payable to the St. Louis Association. Please indicate "Fall Meeting Registration" in the memo line and mail them with your completed form(s) to: St. Louis Association, 3510 Giles Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63116. Meeting materials and information will be posted on the St. Louis Association website and will be emailed to each person registered for the Fall Meeting. Please bring these documents with you to the meeting. Please **do not** mail your registration to The Deaconess Foundation nor to the Missouri Mid-South Conference office.

Distribution of Lay Delegates per Local Church Membership, 2017
Plus two(2) young adult delegates per church

| CHURCH NAME | Yearbook Number | Members Reported 12/31/17 | Lay Delegates | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | | | 2017 | Young Adult |
| | | 2017 | 2017 | |
| Bethany-Peace | 381260 | 83 | 1 | 2 |
| Brentwood Congregational | 381280 | 67 | 1 | 2 |
| Calvary | 381290 | 80 | 1 | 2 |
| Carondelet | 381310 | 110 | 2 | 2 |
| Christ, Maplewood | 381320 | 103 | 2 | 2 |
| Christ the King | 380510 | 121 | 2 | 2 |
| Church of the Master | 380500 | 248 | 3 | 2 |
| | | | | |
| Eden | 381370 | 153 | 2 | 2 |
| Epiphany | 381400 | 66 | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | |
| Faith, Little Rock | 380035 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| 1st Congregational Bonne Terre | 380210 | 18 | 1 | 2 |
| 1st Congregational Memphis | 382010 | 386 | 4 | 2 |
| 1st Congregational St. Louis | 381423 | 426 | 5 | 2 |
| 1st Congregational Webster Groves | 381425 | 258 | 3 | 2 |
| Grace | 381450 | 159 | 2 | 2 |
| Glory to Glory | 381455 | 100 | 2 | 2 |
| Holy Trinity, Memphis | 382020 | 153 | 2 | 2 |
| Hope, DeSoto | 380430 | 116 | 2 | 2 |
| | | | | |
| Hope, St. Louis | 381470 | 391 | 4 | 2 |
| | | | | |
| Immanuel, Ferguson | 381490 | 320 | 4 | 2 |
| Ivy Chapel | 380325 | 130 | 2 | 2 |
| Kirkwood | 381520 | 237 | 3 | 2 |
| Mt. Tabor | 381550 | 136 | 2 | 2 |
| Parkway | 381570 | 412 | 5 | 2 |
| Peace | 381407 | 307 | 4 | 2 |
| Pilgrim Congregational | 381600 | 167 | 2 | 2 |
| Prince of Peace | 381610 | 148 | 2 | 2 |

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------|------|----|---|
| Samuel | | 381770 | 225 | 3 | 2 |
| St. John, Manchester | | 380930 | 574 | 6 | 2 |
| St. John's, Chesterfield | | 380330 | 415 | 5 | 2 |
| St. John's Evangelical Mehlville | | 381640 | 610 | 7 | 2 |
| St. John's North Grand | | 381630 | 282 | 3 | 2 |
| St. Lucas | | 381650 | 1167 | 12 | 2 |
| St. Luke's, Imperial | | 380690 | 440 | 5 | 2 |
| St. Marcus | | 381670 | 80 | 1 | 2 |
| St. Mark, Arnold | | 380060 | 329 | 4 | 2 |
| St. Martin, High Ridge | | 380660 | 184 | 2 | 2 |
| St. Martin's, Dittmer | | 380440 | 451 | 5 | 2 |
| | | | | | |
| St. Paul, St. Louis | | 381690 | 59 | 1 | 2 |
| St. Paul's, Oakville | | 381710 | 722 | 8 | 2 |
| St. Peter's | | 381720 | 156 | 2 | 2 |
| St. Philips | | 381740 | 206 | 3 | 2 |
| St. Thomas | | 380340 | 90 | 1 | 2 |
| Second Cong. Memphis | | 382015 | 78 | 1 | 2 |
| Trinity | | 381780 | 145 | 2 | 2 |
| Zion | | 380525 | 69 | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | | |

Voting Delegates

From the St. Louis Association Bylaws*

- A.** Each member church is entitled to be represented at all called meetings of the full Association by one (1) lay delegate for each one hundred (100) members or fraction thereof on the church roll, not to exceed twelve (12) delegates. In addition, each member church is entitled to two (2) young adult delegates (communicant members who are less than 30 years of age at the time of the meeting). Every delegate shall have voice and vote at all called meetings of the full Association.
- B.** Any person holding standing as an ordained, licensed, or commissioned minister (active or retired) who is a member of the Association shall have voice and vote at all called meetings of the full Association.
- C.** Lay members of the Association Council and all members of a Covenant Team who are not named as voting delegates by the local church of which they are a member shall have voice and vote at all called meetings of the full Association.

Section 5: Ex-officio (voice and no vote)

- A.** The Conference and Associate Conference Minister(s), whose standings are not in the St. Louis Association, delegates to the General Synod from the Missouri Mid-South Conference UCC, and official representatives to the Association from other ministries and settings of the UCC, are honorary members of the Association and shall have voice but no vote.
- B.** Representatives of ecumenical and interfaith partners, and Association Ecclesiastical Mission Partners, shall have voice but no vote.