

Churches Uniting in Christ

Quarterly Newsletter

Spring 2024



The CUIC Institute for Ecumenism Begins!

The CUIC Institute for Ecumenism will launch its first class in May. This concept, long in the planning, will bring together young adults from the various participating communions in CUIC.

The first cohort will meet monthly via Zoom between May 2024 and March 2025. The sessions will cover topics including the scriptural and theological groundings for ecumenism, the history of the ecumenical and interreligious movements, multi-lateral and bi-lateral dialogues, among others. Most of the instructors for the Institute will also come from CUIC member communions.

The Institute is intended to address the lack of ecumenical faith formation opportunities in the United States. Through this initiative, CUIC seeks to spark greater interest among young adults in the ecumenical movement and develop new leaders within our various denominations.

If you are interested in learning more about the CUIC Institute for Ecumenism, please contact Rev. Mark Pettis (pettism@ucc.org).



NEWS: Plans Coming together for the 2023 Coordinating Council In-Person Meeting

The Coordinating Council of Churches Uniting in Christ is called together for their annual meeting on **Monday, October 7th, 2024**. Please mark your calendars now and note that it will likely be held in Memphis, Tennessee. (In order to show a strong witness of unity, we will be using the same hotel as the group Christian Churches Together, and we are still finalizing which hotel to use.) Please plan on arriving the evening of Sunday, October 6th and leaving the evening of Monday, October 7th. Our meeting will include breakfast and lunch and probably go until mid-afternoon.

Coordinating Council members are the three persons from each communion who serve as: Advisor, Delegate and Young Adult Delegate. You can contact Dr. Hawxhurst if you are not sure who your delegates are. More information will be coming in our July newsletter.



News: The Next Gathering for CUIC Dialogue

CUIC will continue with our commitment to gather online once a quarter for dialogue. Our next gathering will be held on Tuesday, May 14th. The **Coordinating Council will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** eastern time. All CUIC church members are invited to the **dialogue time which will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.** eastern time. The Education Task Force will be leading us on the intersections of education and racial justice. The link for both meetings will be:

<https://umc-cob-org.zoom.us/j/87836892569>

Giving:

To make a donation to CUIC, please contact:

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With questions, Presiding Elder Juliet Owuor: Juliet.owuor7@gmail.com

Updates on the Work of the CUIC Task Forces

The CUIC task forces have begun their work and are meeting together. Thank you to everyone who is serving on a task force. All members of CUIC churches are welcome to join one. Simply contact the below persons who are leading them.

Young Adult Task Force: Rev. Tiffanie Thompson (CME, tiffanie.renee.t@gmail.com) and Tavis Tinsley (UMC, tavistinsley@gmail.com)

Racial Justice Task Force: Ms. Jacqui Dupont-Walker (AME, jupontwalker@gmail.com)

Education Task Force: Rev. Mart Pettis (UCC, pettism@ucc.org)

Relationships Task Force: Rev. Maria Tjeltveit (EC, revmariat@gmail.com) and Rev. Betsy Miller (Moravian, betsy@mcnp.org)

Anniversary Task Force: Rev. Ray Jordan (UCC, revray@eastdallasucc.org)

Churches Uniting in Christ 25th Anniversary Celebration:

CUIC will be 25 years old in 2027, and we will be celebrating at our 2026 gathering. If you are interested in helping with that celebration, email Rev. Ray Jordan at: revray@eastdallasucc.org.



Contact Information for CUIC:

The Churches Uniting in Christ Website is located at:

<https://www.churchesuniting.org>

You may email: contact@churchesuniting.org

The member communions of CUIC are the following:

African Methodist Episcopal Church: www.ame-church.com

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church: www.amez.org

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ): www.disciples.org

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church: www.thecmechurch.org

The Episcopal Church: www.episcopalchurch.org

International Council of Community Churches: <http://www.icccnow.org/>

Moravian Church (Northern Province): www.mcnp.org

Presbyterian church (USA): www.pcusa.org

United Church of Christ: www.ucc.org

The United Methodist Church: www.umc.org or www.unitedmethodistbishops.org

The CUIC officers for 2023-2026 are:

Rev. Dr. Jean Hawxhurst, President, UMC, jhawxhurst@umc-cob.org

Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath, Vice President, AME, jeffreyleath@aol.com

Ruling Elder Juliet Owuor, Treasurer, PCUSA, Juliet.owuor7@gmail.com

Rev. Rock R. Fremont, Jr., Secretary, UCC, rock@mayallbeone.org



Available Resources for CUIC Churches:

Teaching and Preaching:

CUIC members have compiled an excellent online archive of sermons, litanies, prayers and other resources that look at both racism and unity in the church. The resources are centered around holidays celebrated in the Christian Church. To preview them go to:

<https://www.churchesuniting.org/teaching-and-preaching>.

Resources:

If you would like to share with your communion more about the CUIC story and what CUIC is doing now, we can provide you with both a basic information sheet and a PowerPoint presentation. To obtain either email contact@churchesuniting.org.