

Money Matters

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Weekly Insights into generosity, Conference finances, and being stronger together.

Associate Conference Minister Transition

Rev. Molly Carlson



This week we said goodbye to Rev. Kim Wood, our Associate Conference Minister with responsibilities for Eastern and Fox Valley Associations. While we will miss her – this leads to the question: “What are we going to do now?”

In late August, the Council approved a proposal to search for and hire a full time Transitional Associate Conference Minister (ACM) that will serve with us for approximately 12-18 months. This person will NOT be eligible to continue in a settled role. This person will begin with Kim’s current portfolio, but will transition as we as a

Conference continue our process of reconfiguring the work of the Ministry Leadership Team (MLT), which includes the Conference Minister and the ACMs.

During this transitional period, *we will also be looking at whether we will be able to continue to afford 3 ACMs.* Our current OCWM giving does not fully support our current level of staffing. If we cannot figure out how to bring in more income, we will have to consider how we are going to reduce services. This will not be easy work – but we are all in this together.

This week, I have posted the job on oppsearch.ucc.org and on our website. I have forwarded the post to several individuals who have expressed interest in this position directly with me. I have also begun the process of assembling the search committee per the Conference Constitution guidelines that will select the final candidate. Once that team is finalized, we will make that information public.

In the meantime, **Rev. Kathy Lawes will be supporting the churches in the Eastern Association** and **Rev. Terrill Murff will be supporting the churches of the Fox Valley Association.** To hopefully simplify things, anyone needing support from the MLT can contact the Conference Office at 708-344-4470 and our support staff will gladly help you connect with the best person for your questions.

*Blessings,
Molly*

And we Celebrate!!!

St. Peter UCC, Lake Zurich Receives Global H.O.P.E Kit Matching Grant!

The United Church of Christ awarded St. Peter United Church of Christ, Lake Zurich, IL with a **\$250 matching grant** for their fundraising efforts and commitment to assemble **58 Hygiene Kits, to be distributed by Church World Service (CWS)**. These Hygiene Kits mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families facing natural disasters, violence, or poverty. Participation in this important and tangible ministry program is very **much needed and appreciated**, especially as we witness the devastation of storms such as Hurricane Ida.



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