

The Chicago Metropolitan Association
ANNUAL SPRING MEETING: “Better Together”

May 5, 2018

Epiphany United Church of Christ
2008 W. Bradley Place, Chicago IL 60618

Greetings to the Chicago Metropolitan Association congregations, clergy, laity, and UCC-related community, health and educational institutions. Let us gather together at Epiphany United Church of Christ, Chicago, Illinois on Saturday, May 5, 2018 for our Annual Spring Meeting. This will be a time for celebration, worship, fellowship, learning and faith sharing.

The theme of this year’s Spring Meeting is “Better Together,” acknowledging our covenantal relationships with each other and demonstrating how our mutual ministry is stronger when we share our ministries. There will be a dialogue sermon during worship between our host pastor, Rev. Kevin McLemore, Pastor of Epiphany UCC, and Rev. Jason Coulter, Pastor, Ravenswood UCC. They will show how their congregations share ministry. During our business time, three congregations will introduce themselves to us before we vote to accept them as part of the Chicago Metropolitan Association.

There will be a separate youth event sponsored by Off the Pews. Attendees will join us for worship but then have their separate program. Program and Registration information will be sent separately.

Our meeting will begin with on-site registration and continental breakfast at 8:00 am. We will gather for worship and communion led by the congregation of Epiphany UCC at 8:45 a.m.

The registration fee of \$25 (\$30 on-site) includes continental breakfast, snacks and lunch. There is a reduced registration fee of \$15 for Members-in-Discernment and Retired Clergy. **The program *Off the Pews* will cover the registration costs for Youth (23 years and under).**

Enclosed with this letter is a registration form. Please register one person per form. Please make additional copies as needed. Early registration is greatly appreciated. **Early registration deadline is Friday, April 28, 2017.**

Enclosed is also a description of opportunities for ministry in the Chicago Metropolitan Association plus a nomination form.

A separate mailing will include information about the CMA Constitution and Bylaw Changes to be voted upon during this meeting.

In an effort to be environmentally responsible, we will be preparing fewer packets with Annual Reports for the business meeting. These reports will be available around April 25, 2018 at the CMA website: www.cma.ilucc.org. For further information, contact Rev. Wayne MacPherson, CMA Administrator, at ilconfwayne@gmail.com or 773-324-7650.

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