

**The Chicago Metropolitan Association
ANNUAL SPRING MEETING**

May 4, 2019

Hosts: Bethany UCC and Gilead Church

Location: Bethany UCC

4250 N. Paulina, Chicago IL 60613

Greetings to the Chicago Metropolitan Association congregations, clergy, laity, and UCC-related community, health and educational institutions. Let us gather together at Bethany United Church of Christ, Chicago, Illinois on Saturday, May 4, 2019 for our Annual Spring Meeting. This will be a time for celebration, worship, fellowship, learning and faith sharing.

Both Bethany UCC and Gilead Church are led by Co-pastors Rev. Rebecca Anderson and Rev. Vince Amlin.

Bethany UCC is located at the corner of Paulina and Cullom Avenues in Chicago. Cullom is one block south of Montrose and Paulina is one block west of Ashland Avenue. The church is located three blocks east of the Montrose stop on the CTA's Brown line. Street parking is available as well as parking in the lot of Ravenswood School at 4332 N. Paulina Avenue. Entrance to the lot is on Cullom Avenue. As usual we encourage ride sharing.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served. There will be a pick-up choir for the worship service and the choir will gather at 8:15a.m. – 8:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

After greetings from CMA and Illinois Conference leadership as well as our host pastors, we will join in worship led by our host congregations. The rest of the agenda will consist of a business meeting along with three presentations. The first presentation on the Illinois Conference's Lilly Grant will be led by Rev. Dr. David Russell, Associate Conference Minister of the Illinois Conference. The second presentation will look at Storytelling in Worship and will be led by Rev. Rebecca Anderson, one of our host pastors. The third presentation will look at the Opioid Epidemic. Discussion will be led by Ms. Deborah Dillon on the Illinois Opioid Alternative Act.

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.

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 26, 2019.**

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, 2019 at the CMA website, cma.ilucc.org.

For further information, contact Rev. Wayne MacPherson, CMA Administrator, at ilconfwayne@gmail.com or 773-324-7650.

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