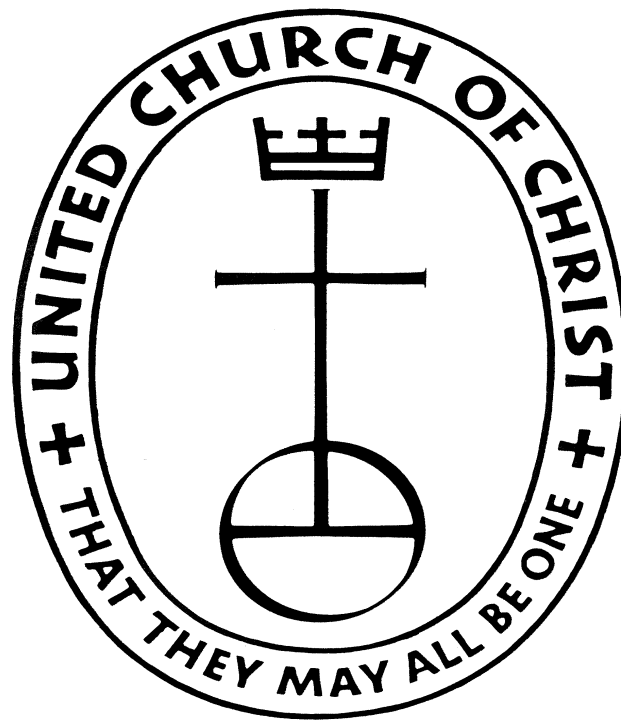


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**Chicago Metropolitan Association
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CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE:

The ministry of Jesus was extended toward all whom he touched. He walked with, taught, and loved the common people of the street. He showed compassion and healing toward those who suffered at the city gate. He wept over the plight of Jerusalem. He endured the injustice and torture of city magistrates. The focus of his compassion was the salvation of the metropolis – the whole people.

Through the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we believe that we are invited to bring the love, justice and peace of God to our metropolis, without counting the cost. We believe we are commissioned by God’s Spirit to carry further the mandate of Christ; preach good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, bring recovery of sight to the blind; set at liberty those who are oppressed and proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor. For these purposes, in the hope of God’s new realm to come and in our diversity, we are joined in holy covenant to be the Chicago Metropolitan Association of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ.

As an association of the United Church of Christ, the Chicago Metropolitan Association aspires to be a multi-racial, multi-cultural, open and affirming, peace with justice expression of the denomination, accessible to all.

MISSION GOALS:

The Chicago Metropolitan Association, a covenanted body of congregations, ministers, and historically related institutions, is called by God, empowered by Jesus Christ, and guided by the Holy Spirit to:

- support the life, growth, and witness of our congregations to be effective and faithful in our shared ministry and mission;
- develop and support leaders of vision, imagination, and integrity to serve local and global ministries, including the preparation for ordained, commissioned, and licensed ministry; and,
- inspire a passion for doing the work of reconciliation and justice as we live faithfully in our daily life in the name of Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Association shall be the CHICAGO METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ. The Chicago Metropolitan Association is a part of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ. The Illinois Conference is incorporated under the Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation Act.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. General

The Association shall be comprised of United Church of Christ local congregations and ordained, licensed, and commissioned ministers with standing in the Chicago Metropolitan Association.

B. Purpose

Consistent with Article VIII of the Constitution and Article II of the Bylaws of the United Church of Christ, the purpose of the Association shall be to:

1. Provide for ecclesiastical standing of local churches and ordained, licensed and commissioned ministers.
2. Foster and fulfill within its sphere the life and mission of the United Church of Christ.
3. Provide for area groupings of local churches that shall be called Clusters of Churches.
4. Provide for the establishment and/or recognition of committees, task forces, networks, and other program units.
5. Enable local churches and Clusters of Churches to perform their functions.
6. Support the ministerial search and call process and promote positive relationships between local churches and ministers.
7. Ordain qualified individuals into the Christian ministry.
8. Review and evaluate those projects funded by the Association.
9. Provide a context for the Association's relationship with historically-related United Church of Christ institutions in the Chicago metropolitan area.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION

A. General

All Local Churches and all ordained, commissioned and licensed ministers with standing in the Association shall be members of the Association.

B. Former Congregational Christian Churches

The Association will recognize the rights to participation in this Association, within the limits of this Constitution, of the churches and ministers who were members of former Congregational Christian Associations, and who have maintained historic ties with, but who have not become a part of the United Church of Christ.

C. Historically-Related UCC Institutions

Historically-related United Church of Christ institutions in the Chicago metropolitan area shall be members of the Association with voice and one (1) vote per institution. These institutions shall include but not be limited to Advocate Health Care, Chicago Theological Seminary, Community Renewal Society, Elmhurst College, Consecra, St. Paul's' House, and the Uhlich Children's' Advantage Network (UCAN).

D. Adjustment of Membership

Any adjustment of Association membership or transfer of membership of a Local Church between Associations shall be done by the Associations in consultation with the Local Church involved and with the approval of the Illinois Conference.

ARTICLE IV- MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. General

The voting members shall control the affairs of this Association. The voting members of the Association shall consist of the ordained, commissioned and licensed ministers holding standing in this Association, the duly elected lay delegates from the Local Church, the duly appointed representatives of the historically-related United Church of Christ institutions in the Chicago metropolitan area, and members of the Association Council who are not otherwise ministers holding standing in the Association or duly-elected lay delegates.

B. Spring and Fall Meetings

The Annual Business Meeting of this Association shall be held in the Spring of the year prior to the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Conference, at a time and place to be determined by the Association Council. In addition, there shall be a Fall gathering of the Association, usually of a programmatic nature, at a time and place to be determined by the Association Council.

C. Special Meetings

The Association Council may call a Special Meeting of the Association. A Special Meeting of the Association shall also be called by the Council upon petition of at least twenty-five Local Churches holding standing in this Association. The Association Council shall cause a call for a Special Meeting to be issued within fifteen (15) days of a petition being presented to the Secretary of the Association. Only matters specific in the call shall be acted upon at a Special Meeting.

ARTICLE V – LOCAL CHURCH

A. General

The basic unit of the life and organization of the Association is the Local Church. The Association affirms the rights and responsibilities of the Local Church as outlined in the Constitution of the United Church of Christ.

B. Covenant

The Local Church of the United Church of Christ has a covenant responsibility for the denomination, its labors and its extension, even as the United Church of Christ has a covenant responsibility for the well-being and needs and aspirations of the Local Church.

C. Autonomy

The autonomy of the Local Church is inherent and modifiable only by its own actions. Because of our covenantal nature, actions by, decisions of, or advice emanating from the General Synod, the Illinois Conference, the Association and Clusters of Churches should be held in highest regard by every Local Church.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. General

The Officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator will be elected every two (2) years by Association members at their Annual Spring Meeting. The Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years, and the Secretary will be elected in odd numbered years, each for a term of two (2) years by Association members at their Annual Spring Meeting. Newly elected Officers shall take office immediately following the Annual Spring Meeting of the Illinois Conference.

ARTICLE VII – ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

A. General

The Association Council shall serve as the policy-making body of the Association between meetings of the whole Association. The Council shall meet at least six times a year except in July and August. Special meetings of the Council may be called as needed by the Executive Ministry Team. Members of the Council shall take office immediately following the Annual Celebration of the Illinois Conference.

B. Purpose -- The purpose of the Association Council shall be to:

1. Administer the affairs of the Association between meetings of the Association.
2. Implement the Mission Goals of the Association, in cooperation with the Clusters of Churches, Ministry Teams, Task Forces, Networks and other program units.
3. Ensure the implementation of Resolutions adopted by the Association at duly called Association meetings.
4. Approve the CMA budget, as proposed by the Budget Ministry Team.
5. Hear and decide appeals from decisions made by the Church and Ministry Team, consistent with the Association-approved protocol [to be developed by the Church and Ministry Team and approved by the CMA Association Council].

6. Present a report of its activities to the Annual Spring Meeting of the Association.

C. Composition

Membership in the Council shall consist of the following 26 voting members and the Associate Conference Minister(s) assigned to the CMA.

1. Officers: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Secretary, and Treasurer
2. Ten at-large Representatives, at least two of which shall be a Youth Representative (at least age 14 and not older than age 22 at date of election), elected for two (2) year terms with a two (2) term limit, with five (5) members elected each year
3. One Representative from each of the Six Clusters
4. Chair of the Congregational Life Ministry Team
5. Chair of the Church and Ministry Team
6. Chair of the Justice and Witness Ministry Team
7. Chair of the Nominating Ministry Team
8. Chair of the Youth & Young Adult Ministry Team
9. One Chicago Metropolitan Association member of the Illinois Conference Personnel Committee, as determined by that group
10. (1) to (2) Associate Conference Minister(s) assigned to the CMA, with voice but not vote.

D. Other Council Participants

Other groups and organizations are entitled to participation on the Council as the need arises. They shall have voice but not vote. Upon request, they may receive the minutes of the Council. These groups include:

1. Representatives of committees, Task Forces and Networks established or recognized by the Association.

2. Representatives from historically-related UCC institutions in the Chicago metropolitan area, that may include but are not limited to Advocate Health Care, Chicago Theological Seminary, Community Renewal Society, Elmhurst College, Consecra, St. Paul's' House, and the Uhlich Children's' Advantage Network (UCAN).
3. Representatives of UCC-recognized Historically Under-represented Groups (HUGs), that may include but are not limited to the Council for Hispanic Ministries; Ministers for Racial, Social and Economic Justice (MRSEJ); United Black Christians (UBC); Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries (PAAM); and the CMA section of the Illinois Conference Chapter of the UCC Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns.
4. Illinois Conference Minister or Acting or Interim Conference Minister.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

A. Requirements

Amendments to this Revised Constitution may be proposed by the Association Council or by at least twenty-five (25) Local Churches holding standing in the Association. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Association Council at least sixty (60) days prior to the Association Annual Spring Meeting at which they will be considered. All proposed amendments to this Revised Constitution to be considered for adoption by this Association shall be transmitted to the Local Church no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Association Annual Spring Meeting.

B. Adoption

Adoption of amendments to the Association Constitution shall require a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of those members present and voting.

C. Effective Date

Amendments to the Association Constitution shall be effective immediately following the Annual Celebration of the Illinois Conference.

ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

BYLAWS ARTICLE I -- CLUSTERS OF CHURCHES

A. General

The Association shall be divided into six (6) geographic Clusters of Churches.

B. Purpose

The purpose of the Clusters of Churches shall be to:

1. Convene the Association in the form of an ecclesiastical council to examine and approve candidates for ordination within the Cluster, consistent with the Association-approved protocol. [Attachment A]
2. Initiate programs and services for their own churches and for churches throughout the Association.
3. Promote fellowship among the churches.
4. Be a vehicle of communication between the local church and the wider church so that local churches may be more effective both in their local and wider witness.

C. Representatives

5. Deans and Vice-Deans

Clusters shall elect Deans and Vice Deans to serve a two (2) year term. Clusters 1, 3 and 5 shall elect Deans and Vice Deans in odd numbered years. Cluster 2, 4 and 6 shall elect Deans and Vice Deans in even numbered years. Clusters may elect other officers for such terms as they may decide. One representative from each Cluster, usually the Dean, shall serve on the Association Council.

Newly elected Cluster officers shall take office immediately following the Annual Celebration of the Illinois Conference.

6. Representatives to the Justice and Witness Ministry Team

Each Cluster shall elect one (1) representative to the Justice and Witness Ministry Team for an undesignated term. Newly elected Cluster representatives to the Justice and Witness Ministry Team shall take office immediately following the Annual Celebration of the Illinois Conference.

BYLAWS ARTICLE II – LOCAL CHURCH

A. Standing of the Local Church

1. Granting of Standing

A Local Church that desires standing in the Association shall present evidence of its vote that it intends to fulfill the obligations of a Local Church in the Association. The Church and Ministry Team shall examine the request of the church. The Church and Ministry Team shall make a recommendation to the Association Council. The Association Council shall present the request to the Association at a regular or special meeting. The Church shall be received into the Association upon two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present and voting at such Association meeting.

2. Questions of Local Church Standing

When a question of the standing of a Local Church of this Association has been raised, the Church and Ministry Team shall make inquiry. If the matter cannot be satisfactorily resolved, the Church and Ministry Team or the Local Church may submit the concern to the Association Council for action. If the matter is still not satisfactorily resolved, the Church and Ministry Team or the Local Church may submit the concern to the Association at a regular or special meeting.

3. Termination of Standing by the Association

This Association may initiate action to terminate the standing of a Local Church when that Local Church no longer supports the purposes and programs of the United Church of Christ or when that congregation ceases to continue as a church.

The Church and Ministry Team of the Association shall be responsible for making recommendations regarding terminating the standing of the local church. Recommendations on these matters are made by the Church and Ministry Team to the Association Council. The Association Council will consider these recommendations

and recommend an action to be taken by the Association at a duly called meeting.

A Local Church shall be removed from the Association and the United Church of Christ upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those delegates present and voting at such Association meeting.

4. Termination of Standing by the Local Church

A Local Church desiring to terminate its standing in and break covenant with the Association shall present its request to the Association. On recommendation of the Church and Ministry Team the Association may acknowledge the Local Church's determination to end its standing with the Association by a majority vote of those present and voting at a regular or special meeting.

B. Governing Authority

Except where modified by this Constitution or by action of the Association Council, the most recent edition of the United Church of Christ *Manual on Church* shall serve as this Association's standards for its actions for all issues pertaining to the standing of the Local Church.

BYLAWS ARTICLE III -- MINISTERS

A. Standing of Ministers

All ordained, commissioned, and licensed ministers of the United Church of Christ may hold standing in this Association only when serving ministries within the geographic areas of this Association, with the following exceptions:

1. All ordained, commissioned, and licensed ministers of the United Church of Christ, engaged in a ministry requiring a prolonged absence from the United States or one that does not permit a fixed residence, may hold standing in this Association.
2. All ordained, commissioned, and licensed ministers of the United Church of Christ, who retire from active service, may hold standing in this Association, without being required to reside within the geographical area of this Association.
3. All ordained, commissioned, and licensed ministers of the United Church of Christ, engaged in interim ministry, who retain active Church membership in a

congregation of this Association.

B. Determination of Standing of Ministers

The Association's Church and Ministry Team shall determine the standing of ministers of the Association consistent with the provisions of Article X (D) of the Bylaws to this Revised Constitution.

C. Governing Authority

Except where modified by this Constitution or by the actions of the Association Council, the most recent edition of the United Church of Christ *Manual on Ministry* shall serve as this Association's standard for its actions in all issues pertaining to standing of ministers.

BYLAWS ARTICLE IV – VOTING MEMBERSHIP

A. Lay Delegates from the Local Church

Every Local Church that has standing shall be entitled to representation in the Association by two (2) voting lay delegates, and in addition thereto, each Local Church shall be entitled to representation by one (1) voting youth delegate (a person at least 14 years of age and not older than 22 at date of election). The Local Church shall choose its own lay and youth delegates.

B. Historically-Related UCC Institutions

Each historically-related United Church of Christ institution in the Chicago metropolitan area that wishes to do so shall appoint one individual to serve as a representative to the Association with voice and one (1) vote at Annual Association Meetings.

C. Ministers

All ordained, commissioned, and licensed ministers who have standing in the Association shall be voting members at the Annual Spring and Fall Meetings of the Association.

D. Association Council Members

The elected members of the Association Council shall be voting members at the Annual

Spring and Fall Meetings of the Association during their term of office.

BYLAWS ARTICLE V – MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. Elections at Association Meetings

- a. The election of officers, at-large members of the Association Council and Association ministry teams shall be held at the Annual Spring Meeting of this Association except as otherwise provided. The Nominating Ministry Team shall recommend candidates for all elected offices, although additional nominations may be made from the floor with the prior consent of the nominee.
- b. Nominees for election by the Illinois Conference for delegates and alternates to General Synod shall be elected at the Annual Spring Meeting in even numbered years.
- c. Except by a contrary vote of the Association, all elections shall be by written ballot. A majority vote of those present and voting shall be necessary to elect. If one candidate does not receive a majority, another written ballot shall be cast between the two candidates having the highest number of votes.

B. Notice

The Association Secretary shall issue all notices of both regular and Special Meetings. Such notices shall be transmitted to the ministers and Local Churches of the Association at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. In the case of a Special Meeting, the specific items to be considered shall be clearly stated in the call.

C. Quorum

A quorum at meetings of the Association shall consist of seventy-five (75) voting members.

D. Illinois Conference Staff Participation

The Illinois Conference Minister and other Conference staff persons in attendance at Association meetings shall have voice but not vote, unless they hold standing in this Association.

E. Association Council Member Participation.

Members of the Association Council in attendance at Association meetings who are not otherwise ministers holding standing in the Association or duly elected lay delegates shall have voice and vote.

BYLAWS ARTICLE VI – RESOLUTIONS

A. Definition

A Resolution shall be defined as the formal expression of opinion will or intent of the Association as determined by the vote of a majority of those delegates present and voting at a duly called Association Meeting.

B. Requirements

To be considered at an Association Meeting, a proposed Resolution must be received in the Association Office no later than forty five (45) days prior to the date of the Association Meeting. A proposed Resolution must follow the following format: Title; Sponsor(s); whereas statements (including theological rationales; previous CMA, Illinois Conference or UCC positions); Resolved statements (actions to be voted on); and a Financial Note.

C. Notice

All proposed Resolutions to be considered for adoption by this Association shall be transmitted to the local church no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Association Meeting.

D. Emergency Resolutions

An Emergency Resolution may be presented at an Association Meeting, provided the signatures of twenty-five (25) percent of the voting members present and voting accompany such Emergency Resolution.

E. Implementation

The Association Council is responsible for ensuring the timely implementation of all Resolutions duly adopted by the Association.

BYLAWS ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. Terms

The election of the Moderator and the Vice-Moderator shall occur every two (2) years. The person elected Moderator shall serve one (1) full term of two (2) years, with a one (1) term limit. The person elected Vice-Moderator shall serve one (1) full term of two (2) years, with a one (1) term limit. The Secretary and Treasurer are each eligible for no more than two (2) consecutive full terms of two (2) years each. Serving a partial term shall not be considered a full term for purposes of these term limits. The positions of Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall alternate in successive terms between a clergy person and a layperson. One term a clergy person will be elected as Moderator, and the following term, a layperson will be elected. When a clergy person is elected as the Moderator, a layperson will be elected as the Vice-Moderator. The next term, a clergy person will be elected as the Vice-Moderator.

B. Vacancies

The Association Council, upon the recommendation of the Nominating Ministry Team, shall fill all vacancies in elected offices until the next Annual Spring Meeting of the Association.

C. Moderator

1. The Moderator shall serve as member of and chair all meetings of the Association, the Association Council and the Association Executive Committee. The Moderator shall also be an ex-officio member of all Association Ministry Teams.
2. The Moderator shall be an ex-officio member of the Illinois Conference Council and the Illinois Conference Executive Committee, as defined by the Constitution of the Illinois Conference.

D. Vice-Moderator

1. The Vice-Moderator shall perform the duties of the Moderator in cases of the Moderator's absence or by request of the Moderator.
2. The Vice-Moderator shall serve on the Association Council and the Association Executive Committee.

3. The Vice-Moderator will collaborate in the planning of the Fall and Spring Annual Meetings of the Association with the Congregational Life Ministry Team.
4. In the event the Vice-Moderator becomes the Moderator before the end of the Moderator's term or the Vice-Moderator's position otherwise becomes vacant, then the Nominating Ministry Team shall recommend a candidate for the Vice-Moderator position for election by the Association Council.

E. Secretary

The Secretary, with the Association Co-Ministers, shall handle the official correspondence of the Association. The Secretary shall serve as a member of the Association Council and Association Executive Committee, and record minutes of the meetings of the Association, the Association Council, and the Association Executive Committee.

F. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall oversee the finances of the Association and report regarding these finances to the Association, Association Council and the Association Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall chair the Association Budget Ministry Team and participate with staff in the preparation of the Association budget to be recommended to the Association Council. The Treasurer shall serve on the Association Council, the Association Executive Committee, and the Illinois Conference Administration and Finance Committee.

BYLAWS ARTICLE VIII – STAFF OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. General

From Time to time, the Chicago Metropolitan Association may be served by two or more Associate Conference Ministers. In such event, the language in this Article VIII shall be construed in the plural. The Illinois Conference and the Chicago Metropolitan Association shall call an Associate Conference Minister who is an ordained minister with standing in the United Church of Christ in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Illinois Conference and the Revised Constitution of the Chicago Metropolitan Association. The Associate Conference Minister shall be accountable to the Conference Council and Personnel Committee of the Illinois Conference and to the Chicago Metropolitan Association, through the Illinois Conference Minister.

B. Responsibilities

The Associate Conference Minister will be responsible for the Chicago Metropolitan Association, pastoral care, search and call, and program support. The Associate Conference Minister shall model a partnership in ministry for the Association. The Associate Conference Minister shall foster a sense of ministry and community among the local church and ministers.

Consistent with the position description of an Associate Conference Minister adopted by the Illinois Conference, each Associate Conference Minister shall:

1. Be a theologian and spiritual leader by articulating a vision for the life and work of the church, and proclaim the theology of the United Church of Christ.
2. Foster covenantal relationships among local churches and authorized ministries, the Associations, the Illinois Conference and Illinois Conference staff.
3. Serve as a primary resource for search and call.
4. Provide services to local churches as needed and facilitate conflict management.
5. Provide pastoral care to ministers, spouses and their families.
6. Serve as staff in the development and coordination of human resources and ministries of the Association.
7. Serve as staff to the Church and Ministry Team and act as registrar in all matters pertaining to ministerial and local church standing.
8. Serve as interpreter of the ministries of the Conference, the Association and the covenanted ministries of the United Church of Christ.
9. Carry out Conference-wide responsibilities assigned by the Conference Minister.
10. Participate in developing a budget and overseeing the financial operations of the Association.

11. Maintain the official correspondence and provide a repository for the official documents of the Association.
12. Supervise staff in the Association office, including performing annual reviews and making recommendations regarding staffing needs.
13. Carry out other responsibilities as assigned by the Association Council.
14. Serve on the Association Council and staff other Association Committees.
15. Report to the Annual Meeting of the Association.
16. Assist in the function of the Clusters of Churches.

In addition, the Associate Conference Minister shall be designated to serve as Registrar at Association Meetings.

C. Election or Dismissal

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Illinois Conference shall govern the election and dismissal of the Associate Conference Minister.

D. Staff Relations Committee

The elected representatives of the Chicago Metropolitan Association to the Illinois Conference Personnel Committee shall constitute a Staff Relations Committee. The Staff Relations Committee shall:

- a. Elect its own chair from among members serving at least one (1) year on the Committee.
- b. Meet with professional and support staff to discuss and seek solutions for their concerns.
- c. Provide, in consultation with the Illinois Conference Personnel Committee, input to the Illinois Conference Minister for an annual review of the performance of professional staff.

BYLAWS ARTICLE IX – ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

A. Quorum

Except as otherwise provided, a quorum at meetings of the Association Council shall consist of one-third of the voting members [9 voting members]. For matters involving appeals of the termination of standing for ministry, a quorum of the Association Council shall consist of one-half of the voting members [13 voting members].

For purposes of Quorum and for Voting, if an Association Council member is serving in two (2) positions that qualify for Association Council membership, then that person shall only exercise one vote and be considered as one (1) person for the counting of Quorum.

B. Executive Session

The Association Council may meet in executive session, which means only voting members of the Council may participate and matters discussed shall be treated as confidential. No formal actions may be taken during executive session. Executive sessions of the Association Council may be called upon a motion duly made and seconded with the two-thirds vote of the Association Council members present and voting. If an executive session matter pertains to a particular individual serving on the Council, such individual will be excluded from the executive session.

BYLAWS ARTICLE X ASSOCIATION STANDING MINISTRY TEAMS

A. General

1. The Association shall establish standing Ministry Teams, accountable to the Association. Each Ministry Team, except the Executive Ministry Team and Budget Ministry Team, shall submit a report to the Annual Meeting of the Association.
2. The Association shall attempt to insure there is a balanced representation of members of the Clusters of Churches, ordained ministers and lay members, men and women, and individuals from UCC-recognized historically under-represented groups (HUGs) on the Ministry Teams.

3. Each Ministry Team shall elect its own officers.
4. The Ministry Teams will meet as necessary for the timely and considered exercise of their responsibilities.
5. The Chairs of the Congregational Life, Church and Ministry, Justice and Witness, Youth and Young Adult, and Nominating Ministry Teams, shall serve on the Association Council and the Association Executive Committee.

B. Executive Ministry Team

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Executive Ministry Team shall be to:

- a. Monitor Association affairs between meetings of the Association Council.
- b. Be responsible for ensuring the implementation of the decisions of the Association and the Association Council.
- c. Serve as a consultative sounding board to the Moderator.

2. Composition

The Executive Ministry Team shall be composed of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, the Chairs of the Congregational Life, Church and Ministry, Justice and Witness, Youth and Young Adult, and Nominating Ministry Teams, and the Association Conference Minister(s). Members shall serve for the length of time they are elected to their particular positions.

3. Meeting frequency

The Executive Ministry Team will meet as needed, at a time and place determined by the Moderator. Meetings may be also called by any member of the Executive Ministry Team.

C. Congregational Life Ministry Team

1. Purpose

The Congregational Life Ministry Team shall be responsible for providing

opportunities for congregations within the Association to become aware of resources within the UCC at the national and conference levels, within our related Institutions, and within other sources so that these congregations are able to be faithful stewards in their mission to proclaim the Gospel as viable and responsive church bodies in their respective neighborhoods, towns, and cities. The Congregational Life Ministry Team shall be responsible in collaboration with the Vice-Moderator for the planning and coordination of the CMA Annual Spring and Fall Meetings.

2. Composition

The Congregational Life Ministry Team will be composed of nine at-large members recommended by the Nominating Ministry Team, and, as elected by the Clusters, one representative from each Cluster. At-large members shall serve three-year terms, with one-third of the at-large members elected each year. Members shall be eligible for a second three-year term.

D. Church and Ministry Team

1. Purpose: Ministerial Standing

Except as otherwise provided in this Revised Constitution, the Church and Ministry Team shall be responsible for granting, reviewing, transferring and terminating the standing of ordained, licensed and commissioned ministers of the Association.

These decisions are made by the Church and Ministry Team and shall be reported to the Association Council. The decisions of the Church and Ministry Team are final and are not subject to appeal, except that the process and procedure of the Church and Ministry Team's decision to revoke a person's authorized standing may be appealed to the Association Council pursuant to the Association-approved protocol [to be developed by the Church and Ministry Team and approved by the CMA Association Council].

The decision of the Association Council regarding appeals of the process and procedure of the Church and Ministry Team's decision to revoke a person's authorized standing shall be considered final and not subject to additional appeals

The Association Council may either affirm that the Church and Ministry Team properly followed its process and procedure, in which case the original decision will be affirmed and the appeal will end; or if the Association Council finds errors of process or procedure, then it will send the case back to the Church and Ministry

Team for reconsideration. No member of the Association Council who participated in the deliberations of the Church and Ministry Team regarding the revocation of a person's authorized standing shall vote in any appeal of the Church and Ministry Team's decision to revoke such standing.

The Association delegates all questions of authorization except authorization for ordination to the Church and Ministry Team. The Association will convene Ecclesiastical Councils to examine candidates for ordination to the Christian ministry.

Specifically, the purpose of the Church and Ministry Team shall be to:

- a. Grant or terminate the authorized standing of ordained, licensed, and commissioned ministers.
- b. Grant Privilege of Call in the United Church of Christ to authorized ministers of other denominations.
- c. Exercise oversight of authorized ministers.
- d. Request that the appropriate Cluster convene an Ecclesiastical Council, on behalf of the Association, for the purpose of examining candidates for ordination and authorizing those whose examinations have been sustained to be ordained.
- e. Request ecclesiastical endorsement from the United Church of Christ for chaplains and certifications for professional organizations.
- f. Grant, continue or terminate Member in Discernment status.

2. Purpose: Local Church Standing

The Church and Ministry Team shall be responsible for making recommendations regarding the granting, reviewing, transferring and terminating the standing of the Local Church. Recommendations on these matters are made by the Church and Ministry Team to the Association Council. The Association Council will consider these recommendations and recommend an action to be taken by the Association at a duly called meeting.

3. Composition

The Church and Ministry Team shall be composed of twenty-seven (27) members and the Associate Conference Minister(s). Members shall serve three-year terms, with one third of the members elected each year. Members shall be eligible for a second three-year term.

E. Justice and Witness Ministry Team

1. Purpose

The Justice and Witness Ministry Team shall be responsible, in cooperation with other groups within the Association, to sustain a collective voice of social witness. The Ministry Team shall encourage the study, proclamation, and living of justice and peace in the Church and in the world.

2. Composition

The Justice and Witness Ministry Team shall be composed of twelve (12) at-large members recommended by the Nominating Ministry Team, plus one (1) member as elected by each CMA Cluster. At-large members shall serve three (3) year terms, with one third (1/3) of the members elected each year. Members shall be eligible for a second three (3) year term. Representatives of the historically under-represented groups (HUGs) will be invited to participate in the meeting of the Ministry Team as appropriate.

F. Nominating Ministry Team

1. Purpose

The Nominating Ministry Team shall be responsible for presenting nominees for positions to be elected by the Association at the Annual Meeting.

- a. The Nominating Ministry Team shall present nominees for the offices of Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association.
- b. The Nominating Ministry Team shall present nominees for members-at-large of the Association Council, the Congregational Life, the Justice and Witness, and the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Teams. It shall also

present nominees for members of the Church and Ministry Team and the Nominating Ministry Team.

- c. The Nominating Ministry Team shall recommend nominees to serve as representatives from the Chicago Metropolitan Association to the Illinois Conference Council, Illinois Conference Personnel Committee, Illinois Conference Budget Committee and other Conference Committees as requested by the Illinois Conference.
- d. In even numbered years, the Nominating Ministry Team shall recommend a slate from the Chicago Metropolitan Association to serve as Delegates and Alternates to the General Synod of the United Church of Christ. Upon adoption at the Annual Meeting of the Association, this slate will be recommended for adoption at the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Conference.

2. Vacancies

Between Annual Meetings of the Association, the Nominating Ministry Team should be notified if an elected position within the CMA committee structure becomes vacant. The Nominating Ministry Team will recommend an individual to serve in such position until another can be elected at the next Annual Meeting. The Association Council shall vote on the recommendations of the Nominating Ministry Team.

3. Composition

The Nominating Ministry Team shall be composed of one layperson and one ordained minister from each Cluster. Members shall serve three (3) year terms, with one third (1/3) of the members elected each year. Members shall be eligible for a second three (3) year term.

G. Youth and Young Adult Ministry Team

1. Purpose

- To unite the youth and young adults of the Chicago Metropolitan Association (CMA) by building a network between all youth and young adults (ages 14-22), who are members of CMA churches.

- To provide resources in leadership development for youth and young adults in the CMA.
- To encourage and support the development of Youth Ministries in the churches of the CMA which have an interest in starting a Youth Ministry.
- To provide relevant and vibrant programming for the youth and young adults of the CMA.
- To create opportunities of cross-cultural engagement by youth and young adults in the CMA, that will cultivate lasting relationships through spiritual and social gatherings.
- To create opportunities of outreach for youth and young adults which have a positive impact on their communities.

2. Composition

The Youth and Young Adult Ministry Team shall be composed of 18 “At-Large” members, 12 who are youth and young adults between the ages of 14-22. Two youth/young adult members shall be chosen from each of the Clusters, and one adult/mentor youth leader from each of the 6 Clusters. Each “At-Large” member shall be elected by the Association at the Association Spring Meeting to serve a one-year term, and are eligible to serve a second one-year term.

H. Budget Ministry Team

1. Purpose

The Budget Committee shall be responsible for developing and monitoring a budget based on the Association’s allocation of the Illinois Conference budget. Within parameters set by this budget, the Budget Ministry Team will develop a proposed CMA budget for approval of the Association Council.

2. Composition

The Budget Committee shall be composed of the Treasurer, the Moderator, the CMA representative to the Illinois Conference Budget Committee, the Associate Conference Minister(s) serving the CMA, and the Association’s Administrative Assistant. The Treasurer shall serve as Chair of the Budget Committee.

BYLAWS ARTICLE XI -- OTHER ASSOCIATION GROUPS

A. Task Forces

A Task Force is a group formed and/or authorized by the Association to facilitate and

monitor the implementation of General Synod priorities, to implement Conference and/or Association resolutions or programs or to accept other short-term assignments. A Task Force shall cease to exist when the Association Council determines the task is complete. A Task Force shall be given one (1) representative with voice, but without vote, on the Association Council. A Task Force reports to the Association Council.

B. Networks

A Network is a group, recognized by the Association, brought together around a common interest, concern or ministry. A recognized Network shall have one (1) representative with voice, but without vote, on the Association Council. Networks shall report regularly to the Association Council.

C. Other Program Units

Any program unit or mission within the Association which is not accountable through a standing ministry team, task force, or network may petition the Association for recognition and representation with voice, but without vote, on the Association Council.

BYLAWS ARTICLE XII – RULES OF ORDER

Unless otherwise provided, the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern all proceedings of the Association.

BYLAWS ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by any Cluster of the Chicago Metropolitan Association or by the Association Council, or may be proposed upon the floor at any Annual Spring Meeting of the Association by a written petition signed by at least 50 voting members of the Association.
2. Adoption of an amendment to these Bylaws shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote of those present and voting at the Annual Spring Meeting.

3. Previous amendments to these Bylaws were ratified on the following dates:
 - Amended: May 3, 2008
 - Amended: May 2, 2009
 - Amended: May 4, 2013
 - Amended: May 6, 2017
 - Amended: May 5, 2018

Attachment A

ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCILS

The United Church of Christ provides that Associations ordain candidates for ministry. Persons prepare themselves for ordination through study (including Master of Divinity) and prayer (including membership in a local church which sponsors the candidate).

The official context for ascertaining a candidate's fitness for ministry is the Ecclesiastical Council which is convened by the Cluster of the candidate's home church on behalf of the entire Chicago Metropolitan Association. Voting Delegates to the Ecclesiastical Council include all Chicago Metropolitan Association ordained clergy and licensed ministers plus delegates selected by each local church in CMA.

Process

1. **Setting the Date:** The ordination process begins after a candidate is approved for ordination by the CMA Church and Ministry Team. The candidate then notifies his or her local church pastor, and the pastor and candidate then contact the Dean of their Cluster and the CMA Association Co-Minister for that Cluster. Together they all coordinate a date for an Ecclesiastical Council.
2. **Preparation:** Once the date has been established, the candidate, with the help of his or her church, must inform all the other churches and non-parish clergy in that Cluster. A copy of the candidate's ordination paper is sent to each church and to all non-parish clergy in the Cluster. Each local church in the Cluster is responsible in turn for making copies of the ordination paper for its own lay delegates. The Cluster Dean should have extra copies of the ordination paper available at the Ecclesiastical Council for others that may attend. The candidate and his or her church should also inform the Deans of the other CMA Clusters. It is the responsibility of the other Deans to inform their churches and non-parish clergy about the Ecclesiastical Council.
3. **Quorum:** The Ecclesiastical Council truly represents an attempt to have Association-wide support for a candidate considering ordination. As in other Association meetings, all clergy with standing in CMA and lay delegates from each church with standing in CMA are eligible to vote. A quorum requires that at least one lay delegate and one clergy from each of at least one-third of the churches within the host Cluster be present. (eliminate the following requirement: *or that at least one lay delegate from*

each of 12 churches in other Clusters and one clergy from each of 12 churches in other Clusters be present.) It is the responsibility of the candidate's church to secure a quorum.

4. **The Ecclesiastical Council meeting:** All clergy and lay delegates shall register and receive voting cards. The Cluster Dean or a representative from the Church and Ministry Team should introduce the candidate. The Cluster Dean moderates the meeting. After the candidate is introduced, he or she should be invited to summarize his or her faith journey and statement on theology to the Ecclesiastical Council.

A period of questioning follows regarding the theology presented within the submitted ordination paper, and the candidate's readiness for ministry. Some areas usually highlighted for candidate response are:

- a. The Bible- What is it for you? the church? the Christian community? What is "God's Word"? Is there "universal truth" in the Bible?
- b. Knowledge of the wider church.
- c. The candidate understands of her or his ministry's impact on the local church.
- d. What challenges does the United Church of Christ present?
- e. What opportunities for celebration does the United Church of Christ present?
- f. Understanding of the sacraments. (The United Church of Christ recognizes baptism and the Lord's supper)
- g. Reflection on the UCC Statement of Faith
- h. Self-care
- i. Reflection on the role of preaching in the ministry

A reasonable amount of time for questioning is one hour. Further time should be negotiated by the entire group.

5. **The Decision:** Following the period of questioning, the candidate and family are

excused. In case there is no family present, the candidate should not be left alone during the deliberation. A formal vote is then taken by the official delegates present. A three-fifths vote is required for approval. The candidate is invited back into the meeting to hear the results, and the meeting is closed in a circle of prayer.

6. **Ordination Service Plans:** The Cluster Dean or a designated person reports the decision to the CMA Association office. Plans for an ordination service must be worked out between the ordained, the Local Church, and the Association Co-Minister.

ATTACHMENT B
To CMA Constitution

List of CMA Churches by Cluster Number
Names of CMA Churches assigned to each Cluster
Churches Shown Are Current with CMA as of February 23, 2017

Chicago Metropolitan Association

Illinois Conference United Church of Christ
Mailing Address: 1407 East 60th Street, Chicago, IL 60637
Telephone: 773-324-7650 Fax: 773-324-7692 Email: www.ilucc.org

Associate Conference Minister (serving CMA):

Rev. Dr. Vertie Powers ; Email: ilconfvertie@gmail.com
1407 E. 60th St., Chicago, IL. 60637
Telephone: 773-324-7650 Fax: 773-324-7692

Acting Associate Conference Minister (serving Fox Valley & CMA):

Rev. Dr. James Olsen ; Email: ilconfjames@gmail.com
1840 Westchester Blvd, Westchester, IL 60154
Telephone: 708-344-4470 Fax: (708) 344-4564

Administrative Assistant:

Rev. Wayne MacPherson ; ilconfwayne@gmail.com
Phone: 773-324-7650 Fax: 773-324-7692
1407 E. 60th St., Chicago, IL. 60637

DIRECTORY OF CMA CHURCHES BY CLUSTER
90 CMA Churches as of February 23, 2017

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	First Congregational Church of Chicago	CL 3
	First Congregational Ch of Forest Glen	CL 3
	First Spanish UCC	CL 3
	Galewood Community Church	CL 3
	Good News Community Church	CL 2
	Hyde Park Union Church	CL 6
	Kenwood UCC	CL 6
	Korean Young Saeng UCC	CL 3
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Chicago Metropolitan Association
Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ
Church Names & Addresses Are Current as of Feb. 23, 2017

Cluster One (16 churches generally in the Northern Suburbs of Chicago)

Arlington Heights

The Congregational UCC (ONA Church)

1001 W Kirchoff Road 60005

847-392-6650; 847-392-6624 (fax)

conguccah1@sbcglobal.net

www.CongUCC.org

St John UCC

308 N Evergreen Av 60004

847-255-6687; 847-255-6388 (fax)

stjohnoffice@att.net

www.Churchonthepark.com

Chicago

Edison Park Community Church

6675 N Oketo Av 60631-4003

773-763-2233; 773-763-5276 (fax)

edisonpk.comchurch@sbcglobal.net

Website: www.edisonparkchurch.org

Deerfield

Trinity UCC

760 North Av 60015-2302

847-945-5050;

trinitydeerfield@sbcglobal.net

www.tuccdf.org

Des Plaines

Christ Church UCC

1492 Henry Av 60016

847-297-4230; Fax: 847-299-1417

Christ-Church.UCC@sbcglobal.net

First Congregational UCC

766 Graceland Av 60016

847-299-5561; 847-299-4291 (fax)

www.fccdp.net

Cluster One (Continued):

Evanston

First Congregational
1417 Hinman Ave
Evanston, IL 60201
847-864-8332
info@firstchurchevanston.org

St. John's UCC
1136 Wesley Av 60202-1163
847-491-6686

Glenview

Glenview Community Church
1000 Elm St., 60025-2897
847-724-2210; 847-724-2213 (fax)
gccucc@gccucc.org
www.gccucc.org

Immanuel Church of Chicago
(formerly: Han Shin UCC)
Worships at: 1609 Pfingsten Rd, Glenview 60025
Mail to: 9078 Heathwood Dr, Unit 2K, Niles 60714
847-297-2717

Mount Prospect

Armenian Evangelical Church of Chgo
905 W Golf Rd, 60056
847-758-7188

Northfield

Northfield Community Church
400 Wagner Rd 60093
847-446-3070; 847-446-3071 (fax)
www.northfielducc.org
office@northfielducc.org

Palatine

St Paul UCC
144 E Palatine Rd 60067-5110
847-358-0399; 847-358-8834 (fax)
<http://stpaul-ucc.org/>

Park Ridge

Park Ridge Community Church)
100 Courtland Av 60068
847-823-3164; 847-823-3165(fax)
www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org

Cluster One (Continued):

Skokie

St. Peter's UCC
8013 N Laramie Av 60077
847-673-8166; 847-674-7691 (fax)

Wilmette

First Congregational Church (ONA Church)
1125 Wilmette Av 60091
847-251-6660; 847-251-6130 (fax)
1stchurch@fccw.org www.fccw.org

CLUSTER TWO

(11 churches on the North side of Chicago)

Chicago

Assyrian Evangelical UCC
4447 N Hazel St 60640
773-561-6585

Bethany UCC (ONA Church)
4250 N Paulina St 60613
773-472-1096
www.BethanyChicago.com
info@bethanychicago.com

Christ Church of Chicago (ONA Church)
6047 N Rockwell 60659-4006
christchurchchicago@comcast.net
www.christchurchchicago.net

Church of the Three Crosses (ONA Church)
(Dual Church: Methodist)
333 W Wisconsin St 60614
312-951-7916; 312-951-7931 (fax);
admin@churchofthethreecrosses.org
www.churchofthethreecrosses.org

Epiphany UCC (ONA Church)
2008 W. Bradley PL., 60618-4908
773-281-4144
773-281-2842 (fax)
www.epiphany-ucc.org

Good News Community Church
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas, UCC
7649 N Paulina St 60626
773-262-2277 773-262-2287 (fax)
www.goodnewschurchchicago.org

The Peoples Church (ONA Church)
(DUAL Church – Unitarian)
941 W Lawrence Ave
P.O. Box 408319 60640-8319
773-784-6633; 773-784-6614 (fax)
www.peopleschurchchicago.org
info@peopleschurchchicago.org

Cluster Two (Continued):

Chicago (Continued)

Philippine American Ecumenical Ch
3533 N Albany St 60618
773-583-4448

Ravenswood UCC (ONA Church)
2050 W Pensacola Ave 60618-1716
773-549-5472
www.ravenswooducc.org

St Pauls UCC (ONA Church)
2335 N Orchard St 60614
773-348-3829
773-348-3858 (fax)
www.spucc.org
info@spucc.org

Wellington Avenue UCC (ONA Church)
615 W Wellington Av 60657
773-935-0642; 773-935-0690 (fax)
www.waucc.org
waucc@sbcglobal.net

CLUSTER THREE (17 churches generally on the west/northwest side of Chicago)

Chicago

Austin Baptist UCC
5035 W. Ohio St 60644
773-261-6252

Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, (ONA)
5320 W Giddings St 60630
773-725-0121;
ccjpucc5320@att.net
www.congregationalchurchofjeffersonpark.org

Eden United Church of Christ
5051 W Gunnison St 60630-2310
773-283-5557
Office e-mail: edenchurchucc@sbcglobal.net
Website: edenuccchicago.org

Edgebrook Community Church (ONA Church)
6736 N. Loleta Ave. 60646
773-763-1522; 773-763-1523 (fax)
www.edgebrookucc.org

Faith UCC
5051 W. Belle Plaine Ave. 60641

773-283-8545; 773-283-0994 (fax)

First Baptist Congregational Church
1613 W Washington Blvd 60612
312-243-8047; 312-243-9789 (fax)
www.fbcc-chicago.org

First Congregational Ch of Chicago
1305 N Hamlin Ave 60651
773-384-8118; 773-384-7997 (fax)

First Congregational Ch of Forest Glen
5400 Lawler Av 60630
773-777-4277

First Spanish UCC
3322 W Wrightwood Ave 60647
Chicago, IL

Galewood Community Ch (ONA Church)
1776 N Narragansett Av 60639-3826
CH: 773-889-3334; 773-889-2191 (fax)
www.galewoodcommunitychurch.org

Cluster Three (Continued):

Chicago (Continued)

Korean Young Saeng UCC
5320 W. Giddings St. 60630
773-725-5771

San Lucas UCC
2914 W. North Ave., 60647-512
773-227-5747; 773-227-6787(fax)

St. John UCC
2442 W Moffat St 60647-4311
773-772-4161 (phone & fax)

St. Nicolai UCC
3000 N Kedzie Ave 60618
773-478-5580
773-478-5590 – Church Office phone & fax

St. Peter's UCC
5450 W Diversey Ave.
Church Office: 2805 N Linder Av 60641-4899
773-283-1118; 773-283-4932 (fax)
<http://www.saintpetes.net>
stpeteucc@comcast.net

Oak Park

First United Church (ONA Church)
(Dual Church - Presby)
848 Lake St 60301-1314
708-386-5215; 708-386-7480 (fax)
office@firstunitedoakpark.com
www.firstunitedoakpark.com

Pilgrim Congregational Ch (ONA Church)
460 Lake St Oak Park, IL 60302
708-848-5860; 708-848-6880 (fax)
office@pilgrimoakpark.org
www.pilgrimoakpark.org

CLUSTER FOUR : (19 churches generally in the Western Suburbs of Chicago)

Berwyn

First Congregational Church
6500 W 34th St 60402
708-749-0676
http://berwyn_cicero.home.comcast.net/FCC/

Trinity Community Church
7022 Riverside Dr 60402
708-484-1818; 708-484-1819 (fax)
www.tccucc.com

Chicago

Mont Clare UCC
6935 W Medill Av 60707-2911
773-889-8174
www.montclareucc.org

Elmhurst

Bethel UCC (ONA Church)
315 E. St. Charles Rd. 60126-3655
630-279-4040; 630-279-4043 (fax)
office@bethel-ucc.org
www.bethel-ucc.org

Church of the New Covenant
(Meets in members homes)
Mail: c/o Dr. James Cunningham
Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect Ave
Elmhurst, IL 60126-3296
jimc@elmhurst.edu

First Congregational UCC
235 S Kenilworth Av 60126
630-832-2580; 630-832-9142 (fax)
Email: elmhurstucc@sbcglobal.net

St. Peter's UCC
125 W Church St 60126-3326
630-530-6000; 630-530-6007 (fax)
www.stpeterselmhurst.org

Cluster Four (Continued):

Forest Park

First UCC
1000 Elgin Avenue 60130
708-771-8456
www.firstunitedchurchofchrist.com

Hinsdale

Union Church of Hinsdale
137 S Garfield Ave. 60521
630-323-4303; 630-323-4407 (fax)
www.uchinsdale.org
union@uchinsdale.org

LaGrange

First Congregational Church (ONA Ch)
100 South Sixth Av 60525
708-352-0800; 708-352-0863 (fax)
<http://www.fcclg.org>

LaGrange Park

The Village Church UCC
1150 Meadowcrest Rd 60525
708-354-0900

Lombard

First Church of Lombard UCC
(ONA Church)
220 S Main Street 60148
630-629-2630; 630-629-2610 (fax)
www.firstchurchoflombard.org

Lyons

St. John's UCC
4500 S Prescott Av 60534-1934
708-447-0309; fax: 708-447-5841
mail@stjohnsuccl Lyons.org
www.stjohnsuccl Lyons.org

Melrose Park

St. John UCC
800 N 18th Avenue 60160

Oak Park

Harvard Family United Church of Christ
1045 S Kenilworth Av 60304-1914
708-383-4032
harvardchurch@sbcglobal.net

Cluster Four (Continued):

River Grove

Grace UCC
2600 Budd St. 60171
708-453-7016

Westchester

Tamil UCC
1840 Westchester Blvd 60154
708-865-1282; 708-344-4564 –fax
E-mail: info@tamilucc.com
www.tamilucc.com

Westchester Community Church
1840 Westchester Blvd 60154
708-865-1282; 708-344-4564 –fax
westcomchurch@hotmail.com
www.forministry.com/USILUCOFCWCCUW

Western Springs

First Congregational Church
1106 Chestnut St
PO Box 268 60558
708-246-1900; 708-246-1962 (fax)
www.wscongo.org

CLUSTER FIVE

(15 churches generally in the Southern Suburbs of Chicago)

Blue Island

Christ Memorial Church UCC
2440 York St; 60406
708-389-7710
cmucc@juno.com

Chicago

Advocate UCC
10259 South Avenue L
Chicago IL 60617
773-437-4815
www.advocateucc.org
advocateucc@sbcglobal.net

Chicago Heights

St. Mark UCC
312 Chicago Road 60411-1081
708-754-2266
stmark_ucc@yahoo.com
<http://stmarkucc.tripod.com>

Dolton

Immanuel-Bethel UCC
14540 Lincoln Av 60419-1810
708-841-3737; 708-841-9876 (fax)

Evergreen Park

Immanuel UCC
9815 S Campbell Av 60805-3210
708-424-3755; 708-424-0379 (fax)
www.immanuelucep.org
Immanuel_ucep@att.net

Ford Heights

God Can Ministries
1100 Greenwood 60411
Mail: P O Box 490716, Chicago 60649
708-757-5550; 708-757-5551 (fax)
Email: godcan@ameritech.net
www.godcanministries.org

Homewood

St. Paul Community Church
(Dual Church-Presbyterian)
18200 Dixie Highway 60430
708-798-0700; 708-798-3664 (fax)
stpaul@stpaulcc.info
www.stpaulcc.info

Cluster Five (Continued):

Lynwood

Calvin Reformed UCC
2895 Glenwood-Lansing Rd. 60411
708-474-3520

Matteson

St. John's Faith UCC
21302 S Maple St 60443-2588
708-748-0885; 708-748-8570 (fax)

Oak Lawn

Pilgrim Faith UCC
9411 S. 51st Ave 60453-2407
708-422-4200; fax: 708-422-2420
www.pilgrimfaith.org
office@pilgrimfaith.org

Salem UCC
9717 S. Kostner Av 60453-3547
708-423-9717; fax: 708-423-8425
www.salemoaklawn.com

Palos Park

Peace Memorial Church UCC
10300 W 131 St 60464-2231
708-448-7833; fax: 708-448-0824
www.pmcucc.org

Park Forest

Faith United Protestant Church
10 Hemlock St 60466-2116
708-747-1330; fax: 708-747-1757
faith21@ameritech.net
www.faithunitedprotestant.org

South Holland

Covenant UCC
1130 E. 154th St. 60473
708-333-5955; 708-333-4220 (fax)
covenant@covucc.org
www.covucc.org

Summit

Pillar of Love Fellowship UCC
Mail Address: PO Box 497, Summit 60501;
Location: 7438 W 62nd Place, Summit, IL 60501

CLUSTER SIX

(12 churches on the South Side of Chicago)

Chicago

Avalon Park Community Church
8100 S. Dante Ave 60619-4642
773-721-3988; 773-721-1541 (fax)
Avalonchc@comcast.net

Bryn Mawr Community Church
7000 S. Jeffery Blvd 60649
773-324-2403
Brynmawr3990@sbcglobal.net

Church of the Good Shepherd
5700 S. Prairie Ave. 60637
773-684-6561; 773-684-3928 (fax)

Congregational Church of Park Manor
7000 S. King Drive 60637
773-224-4700
773-224-7564 (fax)

Hyde Park Union Church
(DUAL – American Baptist))
5600 S. Woodlawn Ave. 60637
773-363-6063; 773-324-3874 (fax)
www.hpuc.org; office@hpuc.org

Kenwood UCC
4600-08 S. Greenwood Ave 60653
773-373-2861; 773-373-8291 (fax)
kenwooducc@sbcglobal.net

Lincoln Memorial Congregational Ch
6454 S. Champlain Av 60637
773-752-7379
Church e-mail: lmucc@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.lincolnmemorialucc.com

Manor Community Church
9989 S. Crandon Ave. 60617
773-721-0900

South Shore Community Church
7401 S. Yates Blvd 60649
773-643-6231 (H)

Cluster Six (Continued):

Chicago (Continued):

Trinity UCC
400 W. 95th St 60628-1120
773-962-5650
773-962-0164 (fax - church office)
info@trinitychicago.org
www.tucc.org/index.php

United Church of Hyde Park
Affiliated to UCC, United Methodist, & Presbyterian
1448 E.53rd St. 60615
773-363-1620; 773-363-2240 (fax)
uchp1448@yahoo.com
www.uchpeace.org

University Church (ONA Church)
(Dual Church – DOC)
5655 S. University 60637
773-363-8142 (phone)
773-363-7086 (fax)
uchurch@universitychurchchicago.org
www.universitychurchchicago.org

