

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

Alleman, Salem UCC
 Ames, UCC Cong'l
 Ankeny, UCC
 Baxter, Bethany UCC
 Baxter, Cong'l UCC
 Belle Plaine, First Cong'l UCC
 Clemons, UCC/CC
 Des Moines, Plymouth Cong'l UCC
 Des Moines, Urbandale UCC
 Gilman, Community Church
 Gladbrook, Peace UCC
 Green Mountain, UCC
 Grinnell, UCC Cong'l
 Indianola, Crossroads UCC
 Lincoln, Salem Church of Madrid, Garden Prairie UCC Cong'l
 Madrid, St. Paul's United
 Marshalltown, First UCC
 Melbourne, St. John UCC
 Mitchellville, First Cong'l
 Newton, Cong'l UCC
 Oskaloosa, St Paul Cong'l UCC
 Reinbeck, Union Cong'l UCC
 Traer, Ripley UCC
 Truro, Truro Cong'l Christian UCC

EASTERN IOWA ASSOCIATION

Anamosa, First Cong'l UCC
 Bennett, Peace Church of Christ United
 Big Rock, Immanuel UCC
 Cedar Rapids, Eden UCC
 Cedar Rapids, First Cong'l UCC
 Central City, UCC
 Clarence, St. John UCC
 Clinton, Community Cong'l UCC
 Clinton, First Cong'l UCC
 Conesville, Grace UCC
 Davenport, Edwards UCC
 Davenport, Faith UCC
 DeWitt, First Cong'l UCC
 Dubuque, First Cong'l UCC
 Dubuque, Immanuel Cong'l UCC
 Dubuque, Summit Cong'l UCC
 Green Island, First Cong'l of
 Hiawatha, Hope UCC
 Iowa City, Cong'l UCC
 Iowa City, Faith UCC

Iowa City, Welsh Cong'l UCC
 Lowden, Zion UCC
 Maquoketa, UCC
 Marengo, Trinity UCC
 Monticello, The United Church of
 Monticello, Peace UCC
 Moscow, Trinity UCC
 Muscatine, Faith UCC
 Sherrill, UCC
 Tipton, First UCC
 Wheatland, St. Paul's UCC
 Wilton, Grace UCC
 Zwingle, Harmony UCC

NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION

Ackley, St. John's UCC
 Alden, Immanuel Memorial UCC
 Allison, UCC
 Cedar Falls, St. Paul's UCC
 Cedar Falls, UCC
 Charles City, First Cong'l
 Clarksville, First UCC of Pleasant Valley
 Clarksville, Immanuel UCC
 Colwell, UCC
 Decorah, Cong'l UCC
 Denver, St. Paul UCC
 Earlville, Earlville United Parish
 Eldora, First Cong'l UCC
 Elkader, Peace UCC
 Fredericksburg, Peace UCC
 Geneva, St. Peter's UCC
 Hampton, First Cong'l UCC
 Hubbard, Zion UCC
 Ionia, First Cong'l UCC
 Iowa Falls, First Cong'l UCC
 Latimer, Immanuel UCC
 Manchester, Community Cong'l UCC
 Mason City, First Cong'l UCC
 McGregor, First Cong'l UCC
 Nashua, First Cong'l UCC
 Nashua, St. John's UCC
 New Hampton, Cong'l UCC
 Orchard, First Cong'l UCC
 Osage, UCC
 Riceville, First Cong'l UCC
 Ryan, Golden Cong'l
 Sumner, St. Paul's UCC
 Tripoli, Faith UCC
 Waterloo, First Cong'l Church
 Waukon, Salem UCC
 Waukon, Zion UCC

Waverly, Peace UCC
 Waverly, St. John's UCC
 Wellsburg, St. Peter's UCC
 Winthrop, Church of Christ United

NORTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

Akron, New Horizons UCC
 Algona, First Cong'l
 Belmond, UCC
 Blairsburg, UCC Cong'l
 Blencoe, UCC
 Calumet, Zion UCC
 Castana, Community UCC
 Clarion, UCC Cong'l
 Eagle Grove, UCC
 Farnhamville, First United Church
 Fonda, UCC
 Fort Dodge, First Cong'l UCC
 Hartley, Trinity UCC
 Hawarden, Associated Church
 Humboldt, Cong'l UCC
 Jewell, UCC
 Kingsley, First Cong'l UCC
 Klemme, Immanuel Reformed UCC
 Lake View, First Cong'l UCC
 Larchwood, Larchwood UCC
 LeMars, Presbyterian UCC
 Manson, UCC Cong'l
 Mapleton, St. Peter's UCC
 Milford, Union Memorial UCC
 Moorland, UCC Cong'l
 Newell, First Cong'l UCC
 Newell, St. John's UCC
 N. Sioux City, Open Door UCC
 Onawa, First Cong'l UCC
 Oto, Oto UCC
 Primghar, The United Church of
 Rock Rapids, Cong'l UCC
 Rodney, UCC
 Rowan, United Church of Rowan
 Schleswig, UCC
 Sibley, United Church of Christ Cong'l
 Sioux City, First Cong'l UCC
 Sioux City, Mayflower Cong'l UCC
 Sioux Rapids, First United Church
 Sloan, Community Church of Christ

Webster City, First Cong'l UCC
 Westfield, Cong'l UCC
 Westside, United Church
 Whiting, First Cong'l UCC

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION

Burlington, First UCC
 Burlington, St. Luke UCC
 Burlington, Zion UCC
 Danville, Cong'l UCC
 Denmark, Cong'l UCC
 Donnellson, St. Paul's UCC
 Fort Madison, St. John UCC
 Franklin, St. Peter's UCC
 Kahoka, MO, St. Paul UCC
 Keokuk, St. Paul UCC
 Keosauqua, Cong'l UCC
 Olds, UCC
 Ottumwa, Phoenix UCC
 Ottumwa, Plymouth Cong'l UCC
 West Burlington, St. Paul UCC
 Jewell, UCC
 Yarmouth, Yarmouth Community UCC

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

Anita, UCC
 Atlantic, UCC
 Carson, Wheeler Grove UCC
 Council Bluffs, First Cong'l
 Council Bluffs, St. John's UCC
 Creston, St. John's UCC
 Creston, UCC (Cong'l) of Creston and Orient
 Cromwell, Cong'l UCC
 Farragut, Cong'l UCC
 Glenwood, First Cong'l UCC
 Griswold, St. John's UCC
 Hamburg, United Trinity Church
 Harlan, Cong'l UCC
 Lewis, United Cong'l Methodist Church
 Massena, St. Peter's UCC
 Minden, UCC
 Oakland, First Cong'l UCC
 Red Oak, First Cong'l UCC
 Shenandoah, Cong'l UCC
 Tabor, Tabor UCC (Cong'l)
 Walnut, Peace UCC

**WHAT IS THE IOWA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST?**

- ▲ A covenanted community of 179 local churches - large and small (but mostly small; 115 have less than 200 members). Together these congregations have 36,000 members.
- ▲ 270 authorized ministers - ordained, licensed and commissioned - mostly local church pastors, but also significant numbers who are retired or serving in other ministries.
- ▲ Six geographically-based associations. Each local church and authorized minister holds membership in the United Church of Christ by virtue of their standing in one of the associations.

WHAT ARE THE MINISTRIES OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE?

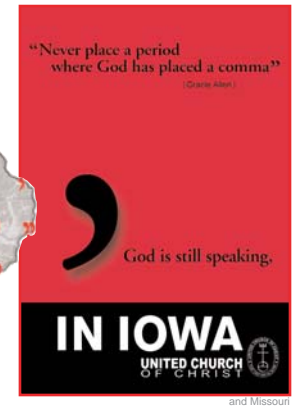
The staff of the Iowa Conference focuses on these priorities:

- ▲ We work with pastors to help them be wise and transforming leaders.
- ▲ We support local churches as they seek a new pastor.
- ▲ We support our associations as they work to form and authorize ministers for pastoral leadership.
- ▲ We facilitate conference-wide ministry to youth and adults in settings beyond the local church.
- ▲ We attend to our covenant relationship with all settings of the United Church of Christ and the church ecumenical.

HOW ARE WE CONNECTED WITH EACH OTHER?

- ▲ We are one of 38 conferences in the United Church of Christ.
- ▲ We send delegates to the General Synod of the UCC, a biennial gathering which sets direction for the national work of the church and which speaks to (but not for) the conferences and local churches.
- ▲ We gather once a year at an annual meeting for worship, learning, mutual edification, and the transaction of business. Each local church is entitled to representation at the annual meeting.
- ▲ The Conference supports the search and call process in local churches when new pastoral leadership is sought.
- ▲ Many of our churches cannot afford or cannot attract full-time ordained clergy. Through the CENTER/LEARN/SEARCH program the Conference trains persons for licensed ministry. Enrollment in the CENTER/LEARN/SEARCH program is open to any person who seeks to further their own theological and spiritual growth whether or not they sense a call to pastoral ministry.
- ▲ The work of the Association Committees on the Ministry (COM) is supported by the staff of the Conference. The COM's authorize (certify) persons to serve in and on behalf of the entire UCC. They also exercise oversight of all authorized ministers including the exercise of discipline, when necessary.
- ▲ The Conference will be moving more and more into the systematic "care and feeding" of our pastors. Inviting our pastors in relationships of accountability and growth may be the most effective way for the Conference to empower transforming revitalization in our local churches.

Iowa UCC Conference Staff, left to right: **Lee Hood**, Search and Call and Center/Learn/Search Coordinator; **Julia Rendon**, Reporter and Website Editor; **Randy Adams**, Bookkeeper; **Beverly Morgan**, General Office Support



A NOTE FROM THE CONFERENCE MINISTER

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

The Iowa Conference isn't first and foremost an office and staff in Des Moines. **You are the Iowa Conference.** Our common work is centered on our local churches so that together we can more effectively serve Christ and the world God has made and loves. Please know that the conference staff seeks to serve your church in ways both helpful and challenging.

Please contact us if there are ways we can be of assistance to you.



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The ministry of the Iowa Conference is largely funded by your gifts to "Our Church's Wider Mission" (OCWM). Through these gifts churches are partners in these ministries and partners with the work of the United Church of Christ beyond Iowa. The conference is seeking to broaden its base of financial support. If you share our passion for empowering local churches please consider a gift to the conference above and beyond your support of your local church. Please consider including the conference in your will so that this important work can be strengthened for years to come. Please contact the conference office to discuss other forms of planned giving which could strengthen our overall ministry. Thank you for your consistent and generous support of the work we are doing together in Christ's name.