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REMINDER NOTICE
Special Conference Business Meeting

This meeting will be convened in ZOOM.

Participants can join by computer, tablet, or phone.

Links to materials are posted on our WEB home page: mnwcucc.org

If you have difficulty getting the documents, please call or [email](mailto:mnwcucc.org) the conference office
406.656.8688

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/5163956042>

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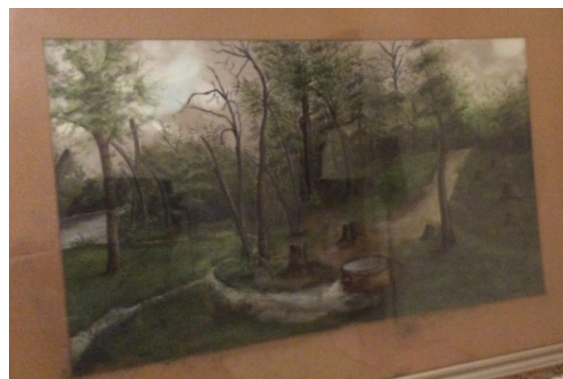


God-seeds, reflections from Marc Stewart

Look down the hill from the Old Rugged Cross museum (yes, there is such a thing). There is a grove of trees below with heavy underbrush. It used to be a revival camp meeting place a hundred years ago. Even when I tromped around the place in 1981 it was hard to find the evidence that church happened there. Cheryl's really old Reed City, Michigan relatives remembered the meeting grounds by a huge, 4 foot diameter ceramic crock at an artesian wellhead.

One great aunt even did a chalk drawing of the place.

Cheryl and I did find it. A chunk was cracked off the edge and the water in it was stagnant.



Thirty years later, when we were back, the area had been turned into a city park and there was no sign of the well left. There is now a long pond with a wooden swinging

Over a hundred years from church camp times, of which many of our churches in Montana also share a common history, religious expression has changed. Now, many of our churches take at least one Sunday a year and go to a town park for public worship, shared food, and lawn games... at least that is what we do at First Church Billings. A sense of openness and welcome also pervades what happens within our church buildings, where all are welcome. And in the in-between spaces, we recognize that God's gift is not just ours to give, but also ours to receive from those we meet along the way. We know blessings are not something we have to call people out to receive, but rather something received together and in each other.

I do not view the MT-NWy Conference as a promoter of museum-quality religion (though I am glad to maintain important documents in our archives). In the UCC, each church is responsible for discerning its faith expression in its community and beyond. Together, though, we have come to know that it is our expressions of faith with others, our finding blessings in others, our strengthened congregational life through others...are the truly significant ways of living for the sake of the Gospel.

Our eNews has focused on our Conference priorities for the past year, and will continue to do so. The Conference Board of Directors developed these mission priorities and has honed them for the year ahead. Keep posted through eNews, even refer back to previous issues on our WEB archive, and see how you are part of a faith that is vital to churches and is transforming lives.

You are invited to join Marc Stewart for a monthly conversation about church vitality and viability happening in our churches. Marc will host the Micah Chat, a ZOOM chat for conversations. Join on October 25, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm by connection on your computer, tablet, or smart phone through this link:

Or iPhone one-tap :

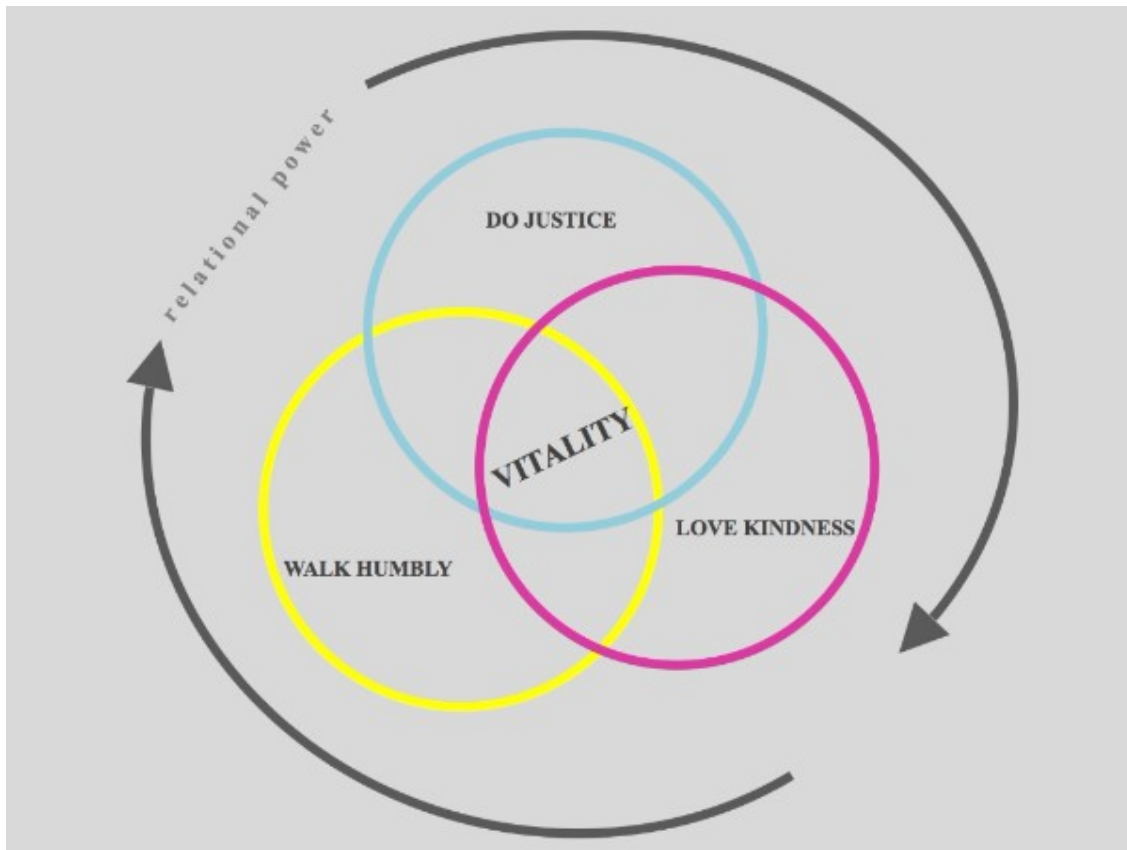
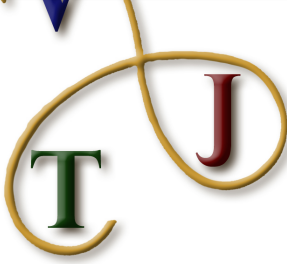
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**The Three Mission Priorities of the
MT-NWy Conference UCC:**



1. All congregations will be vital and viable

“What does the Lord
require of you
but to do justice,
and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with
your God?”

--Micah 6: 8 [NRSV]



The Conference is so thankful to Kalispell UCC for sharing its remaining assets. The

developed. Following the model of the S. California-Nevada Conference, we will train clergy and lay leaders to be leadership coaches. Up to 10 people will be funded to take the certificate training course. These trained coaches will be asked to provide up to 100 hours, each, of coaching within our Conference. Master coach, and S. Cal.-Nev. Conference Minister, [Rev. Dr. Felix Villanueva](#), will offer an introductory day on February 2 in Big Timber, and a week-long course at the Ursuline Center in Great Falls, March 18-22. Additional information and registration materials will be emailed by the end of October. This [Coaching for Clergy](#) training is credentialed by the [International Coaching Federation](#).

2. The Conference will be appropriately staffed and the staff will be justly compensated.

Four Mimanagish summer counselors have been added into our camp budget for 2019. This will provide some program stability and additional camper safety. They will have a week of training before the youth camps. Application materials will be ready by January 2019.

3. The Conference will offer transformative experiences and have an active presence in places where we are not now present.

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Easy-to-use, world-class tools and resources for **ALL** our local churches, camps & conference centers, ministers, conferences, events, & causes.

Along with the other 7 Conferences of the Western Region of the UCC, we are supporting the development of a cloud-based computer/tablet/cell solution for connecting within, between, and beyond our churches and conferences. This "b1" app will integrate social media communications, WEB site creation, calendaring, eNews, event planning. Large churches will be able to save money through the "b1" consolidation of various programs and technologies currently used. If your church is looking towards WEB and communications development, wait until "b1" is rolled out over the next 9 months. Developer, [John Eisenhauer](#), will be in Montana at the beginning of November. Call or email [Marc Stewart](#) if you would like to sit with John about your church tech needs.



Congratulations to Rev. Nicholas Knoblauch, pastor at [Powder River UCC](#), Broadus, upon his ordination at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church UCC in Columbus OH on September 9, 2018. Rev. Knoblauch is an Eden Theological School graduate who has been serving Powder River UCC since fall 2016.



MIMANAGISH CAMPS AND RETREATS

Promotion for Camp Mimanagish is underway for 2019.

Look at the video resource from PRIDE Camp and share: [Pride Video](#)



Youth retreat campers follow Hal Fosum on a hike, and later get themselves tied up in a human knot.



Wood carver and retired clergy, Rev. Bill Hawk presents a carving of a happy, full moon to Josie Caton to adorn Full Moon Lodge during the Clergy and Spouse retreat.

Five UCC Pension Board visitors, three massage therapists, a spiritual director, and a healing oil expert resourced this retreat for a dozen participants.

Camp Mimanagish

1. Give the gift of a full or partial Mimanagish Camp registration.



one. ([Donation link](#))

Disaster Response sent from through the UCC national setting during the 3rd quarter of 2018

- \$55,000 more for Puerto Rico recovery following Hurricane Maria, bringing its total to more than \$267,000*, not counting in-kind and volunteer labor. Work teams have restored 35 houses since June! Includes \$5,000 to help ship medical equipment to Puerto Rico for Ryder Memorial Hospital.
- \$50,000 more to Volusia Interfaiths/Agencies Networking in Disaster (VIND) for the continued employment of a construction supervisor for long-term recovery from Hurricanes Matthew and Irma.
- \$40,000 to assist 910 Kenyan households (7,300 people) displaced by spring floods.
- \$30,000 more for Hurricane Irma and Maria recovery in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, bringing UCC Disaster Ministries' cash contribution to this ecumenical recovery effort to \$175,000.
- \$60,435 more for Hurricane Harvey recovery in Port Arthur, Texas, about half of that for the salary of the coordinator of UCC Disaster Ministries' Hurricane Harvey Recovery program.
- \$5,500 to assist households affected by the eruption of the Fuego volcano in Guatemala.
- \$5,000 for Hurricane Irma long-term recovery in Palm Beach, Fla.
- \$3,000 toward flood relief for eight families who suffered significant damages and losses from flooding in April in Kauai, Hawai'i.
- \$3,000 for the United Church of Christ in Japan as it responds to severe flooding and other damage from Typhoon Maria in July, and subsequent heat and dust.
- \$5,000 for Indonesia following the July earthquake that killed at least 14, injured at least 160 and damaged about 1,000 homes.
- \$5,000 for the Church of South India following floods in August, due to incessant rain, which have taken a heavy toll of life and property. At least 324 died and 220,000 were displaced. The funds will be used to provide relief assistance to 3,800 affected households.
- \$3,000 to IMA World Health for its work in the Democratic Republic of Congo to help contain this summer's new Ebola outbreak in North Kivu Province. Funds will be used for personal protective equipment and training for local staff to help stop the disease's spread.

* Another \$168,000 is being sent in September to our partner Iglesia Evangelica Unida de Puerto Rico for a program of Emotional and Spiritual Care and Trauma Recovery, and for its Recovery Project, bringing the funds disbursement total to \$435,000.



link to online [Conference calendar](#)

October is Clergy Appreciation month!

Oct 11 Clergy gathering, Billings office, 10am - 1 pm

Oct 12-13 [Faith, Science, and Climate Action Conference](#), Bozeman

Oct 14 Installation of Rev. Dr. Jennifer Yocum, [University UCC](#) Missoula 10 AM

Oct 16 Committee for Outdoor Ministries, ZOOM, 7 pm

Oct 26-27 Church and Ministry Commission, Billings office
Oct 28-31 Marc hosts West Region Conference Ministers at Chico Hot Springs
Nov 2 Rocky Mountain College [Black Tie and Blue Jeans](#) Annual Fund Event
Nov 8 Clergy gathering, Billings office, 10 am - 1 pm
Nov 10 [MAC](#) (Montana Assoc. of Christians) CONNECT workshops, Helena
Nov 11 Marc preaches at University UCC Missoula
Dec 10-13 Marc attends [AM21](#) Search and Call meeting, San Diego
Dec 13 Clergy Gathering, Billings office, 10 am - 1 pm
Feb 2 Leadership Coaching Introduction, Big Timber 9 am - 4 pm
March 18-22 Coaching training, Ursuline Center, Great Falls



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Mimanagish Matters is our new monthly eNews all about Mimanagish. Mimanagish Matters comes out during the third week of the month. Email the Conference office [to subscribe](#).

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