

June 7 afternoon

1. *At The Crossroads: Intersectionality and Liberation*

Presenter: Alexis Tolbert, OutFront Minnesota

At the Crossroads: Intersectionality and Liberation is about the intersections of identity, paths to liberation, and how church members can reflect their worldview through action. This work employs black queer feminist ideologies as a lens through which to view the intersections of history and guide present day liberation work. *At the Crossroads* will emphasize unity and liberation with an understanding of positionality and power.

June 7 evening

2. *The Sustainable Church: Having the Courage to Create A Future Where Everyone Thrives*

Presenter: Lori Myren-Manbeck, Ph.D.

Creating a sustainable future where everyone thrives is our calling as members of the United Church of Christ. At no time has this calling been more important or pressing. During this workshop, a dynamic and diverse panel will share informative, inspiring and interactive presentations:

- addressing the varied aspects of sustainability, including equity, racial parity, and justice;
- exploring how each of us can live a life of sustainability, health, and kindness; and
- providing strategies the courageous church can follow to lead this life-saving movement.

The workshop will include fun, practical tips from panelist Lori Myren-Manbeck's new book, **You Can Save the World**. Panelists include board members and advisors for the Alliance For Sustainability (www.afors.org).

June 8 afternoon

3. *For Whom the American Dream? Racism, Immigration and Welcome*

Presenters: Rev. Charlotte Frantz and Diane Haines with the MN Conference Immigration Team

A historical look at immigration policies helps shed light on more recent federal policies and the need for radical change.

either June 8 or June 9 evening

4. *"Our Conference Wants Money" is NOT What OCWM Stands For!*

Presenters: Rudi Anders and Bob Olsen, MN Conference Development Committee

Have you or the people in your church ever wondered what Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) is all about? Do you scratch your head trying to figure out how OCWM relates to your church's Per Capita Annual Dues and the One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, Strengthen the Church, and Christmas Fund special offerings? And what does it mean to be "5 for 5?" Answers to these questions— and more —will be a part of this fast paced and entertaining workshop!

June 9 morning

5. *Courageous Work at our Southern Border and in Minnesota*

Presenters: Diane Haines, Rev. Dana Mann and Rev. Randy Mayer with the MN Conference Immigration Team

We declared the Minnesota Conference to be an Immigrant Welcoming Conference in 2016 and our UCC denomination followed this in 2017. While Congress debates how we will or will not welcome immigrants, come and learn what our denomination is doing in conjunction with our faith based partners to increase the welcome of migrants at the southern border. How are the Administration

and Congress succeeding at providing a path that welcomes all of our immigrants? Learn how you can join in this work.

We are also a Conference who, through a resolution that was passed in 2019, agreed to encourage our legislators and governor to pass legislation for Minnesota to become a Sanctuary State. Come and see what progress has been made toward that and what you can do to be a part of this ongoing journey.

June 9 afternoon

6. *Spiritual Strategies for a Lifetime of Social Justice*

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Justin Sabia-Tanis, United Theological Seminary

Let's face it—there is a lot of work to do right now to promote justice and wellbeing for our communities. We can feel despair or be overwhelmed. And yet, it is also possible to remain energized, positive, and growing for a lifetime of activism. We need strategies for our long-term survival and thriving. There are techniques and attitudes which can help us maintain our focus and equilibrium during turbulent and trying times. In this workshop, we'll look at spiritual strategies that help us achieve (or at least move closer to) a balanced life, doing good in the world while sustaining our own lives in healthy ways. We'll discuss strategies and mindsets that help us do this and engage in some practice together.

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7. *Courageous Generosity: The Church Stewardship Paradigm 2.0*

Presenters: Rudi Anders, Rev. Andrew Warner, and Bob Olsen, MN Conference Development Committee

So much has changed with the way individuals feel about giving to their church. In this workshop, experts in 21st Century church philanthropy will engage participants in a frank discussion of their church's stewardship efforts, and those efforts' ability to compete with other nonprofits for the financial resources from church members in towns across Minnesota.

June 10 morning

8. *Remembering Who We Are: Profiles in Courage from UCC History*

Presenter: Rev. Clyde Steckel, retired professor and dean at United Theological Seminary

In this workshop we will review courageous acts made by individuals and communities in UCC history. This review will both inform and inspire us today to imagine courageous acts that we might take as a church community or as risk-taking individuals.

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9. *Committee on Ministry - proposal not yet received*

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10. *Leadership as Spiritual Practice*

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Molly T. Marshall, Interim President at United Theological Seminary

In this workshop I draw from the Benedictine tradition to outline key practices in effective leadership. For over 1500 years, the Rule of St. Benedict has shaped monastic life and provided principles and practical guidance for living in community--even outside the cloister. Its wisdom can prompt creative leadership in our time.