

Name	Location	Presenter	Description
We have made progress: The Minnesota Northstar Act is a reality!	HAB 118	Diane Haines & Nancy Hassett	At our annual meeting in June 2019, the Conference Immigration Team presented a resolution “that Minnesota Conference churches and the Conference be encouraged to endeavor to covenant with faith-based and secular community groups and coalitions, with supportive legislators, and with immigrants themselves, to achieve a Sanctuary State Law in Minnesota”. This workshop will update our congregations about what has happened since we passed that resolution. Come hear some good news and what we can do now.
Creating Gender Inclusive Ministries	HAB 102	Pastor Nora Elliott	“Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come...can separate us from the love of God” Romans 8:38. So why do we think gender can? Pastor Nora leads a workshop to answer your questions and give tools to create gender inclusive ministries.
The Cosmology of Surfing	ASC 121	Pastor Mitch Nelson	Because of the technological and scientific advancements of the modern and now post-modern world, we have become used to living in a pseudo world that prefers a scientific cosmology that measures nature and the material world through scientific data that has no capacity to measure the spirituality of the natural world, and thus leaving a soulless void in the scientific cosmology of the natural world. The cosmology of surfing makes attempts to bring into the awareness of the spiritual value of living in one with the natural world, Jesus, a God through living a practice of spending time, interacting on a spiritual level with the natural world.
Subdue It Not! Environmental Racism and the Biblical Creation Stories	ASC 107	Carolyn Pressler & Alika Galloway	During the first part of the workshop, Carolyn Pressler will lead participants to briefly look at how Genesis 1 – 2, especially the command to “Fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion...” have been (mis)used to justify exploiting the world and the creatures inhabiting it, including other persons. We will then consider alternative ways of reading these Creation stories that support biblical theologies of racially just creation care. In the second part of the workshop, Rev. Dr. Alika Galloway will discuss the devastating affect HERC, a specific case of environmental racism, on her community, the people of North Minneapolis. The workshop will conclude with consideration of ways

			participants might respond to environmental racism in North Minneapolis and in their own communities.
Justice Story Quilts	HAB 120	Mimi Goodwin, MDiv	Mimi Goodwin will present Justice Story Quilts focusing on racial and environmental justice. Those pieces document injustices and stories of people rising up doing justice. Mimi will share her artistic process. Community Art Making will include: writing Psalms in response to Ukraine in On Fire Quilt, adding protest signs to Stop Line # quilt and adding answers to “What will you do for the water?” onto River Quilt. Participants will also explore ways community art making can become part of worship, praying ways and faith formation.
A Playbook for Political Action in the Progressive Church	ASC 104	Rev. Sarah Campbell	A how to on being a powerful and nimble congregation working for the reign of God on earth. How to move from being primarily a civic church – (that focuses primarily on education) to being an organizing church – working collectively for merciful and just social change.
Let’s Drum	BAC A109	Bob Gregory-Bjorklund	You’ll learn drum songs from Ghana, taught to Bob by Sowah Mensah, master drummer from Ghana and teacher at Macalester College
Sponsoring a Ukrainian Refugee Family	ASC 105	Kim & Jan Shaffer and the Rykov family	We will present our experience of sponsoring a refugee family from when we first connected with the immigration website last July, finding a family that was a good match, preparing for their arrival in September, welcoming them to the U.S., helping them apply for governmental benefits, enrolling their daughter in school, applying for work permits, applying for employment, finding housing and continuing our support as they become independent. There will be time for questions addressed to both us and the Rykovs.
Tai Chi: Moving Meditation	HAB 119	Rev. Jill Warner	Calm your mind and energize your body through Tai Chi. Try a few simple combinations, standing and seated. Explore ministry possibilities for people of all abilities, as well as a path to certify as a Veterans Administration Community Care Network (VACCN) provider.
Sacred Reckonings: White Settler – Colonizer Churches Doing the Work of Reparation	HAB 107	Rev. Dr. Rebecca Voelkel	Would you like to learn more about what reparations might look like in your congregation? Have you wanted your church to work on repair and healing vis a vis Black and Indigenous communities, but didn’t know how? Sacred Reckoning is an organizing and educational process designed for predominantly white churches. Rooted in accountability and BIPOC ???, Sacred Reckonings offers white-settler colonizers congregations a path forward doing the work required.

So, You Think Your Church is at Risk?	HAB 101	Rev. Cindy Mueller	If your congregation is facing a significant threshold moment and seeking to discern its next most faithful steps, join in this workshop to learn about possible pathways that may be available to you. Also learn what is important for all congregations to be doing now to protect their legacy. The Conference is here to walk this journey with you no matter where it leads you.
The “How Did We Get...?” Video Series	HAB 2	Rev. Andrew Greenhaw	The Congregational Church UCC of Rochester is producing an educational video series in collaboration with Dr. Sarah Ruble, a professor of Christian History at Gustavus Adolphus. The series is entitled, “How Did We Get...?” and will feature explorations of 6 doctrines or events in their historical context with an intention to lay out the central concepts and investigate their relevance to our present context. The themes of the six videos are: How Did We Get...The Trinity, Christology, Original Sin, A church separate from Judaism, Justification by Faith, and “conservative” and “liberal” Christianities. Participants will watch and discuss one of the videos and learn how they can access the videos and make use of them in their local congregations.
“Climate Hope” From Coping to Leading on Climate	HAB 128A	Rev. Dr. Brooks Berndt	In this workshop, we will reflect upon the process of moving from climate despair to climate hope. We will also look at the immense potential of faith communities to be incubators of hope in a world desperately in need of it. One expression of this potential is being seen today through the UCC’s Climate Hope Cards campaign which is seizing a rare opportunity to save thousands of lives, address societal inequities, and put our nation on track for a carbon free electrical grid by 2035. With the help of churches and a team of young leaders across the country, thousands of postcards are currently being collected to be delivered to the EPA as it updates key protections. The featured speaker of this event will be the Rev. Dr. Brooks Berndt, the Environmental Justice Minister for the United Church of Christ and the author of “Cathedral on Fire: A Church Handbook for the Climate Crisis.”
Foundational Theological Claims of the United Church of Christ	HAB 128B	Rev. T. Michael Rock	Several years ago, our General Minister and President, Rev. John Dorhauer asked the Historical Council of the United Church of Christ to produce a document that reflected the Foundational Theological Claims that intersected all five strands of the historical UCC. The UCC Polity

			Teachers are engaging in conversation about this document across the country. Come and join the conversation.
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