



## Annual Conference New York City April 12-15, 2007

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We are the supporting hands at the end of the administrating arms of the on-going ministry of the United Church of Christ.*

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Dear Colleagues,

The 2007 Annual Meeting of the United Church of Christ Office Support Staff Network (UCCOSSN) is only two months away. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 12-15 in New York City, with sessions to be held at the New Yorker Hotel in midtown Manhattan and in The Interchurch Center (home to the Pension Boards and United Church Foundation).

The UCCOSSN is made up of office support staff from local churches, Conferences, national agencies and Covenanted Ministries of the United Church of Christ. This year marks the network's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we will gather around the theme "Remembering Yesterday...Living Today...Securing Tomorrow."

An opening banquet will be held at the New Yorker Hotel on Thursday evening, April 12, honoring those who helped birth the network 20 years ago. We are privileged to be able to have the Rev. John H. Thomas, UCC General Minister and President, as our keynote banquet speaker.

Friday morning, we will travel to The Interchurch Center where the Rev. Geoffrey Black, New York Conference Minister, will lead us in worship. The day's agenda will focus on wellness – physical, spiritual and financial and will include presentations by Pension Boards and UCF staff and a tour of historic Grant's Tomb and UCC-affiliated Riverside Church.

Dr. Linda Burrs, President and Principal Consultant of **Step Up to Success!**, a consulting firm specializing in professional development will be our facilitator for Saturday's session, and will focus on communication and interpersonal skills. Following closing worship on Saturday afternoon, participants are free to make their own dinner arrangements and enjoy some of the many attractions New York City has to offer. The meeting ends following worship at Riverside Church Sunday morning.

Enclosed you will find additional information about our time together. We hope that you will plan on joining with your colleagues on April 12, for a time of renewal and rejuvenation as we share together the challenges and joys of our common ministries.

Please feel free to contact me at 800.642.6543, Ext. 2712, or [sthomas@pbucc.org](mailto:sthomas@pbucc.org), if you need additional information or assistance. On behalf of the Planning Committee, I look forward to welcoming you on April 12.

Sincerely,

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Planning Committee Chair

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