



**Eastern Ohio &
Western Reserve Associations**
Ohio Conference

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**Call to the
Eastern Ohio & Western Reserve Associations
Annual Meeting
Saturday, November 4
First United Church of Christ
201 Fair Ave NW • New Philadelphia**

Standing At the Future's Threshold

Dear Friends,

You are invited to attend the Fall Gathering of the Eastern Ohio and Western Reserve Associations. It has been an amazing year, and we look forward to the opportunity to meet and plan.

This summer's 31st General Synod of the United Church of Christ in Baltimore, MD gave us much to think about as we consider how we reflect the UCC purpose statement: *To love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves. Or how we adjust our vision that others may see our vision: United in Christ's love, a just world for all. And how we might align our work with the UCC Mission statement: United in Spirit and inspired by God's grace, we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all.*

It has been a year of changes in our Ohio Conference and in our Associations. And as we enter 2018 we are, indeed, standing at the future's threshold, grateful for God's guiding hand. Staff turnover for our Associations could hardly have been greater as Rich Plant retired, Bonnie Bates left for the Penn Northeast Conference, and now Rita Root is retiring. New people will be facing new challenges and we will need to rally to face them together. Likewise, the Ohio Conference is not only experiencing staffing changes but also looking at new ways of structuring our life together in the wider church.

Rounding out the year, we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation on October 31. We recognize that we are reformed, and we keep on reforming ourselves, our churches, and our world.

David Brown

Moderator, EOA

Ian Lynch

Moderator, WRA

Overview of Events at the Annual Meeting

How Many Voting Delegates Can Your Church Send?

The Day's Agenda	
8:30AM	Registration Opens
9:00AM	Informal Gathering
10:00AM	Business Meeting
11:15AM	Worship
12:30PM	Lunch

Eastern Ohio Association	
Church Membership	Lay Delegate Allowance
400 or less	1
401-800	2
801-1200	3
1201 and up	4

Western Reserve Association	
Church Membership	Lay Delegate Allowance
400 or less	2
401-800	3
801-1200	4
1201 and up	5

Hotels Near First UCC • 201 Fair Ave NW • New Philadelphia, OH 44663-3728 (just in case you'd like to arrive the night before)

Best Western Dutch Valley Inn

☀☀☀
161 Bluebell Dr SW
New Philadelphia, OH 44663
330-339-6500

Hampton Inn New Philadelphia

☀☀
1299 W High Ave
New Philadelphia, OH 44663
330-339-7000

Comfort Inn

☀☀☀
2024 SR 39 NW
Dover, OH 44622
330-440-0911

Holiday Inn Express & Suites New Philadelphia

☀☀
145 Bluebell Dr SW
New Philadelphia, OH 44663
330-339-7731

Country Inn & Suites by Carlson

☀☀☀
1120 Gateway Pl
Dover, OH 44622
330-365-9388

The Schoenbrunn Inn & Conference Center

☀☀☀
1186 W High Ave
New Philadelphia, OH 44663
330-339-4334



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You can register online at www.eoawraucc.org/annual-meeting.

Please print clearly

Select your Association: Eastern Ohio Assoc Western Reserve Assoc Other

Name

Phone Number

Church/Organization and City

Please Indicate Your Voting Status

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Associations Council Officer or Member | <input type="checkbox"/> EOA Professional Church Educator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized Minister (including Dual Standing) | <input type="checkbox"/> WRA Member in Discernment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified by Partners in Ministry | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Lay Delegate | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest (non-voting) |

Registration is \$25 per person and is due by Saturday, October 21.

Retired UCC Clergy, Members in Discernment, and Past Council Moderators are our guests. Please register, but there is no registration fee.

Meals

A light continental breakfast will be available during registration. A variety of vegetarian and non-vegetarian options will be available for lunch.

Send a check payable to *Eastern Ohio Association* with the completed registration form to:
EOAWRA Office · 960 Portage Trail · Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221-3408.

- Please check here if you wish to be excluded from photos taken for publicity purposes.
- Please check here if you need child care. Write the children's names and ages on the back of this form. Child care only available with advance notice.

Do you have any special needs? _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please make copies of this form if you need to register more than one person.

I need child care during the meeting. Here are their names and ages.

Name	Age
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Do your children have dietary or other special needs?