



Western North Carolina Association

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Dear Church Members and Ministers of the Western North Carolina Association,

I trust that you are having an enjoyable summer and find it to be a time of refreshment and renewal. May you find God's spirit nurturing you in this time.

This is the Official Call Letter for the 47th Annual Meeting of the Western North Carolina Association (WNCA) of the Southern Conference. The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at Abernethy Laurels Retirement Community, 102 Leonard Avenue, in Newton, NC (www.abernethylaurels.org). **Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at 9 a.m.**, with a cost of \$20 per person. Enclosed you will find a registration form for your use. Please make copies if you need additional forms for others to register.

Also, a reminder that our WNCA Per Capita Dues are \$1.50 per church member. The total due is based on the number of members that your church reported to the UCC and Southern Conference earlier this year. We pray all of our congregations continue to support the ministries of the WNCA. Churches will receive a statement regarding their WNCA Per Capita dues showing the 2014 amount already paid, or the 2014 amount that is due, shortly by mail.

In addition, the WNCA Bylaws Article I - "Membership", Section 3 - "Voting Delegates", states the following:

"The voting delegates of the Association shall consist of: the ordained, licensed, and commissioned ministers, and directors of religious education certified by the Worship and Education Ministry Team of Local Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ holding standing in the Association, and two lay delegates selected by and representing each local church within the Association. (Number of members for determination of lay delegates for a church is based upon the church membership reported in the National UCC Yearbook.)

The WNCA Bylaws Article I - "Membership" Section 2 - "Voting Membership", B: "Members of the Board of Directors shall be voting members of the Association." Visitors are welcome to attend our Annual Meeting.

**"Therefore: Churches with up to 300 members shall be entitled to have 2 lay delegates.
Churches with 301 to 500 members shall be entitled to have 3 lay delegates.
Churches with 501 to 700 members shall be entitled to have 4 lay delegates.
Churches with 701 to 900 members shall be entitled to have 5 lay delegates.
Churches over 900 members shall be entitled to one additional lay delegate per each additional 200 members or fraction thereof."**

Speakers and workshops are being confirmed. Updates, registration forms, documents, and information about the WNCA Annual Gathering **will be posted on our website by Friday, September 19, 2014** at www.wnca-soc.org/wnca-annual-gathering and on our Southern Conference website at www.soc-ucc.org

I hope this information is helpful in making your plans for the fall. I trust our fall meeting will be productive as we seek to remain faithful to God's call for us to serve our Lord and our Savior through our service to one another and to those who live around us in God's world. May you find hope and spiritual satisfaction in your ministry for our Lord and Savior.

Peace and hope,


Rev. Nathan King

President, Western North Carolina Association

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