



The Rev. Diane Weible
Conference Minister

Advent blessings!

We hope that during this season of expectation, you are experiencing the hope, peace, love and joy that we remember as we await the birth of Jesus.

We know that this season is also the time of the year that your church is considering your 2016 budget and your giving to Our Church's Wider Mission. Your Conference Council has written a letter and created a narrative budget that we hope will help you as leaders of the church to know how important your gifts are to Our Church's Wider Mission. The attached letter and narrative budget will explain why your contributions are so important to the ministry and mission that we do as the wider church. There is so much more that we can do together than is possible with just one person or one church alone. For this reason, we ask for your support, prayers and your involvement in all that we seek to do together.

Our prayers are with you this season. Please know if there is anything we can do to support you in the ministry of your church and local community, we want to help so gives us a call or send us an email.

Diane J Weible



THE GIFTED PRESENCE OF THE NCNC

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. (1 Cor. 12:1)

Dear Members of the Northern California Nevada Conference:

Greetings from your Conference Council! We have been given the responsibility to lead and direct the NCNC from Annual Gathering to Annual Gathering. Our purpose is to *Support – Unite – Nurture* the churches, community ministries, and authorized Ministers of the Northern California Nevada Conference. Attached to this letter is a listing of the ongoing ways your conference serves your ministries, and a list of the timely priorities of the Council this year.

We Need Your Support to Continue Our Church's Wider Ministry

Over this past year we have searched for and found our new Conference Minister, the Rev. Diane Weible, and soon we will welcome on to our staff two full-time Associate Conference Ministers to carry out the work we have agreed is important for our shared ministries in Northern California Nevada Conference. Already we have experienced an upsurge of energy as we improve communication and connections with one another, schedule Church Days for lay training, and Boundary Training for our clergy. New interest has emerged in advocating Justice and Witness ministries and networking with already existing mission programs through our local churches.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
(1 Cor. 12:4-7)

Many people have asked, “Who is the Northern California Nevada Conference?” The answer is simple: YOU ARE. If you are a member of an NCNC church YOU ARE the conference. If you are an Authorized Minister – ordained, licensed, commissioned – YOU ARE the conference whether you are in a parish, hospital, community ministry, or retired.

We are the Northern California Nevada Conference

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ...Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many...If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.
(1 Cor. 12:12, 14, 26)

We are asking for your support

We are asking you to look at your church budgets and consider what you can do to support the work we do together for our mutual ministries. If you are already giving – Thank You! If you can increase your gift to the annual budget of the NCNC – Thank You! If you have not been able to contribute we are asking you to consider making a donation this year. Thank you!

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. (1 Cor. 12:27)

Thank you for your willingness to *Support–Unite–Nurture* the church of Jesus Christ in local settings and ministries of the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Your NCNC Council

Northern California Nevada Conference United Church of Christ 2016 Mission Spending Plan

Total Operating Budget is \$811,200 [which does not include "5 for 5" offerings reflected in the Mission category below but not budgeted items].



Mission

- ◇ One Great Hour of Sharing (includes disaster relief grants like those available for victims of the wildfires)
- ◇ Wider Church support (includes missionaries and support to partners throughout the world)

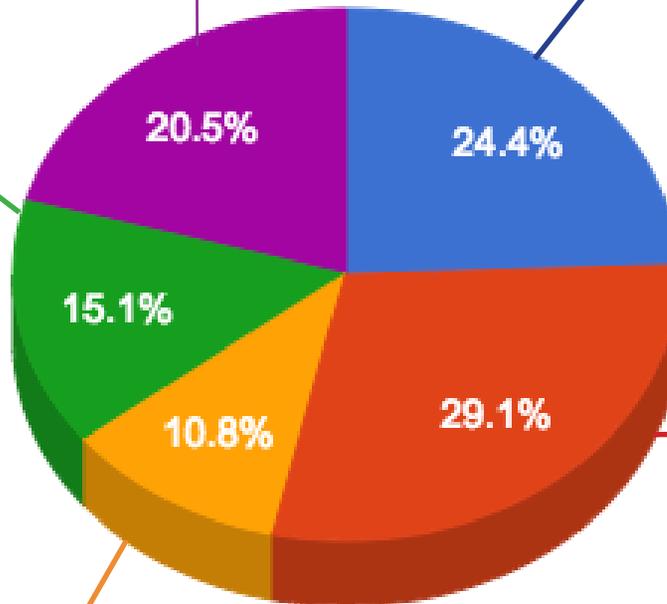
Ministers

- ◇ Minister's Retreat
- ◇ Staff consulting and support
- ◇ Continuing Education Opportunities
- ◇ Scholarships



Administration

- ◇ Event Registration
- ◇ Conference Council
- ◇ Meeting support (Annual Gathering, Church Day, General Synod, etc...)
- ◇ Church and Pastor support
- ◇ Communications



Churches

- ◇ Pastor Searches
- ◇ Conference Staff Visits
- ◇ Church Day
- ◇ Staff consulting and support
- ◇ Resources
- ◇ Neighbors in Need Grants
- ◇ Webinars*



Youth and Young Adults

- ◇ Camping program
- ◇ New Young Adult Initiative*
- ◇ UCC Youth Events
- ◇ Youth Leaders Support
- ◇ Staff Support

* Plans are in place for expanded or new programs in these areas so your increased support will make these events possible.