



OUR PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Expanding Connections

The beginning of May is usually a favorite time for me. Here in Wisconsin the crabapples and other fruit trees are in bloom, trees are leafing out, and warmer weather invites us outside. I love to watch the hostas emerge and unroll their leaves, the perennials growing with the promise of summer flowers, and I even get into the garden to clean up and remove the new crop of weeds. (I don't do so well when it is hot outside!) All of those things are true this year, except the weather which is grey, cold and rainy, but that will pass, sooner rather than later, we hope.

Summer Gatherings

May is also a time to look forward to summer and that means annual meetings! Conference meetings happen in early-mid June, IMN is a bit later this year, June 19-22 (hooray!), but still mid-June, and General Synod kicks off July (June 30-July 4). I love going to all of these events. Although generally a fairly solitary person, there is something about being with colleagues to learn and celebrate together that stirs my soul and renews my call to ministry among these people. We in AUCCIIM had to choose between two trips to Baltimore this year as both IMN and Synod will be there. Both gatherings will enlarge perspectives, connect people together, and do good work. Each of us has to decide what is important in our life and ministry, and what we can afford to do. But if there are folks who can attend both, we would be thrilled to have you represent us!

Remote Connections

Technology is making it possible to get a touch of these events even if you can't make a trip to Baltimore. General Synod has posted videos of the meeting and events for several years. Parts of IMN will be live streamed and then available for later viewing (<https://imnedu.org/2017-annual-conference/ac-live-stream/>). And, you can join the AUCCIIM meeting via

2017

Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry Education Schedule

[The Work of the Leader](#)

May 10-12, 2017

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
Bellevue, Washington

May 16-18, 2017

Swanson Center
Ashland, Nebraska

June 6-8, 2017

Rolling Ridge Center
Andover, Massachusetts

[The Work of the Congregation](#)

March 6-10, 2017

Daysprings Center
Parrish, Florida

May 8-12, 2017

St. Paul's Cathedral Center
Los Angeles, California

August 14-18, 2017

The Conference Center at
the Maritime Institute
Linthicum Heights,
Maryland

[Click here for more 2017 dates and Registration Details](#)

Zoom. We will be live from 4:00 - 5:00 pm EDT, Tuesday, June 20. Watch your email inbox for Zoom details. (See the article submitted by Malcolm Himschoot for more information.)

Social Media Options

At our meeting we will get a look at several platforms for our connections. We have identified and are updating two sites that have been languishing: A FaceBook group site accessed as "Association of UCC Intentional Interim Ministers." (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/111516000725/>) We know there are others out there and we will be working to consolidate everything into one. A group site enables enduring posts and conversations and I hope we can make use of that. So check it out and sign up. In addition, a Wordpress blog site was started a few years ago but lost active administration almost immediately. That has a new administrator and is open for longer reflections. If you blog elsewhere and want to contribute, we encourage you. And hope that many will follow the site. aucciim.wordpress.com.

Website

In addition to all that, we are excited to be able to show off a new website that will have links to both of the above, as well as containing this newsletter (but we'll still email it!) and including a bunch of what we hope will be good, useful information. This will go live just before the meeting and we will take a few minutes to page through it. Websites are front doors, a place where AUCCIIM can be found and where we can provide links to the education, best practices, companion organizations, blogs and conversations that we can have together.

Looking for New Board Members

In the last two years, the AUCCIIM board has been rejuvenated with new members. It is time for me to step down from leadership as President, and to invite new members onto the Board. We meet for about an hour via Zoom 4 - 6 times a year, so there are few costs. The requirements are simple as well: membership in AUCCIIM and a willingness to engage in conversation about the activities, mission, and connections that AUCCIIM has with members, judicatories, IMN and other training and membership organizations, and the national body through MESA. We have done some good things, especially in the last couple of years, and we carry on a legacy from deeply motivated folks who preceded us. Please consider standing for election to the board, whether you attend in person, or Zoom in.

Blessings through all your transitions -
Marlea Gilbert, President

FROM MESA

Intentional interim ministers at Synod are welcome to network with the Search and Call staff of many of our 38 conferences. Sunday afternoon, July 2, 1:00-2:30 p.m. This event is for both authorized ministers and Members in Discernment. It does not require registration apart from regular General Synod registration. Check the program for location details.





The Ministerial Excellence, Support and Authorization (MESA) Team invites those at Synod to an informal reception for intentional interim ministers. In the Marriott “Local Church Ministries Hospitality Suite” find colleagues for conversation and a few bites to eat, Monday, July 3, anytime between 12:00-2:00.



IMN Remote Connections

For the first time, this year the Interim Ministry Network is broadcasting part of the annual nationwide conference where many intentional interim ministers go for continuing professional education.

If you are someone who cannot afford a thousand-dollar week-long trip, but you can afford two days of excellent content from leaders in the field, check out this remote option.

<https://imnedu.org/2017-annual-conference/ac-live-stream/>

Tuesday, June 20, 2017 | 9:30 AM – 12:45 AM ET

Checking old Assumptions, Assuming New Postures

Jeffrey Jones

Wednesday, June 21, 2017 | 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM ET

Leading in a Liminal Season

Susan Beaumont

CALL TO THE 37TH IMN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 19-22, 2017
Maritime Conference Center
Linthicum Heights (Baltimore), Maryland

For more information go to:
<http://imnedu.org/2017-annual-conference/>

AUCCIIM - Call to Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

4-5:30 p.m. Eastern

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://UCC.zoom.us/j/2888674147> Or iPhone one-tap (US Toll): [+16465588656](tel:+16465588656),2888674147# or [+14086380968](tel:+14086380968),2888674147#

Or Telephone:

Dial: [+1 646 558 8656](tel:+16465588656) (US Toll) or [+1 408 638 0968](tel:+14086380968) (US Toll)

Meeting ID: 288 867 4147

International numbers

available: <https://UCC.zoom.us/join?j=2888674147>

Share Your Views

For over 35 years, IMN has trained thousands of clergy and lay leaders in the practice of interim/transitional ministry. As the needs of the congregations change, interim/transitional clergy must adapt and expand skills to address those changing needs. IMN, through its Continuing Education Team, is seeking to identify resources and continuing education offerings that can be made available to the IMN membership to help keep transitional clergy skills current and relevant.

To participate in this 4-question survey please

To take the survey go to: <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07edpwzajwiy30pshi/a0160iyvktk6g/questions>

As an IMN member your participation in this information gathering survey is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
IMN Continuing Education Team

May 2017

Since we are having trouble with the transmission of membership data from our web site, please contact Janie Gebhardt, 1200 Aspen Dr., Pocatello ID 83204-5008 to renew your membership.

Updates on the General Synod including MESA events, our president's page, and regional and national IMN training, IMN Annual Conference and AUCCIIM Annual Gathering,

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Editor's Notes: I would welcome suggestions for columns, articles, book reviews, etc. for this quarterly newsletter.

The deadlines and publishing dates (approximate) for the next year are:

Deadline: July 31, 2017

Published: August 7, 2017

Deadline: October 30, 2017

Published: November 6, 2017

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