



March 19, 2023

## Lay Leadership Convocation

Come out for a day of Lay Leadership training and fellowship. The event will include worship, workshops and a keynote address on *Empowering Lay Leadership*.



When: **Saturday, April 15th**

Times: 9:00 am—3:00 pm (8:30 registration)

Cost: \$40 with lunch / \$20 without lunch

Where: The event begins at Trinity Reformed UCC, 60 N. Hanover St. Pottstown (some workshops will take place one block away at Zion's UCC)

### Workshops:

- The Post-Covid Church
- Reviving the Sunday School
- Stewardship of Financial Resources
- Spiritual Leadership
- An Environmentally Friendly Church
- How Does the UCC Work?
- Making a Joyful Noise with Whatever You've Got
- Stepping Into the Pulpit

To register go to [psec.org](http://psec.org) and click the "Events & News" tab and then click the calendar and go to April 15th. Click on Lay Leadership Convocation.

## One Great Hour of Sharing

In this New Year, the 2023 One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) theme is **It's Time to Share**, based on Galatians 6:9–10 (The MSG).

*So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all...*

The apostle Paul wrote these words to the church in Galatia to assure them of the power of God's Spirit to strengthen them to persist in the work of being generous in caring for others. Because you didn't give up or quit, the United Church of Christ has been able to provide support that offered hope when situations seemed hopeless. We've offered food, water, medicines, education, and opportunities for sustainable development. The gifts you give to OGHS are leveraged with those of others across the United Church of Christ bringing a greater impact to the work being done with local and global partners. Your support enables us to respond to a variety of global and local concerns by addressing advocacy, sustainable development, refugee and asylum issues, migration, disasters, and assisting those most in need and vulnerable among us. Wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes, and flooding have ravaged communities in the United States and worldwide, leaving families and communities in desperate need of assistance. Some of these disasters have occurred in your hometown, or in nearby communities or to friends and neighbors in countries thousands of miles away, across the globe. Strengthened by the power of God's Spirit and your collective generosity, the United Church of Christ continues to work with partners to care for others, and not give up... as together we build a just world for all.

Thank you for your generous gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing Special offering!

