

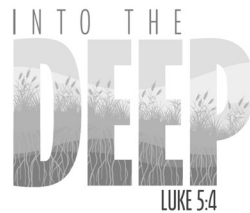


June 30, 2024

General Synod 35

July 11-15 , Kansas City, Missouri

Deadlines and information are now available for those who want to submit business to General Synod 35, the next major gathering of the United Church of Christ . The theme for General Synod 35 is “Into the Deep,” based on Luke 5:4, which says, “When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.’”



Should you be working with a group that is interested in submitting a resolution, Completed Resolutions shall be submitted to the Resolution Review Team **on or before October 31, 2024**. Resolutions need not be in final form by this date, but should be as complete as possible, and at a minimum must have the entire text of the motion complete. Submitters are encouraged to provide Resolutions in draft form to the Resolution Review Team as early as possible to reduce the risk of needing to bring their Resolutions into compliance. Final submission of a Resolution shall take place **on or before December 31** of the year prior to General Synod.

For more information on the rules and deadline for General Synod 35, use the following link: <https://www.ucc.org/general-synod-35-rules>

Safety at Church FREE Webinar

THIS WEDNESDAY!

July 26—7:00—8:00 pm— via Zoom

Ensuring the safety and security of our congregations is an increasing challenge in our polarized world. Whether it’s safeguarding against physical threats, addressing health and wellness concerns, or promoting a culture of inclusivity and support, the safety of our church communities is a shared responsibility.

This presentation will equip participants with the knowledge, tools, and resources to create a safe and welcoming environment where everyone can worship, learn, and fellowship without fear.

To register go to psec.org and click on the Events & News tab, then click on Calendar. Go to June 26th for the FREE registration information.



From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce:

And so it continues...

CBS news reported on 5/31 that a Johns Hopkins survey showed that about one in three Americans knows someone who has died of a drug overdose.

“Thirty-two percent of responders said someone they knew died of a fatal drug overdose. For 18.9% of respondents, the person they knew who died ‘was a family member or close friend.’” “A recent study by the National Institute on Drug Abuse found that more than 321,000 children in the United States have had parents die from overdoses in just the past decade.”

Please have Narcan available. Please consider how your congregation is responding to this crisis.