



February 16, 2025

## “Thank You” from PSEC

Thank you for the difference you have made in the lives of people, communities, and pastoral leadership over the last year through your financial support. Whether you offered what you collected or included OCWM in your annual budget, you and your church extended the reach of the United Church of Christ.

As we close the books on 2024, PSEC congregations and individuals contributed \$702,368 OCWM dollars toward the work of our Conference. With those funds, the PSEC connects our church's various and diverse ministries both locally and globally. Together, we provide our local churches, pastors, and congregations with the training and inspiration they need to carry out our church's wider mission. We are stronger together; therefore, we embrace diversity, and above all, we spread God's love!

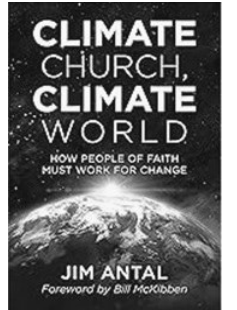
Although \$31k short of our OCWM goal of \$734,000 the Conference was able to hold the line on expenses and ended the year with a positive cash flow! Your generosity in giving, besides supporting the work of the Conference, has also impacted many lives all over God's creation. We were blessed to be able to pass through \$73,400 of your OCWM dollars to the National UCC office for their work.

God bless you and thank you! Here's to a meaningful and prosperous 2025!

## Climate Church, Climate World Book Study

**Facilitated by:** Members of The PSEC Environmental Justice Team

**Requirements:** Purchase of the book and read the introduction and first two chapters prior to the first session on March 3rd.  
Book can be found on Amazon and at Hearts and Mind bookstore.



**Open to** clergy and lay persons.

**Dates:** Every Monday afternoon in March, beginning March 3 thru March 31

**Times:** 12:30 - 1:30 pm on Zoom      **Cost:** Free

PSEC Environmental Justice Team invites you to join us for Climate Church, Climate World Book Study. Climate Church, Climate World by Jim Antal addresses “the long emergency” known as the climate crisis. Grounded in Scripture, informed by science, this book offers a way for people of faith to listen carefully to how God is calling us to embrace our vocation of bearing witness to the crisis and to initiate a moral intervention to sustain God's gift of creation. The study will be led by the members of the Environmental Justice Team.



## Addiction & Recovery Taskforce: Loneliness

Loneliness is an issue for a significant number of Americans. It is especially widespread in the elderly. There is a connection between loneliness and addiction that few realize. Loneliness can lead to substance abuse and substance abuse can also lead to loneliness. Congregations can reach out to those who are not attending services as they used to. They can invite members to come to church and programs by offering rides and companionship. Contact those who have recently lost a partner or friend. Offer ongoing support and community.