

# ENC Association News

## DESIGNATED CONFERENCE MINISTER CALLED

Pursuant to the plan approved by May's Annual Gathering of the Southern Conference, the Southern Conference Board of Directors has called the Rev. Dr. Ed Davis to be the Designated Conference Minister. "Designated" indicates that Rev. Davis has a short term (3 years) like an "Interim" Conference Minister but unlike an "Interim" Conference Minister, a "Designated" Conference Minister may stand for election to their own term of office. Conference President, the Rev. Lilton Marks, has sent information to our congregations about the **Rev. Dr. Ed Davis who will begin as Designated Conference Minister in January.**

The next part of the plan for a new future for the Southern Conference was relinquishing Associate Conference Ministers assigned to each Association within the Southern Conference. Thus the Eastern North Carolina Association will be saying goodbye to Rev. Vertie Powers. The good news is that she has been called to become the Associate Conference Minister for the Chicago Metropolitan Association, Illinois Conference.

## ASSISTANCE FOR CHURCHES DAMAGED BY HURRICANE IRENE

All of us are vulnerable at different moments in our life-cycle as congregations and Christians thus we come together to find solace and strengthen as brothers and sisters in Christ. As an Association we have extended small gifts to assist with the damage caused by Hurricane Irene to *Galilee* in Merritt as well *Broad Creek* and *Zion Hill* both in Oriental. Please keep these particular churches in your prayers as they are still recovering. And keep your Association in your prayers as we come this time of transition into God's new calling of this Association and Conference.

## INVITATION TO FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR REV. VERTIE POWERS

You are invited to celebrate the ministry of the Reverend Vertie Powers in and with the Eastern North Carolina Association as Associate Conference Minister as well as in and with the Southern Conference as Acting Interim Conference Minister.

Date and time: **November 20, 4pm, at Pilgrim UCC, Durham, NC.**

We will have time for remembrances and plenty of time to greet Vertie over hors d'oeuvres and punch. If you would like to make a gift of appreciation, please send a check to the Association/Conference Office and indicate in the Memo line: Gift for Rev. Powers. Thank you.

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Pilgrim UCC is located just minutes away from I-40 or I-85 at 3011 Academy Road, Durham, NC 27707-2627. For directions go to <http://www.pilgrimucc-durham.org/index.php/about-us/location> or call (919) 489-1381.

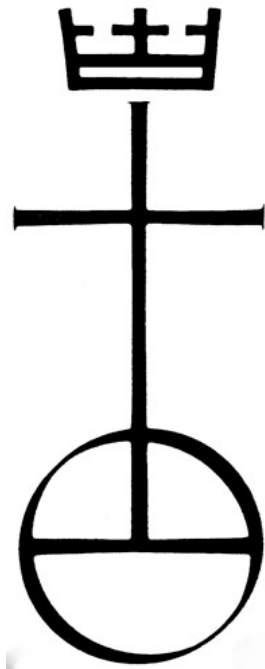


## ASSOCIATION DUES

It would be irresponsible if we did not bring up the finances of our common life. During this time of transition we anticipate using some of our Association's reserve funds to cover some of our costs. Each Association is doing the same as we arrive at a new structure for our Conference and Associations.

Our covenant with one another is that each congregation will give to the Association **annual dues that are calculated at \$2.00 per member**. For example, if your congregation has 75 members, please send the \$150 to the Association Office **by the end of the year**. *This year we need your cooperation, participation and timely offering more than ever.* Thank you.

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## PROGRAMS DURING THE TRANSITION

We are still an Association within the United Church of Christ. Below are several programs that will be happening at or sponsored by United Church of Chapel Hill. I am sure there are other programs happening in other congregations that will be beneficial to more than one congregation. ***Please help us to share that information with one another.***

- (1) Saturday, January 14, 9-12  
United Church of Chapel Hill

**Racing Across the Lines:  
Changing Race Relations  
Through Friendship**  
Deborah Plummer, *author and consultant*

*Registration Limited*  
[www.unitedchurch.org](http://www.unitedchurch.org)

- (2) Saturday, January 21, 8:30 – 4:30  
United Church of Chapel Hill

*Sponsored by*  
*North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light*

**Transition Congregations  
Training and Workshop**  
Rev. Jim Deming, *UCC Minister for  
Environmental Justice*  
Tina Clark, *a senior Transition Towns  
Trainer*

*Registration Limited*  
[www.ncipl.org/](http://www.ncipl.org/)

Coming soon . . . .

The Association is in the process of planning a **gathering for chaplains**. We will also be offering another **workshop on boundary issues**.