



LET JUSTICE ROLL!

Our Featured Guests

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Workshops in the Works

A variety of workshops will be available and many will be centered on our Annual Meeting theme, "Let Justice Roll!" As these workshops are confirmed, information will be posted on the Conference website. Workshop details will also be included in delegate confirmation packets.

Delegates

Local Churches:

500 members or less may have 5 delegates

Over 500 members: 1 additional delegate for each additional 500 members

Ministers with standing in the SWC

Officers and members of the SWC Executive Board

General Synod Delegates

Submitting a Resolution

The Resolution process shall be: If a church or organization wishes to submit a resolution or resolutions for consideration at this Annual Meeting, pursuant to the standing rules adopted by the Conference at its 2002 Annual Meeting, said resolutions must be in the Conference Office no later than March 16, 2012.



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ANNUAL MEETING 2012

April 20-21, 2012
The Good Shepherd United Church of Christ
Sahuarita, Arizona

One of the most powerful verses in the Hebrew Scriptures comes from the prophet Micah: "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (6:8b,c) It is my privilege and joy—with that verse in mind—to invite you to the 2012 Southwest Conference Annual Meeting hosted by The Good Shepherd UCC. Following the theme **Let Justice Roll!** we will hear about justice work being done and to be done in our Conference. We will experience kindness with one another as our delegates and guests meet for fellowship and learning. We will walk humbly in God's presence in worship and in service.

As I conclude my term as Moderator of the Southwest Conference, I will continually speak to you about the growth and excitement we've experienced in the transition to our new ministry structures under the new Bylaws, the incredible potential for ministry we see for our future, and about the gratitude I feel for everyone who has worked so hard these past twelve months. In the fourteen years I have served in this conference, there has never been such energy and spirit! Come and witness it!

Peace,

Rev. Lee Milligan, Moderator, Southwest Conference UCC



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Tentative Annual Meeting Schedule

Thursday, April 19

A full-day border immersion experience and extended afternoon workshops will be offered. Information will be posted on the Conference website and sent to churches as they are confirmed.

Friday, April 20

- 9:30 am Registration opens
- 9:45 New Delegate Orientation
- 10:30 Roll Call & Business session
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 pm Keynote
- 2:00 Workshops
- 3:30 Business, Program, & Community sessions
- 5:30 Reception for Mission Planning Board members
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:15 Worship
- 8:30 Coffee House (after hours)

Saturday, April 21

- 9:00 am Worship
- 9:15 Program
- 10:30 Workshops
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 pm Business, Program, and Community sessions
- 4:00 Closing worship & Installation
- 5:00 Depart

Travel Scholarships

The SWC will reimburse up to \$125 of your travel costs-either gas (with receipts), mileage @ \$.14/mile, or air fare (with receipt). An Expense Reimbursement Request form will be in your Annual Meeting packet to use to document the final amount. Contact the Conference office if you have any transportation issues. If flying, you might want to book your flights as soon as possible to get the best fare.



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Hotels

These hotels have rooms at block prices for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. To make your reservation and receive the block price rate, call the hotel before the cut-off date and mention "Southwest Conference, United Church of Christ." Prices listed do not include taxes.

Inn at San Ignacio (farthest from church)

1861 W. Demetrie Loop, Green Valley
520-393-5700 / www.innatsanignacio.com
Pool, wifi (room), refig. & micro
1BR Suite: \$89 / Standard room: \$59 (Cut-off date: April 5)

Holiday Inn Express (closest to church)

19200 I-19 Footage Rd, Green Valley, AZ (Duval Mine Rd exit)
520-625-0900 / www.HIExpress.com
Pool, wifi (room)
Standard room: \$95, includes breakfast (Cut-off date: Apr. 1)

Best Western Green Valley Inn

111 S. La Canada, Green Valley, AZ
Exit west at Esperanza, left on La Canada
520-625-2250 / www.hotelsone.com/green-valley-hotels-us/green-valley-inn.html
Pool, wifi (public areas), fitness ctr, dial-up (room), micro, refrigerator
Standard room: \$99, includes breakfast (Cut-off date: Mar. 21)

Home Hospitality

Home Hospitality is available. Please contact Sandra Rooney at SRooney8@cox.net by April 6, 2012 to make your arrangements.

Transportation

If you are flying to Tucson and not renting a car, you may contact Jackie Smith at jackiesmithaz@aol.com to arrange for transportation from the airport to your hotel. Transportation from the hotel to the church will be provided for those needing rides. If you have a car available to assist, please mark your registration form.

