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AND KNOW...**

**2016 ANNUAL GATHERING
JUNE 3-4 • CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY
ORANGE, CALIFORNIA**



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Directions to Chapman

From the North (via the 5 Fwy)

- Take 5 Freeway SOUTH
- Exit onto 22 Freeway EAST, Orange
- Take 22 Freeway EAST to Glassell St. Exit
- Exit on Glassell St., turn NORTH (left off the freeway exit ramp)
- Take Glassell St. NORTH to traffic circle
- Exit the second exit of the traffic circle (Glassell St. NORTH)
- Take Glassell St. NORTH to *One University Drive*
- Turn right on Walnut Ave. for campus parking in the Lastinger Underground Parking Structure

From the South (via the 5 & 55 Fwys)

- Take 5 Freeway NORTH
- Exit onto 55 Freeway NORTH
- Take 55 Freeway NORTH to Chapman Avenue Orange
- Turn WEST on Chapman Avenue (right off the exit ramp)
- Take Chapman Avenue WEST to traffic circle (Glassell St.)
- Exit the first exit of the traffic circle (Glassell St. NORTH)
- Take Glassell St. NORTH to *One University Drive*
- Turn right on Walnut Ave. for campus parking in the Lastinger Underground Parking Structure

From the East (via the 15 & 91 Fwys)

- Take 15 Freeway SOUTH
- Exit onto 91 Freeway WEST (Beach Cities)
- Take 91 Freeway WEST to 55 Freeway SOUTH
- Exit onto 55 Freeway SOUTH (left lane exit)
- Take 55 Freeway SOUTH to Chapman Avenue
- Exit onto Chapman Avenue
- Turn WEST on Chapman Avenue (right off the exit ramp)
- Take Chapman Avenue WEST to traffic circle (Glassell St.)
- Exit the first exit of the traffic circle (Glassell St. NORTH)
- Take Glassell St. NORTH to *One University Drive*
- Turn right on Walnut Ave. for campus parking in the Lastinger Underground Parking Structure

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DoubleTree Hotel Anaheim 100 The City Drive Orange, CA 92868 (800) 222-8733	2.9 mi	\$\$
Embassy Suites Hotel Anaheim 11767 Harbor Blvd Garden Grove, CA 92840 (800) 362-2779	4.1 mi	\$\$\$
Embassy Suites Anaheim—North 3100 E. Frontera St Anaheim, CA 92806 (714) 632-1221	3.8 mi	\$\$
Fairfield Inn Anaheim Hills 201 N. Via Cortez Anaheim, CA 92807 (714) 921-1100	8.0 mi	\$\$
Hilton Garden Inn Anaheim 11777 Harbor Blvd Garden Grove, CA 92840 (714) 620-2142	4.1 mi	\$\$
Hilton Anaheim/Orange Suites 400 N. State College Blvd Orange, CA 92868 (800) 445-8667	5.7 mi	\$\$\$
Holiday Inn Anaheim Resort 915 S. Manchester Ave Anaheim, CA 92802 704-748-7777	3.6 mi	\$\$
Homewood Suites by Hilton Anaheim/Maingate Area 12005 Harbor Blvd. Garden Grove, CA 92840 (714) 740-1800	4.3 mi	\$\$\$
Howard Johnson Express Inn 1930 E. Katella Ave Orange, CA 92867 (800) 446-4656	2.3 mi	\$



Welcome to Chapman University

Greetings in the name of Christ, and welcome to YOUR United Church of Christ school. We are so proud of our connection to the UCC and are honored to be your hosts.

Please remember to tell your church youth about Chapman. Youth Round Table leaders as well as children, grandchildren and other relations of UCC and DOC clergy are eligible for half tuition. And every UCC student gets \$2000 annually simply by participating in our student ministry. Help us spread the word!

Don't forget about our special education and reunion event, Founders Day. Next year we will gather March 10-11, 2017. We will welcome Dr. Michael Kinnamon to address us on the media and political climate of fear and how all of the world religions call us to live beyond fear's confinement. Complete information and a poster will arrive at your church in the first week of January to help you with promotion.

Stop by the Chapman booth to chat and to learn more about this amazing university. Let's enjoy a great Annual Gathering together!

Rev. Nancy Brink
Director of Church Relations
Chapman University

A Welcome from the Moderator

Welcome to the 2016 Annual Gathering of the Southern Californian Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ!

We come from more than 130 congregations to worship, pray, learn, laugh, and even cry together. To this sacred space, we will bring our concerns, our desires, and our commitments as we seek new ways to carry out the work to which we—individually and corporately—have been called. We will visit with old friends and make new friends. And as we honor our covenantal relationship, we will bring a much needed sense of peace to this moment in time.

Our theme this year is Be Still and Know—inspired by Psalm 46:10. The Psalmist reminds us that God is our refuge and strength. With chaos and unrest on the rise, across our nation and around the world, these words are timely. As people of faith, we and our congregations are often tired, worn out, and in need of God to refresh, restore, and revive us. Worship, workshops, and other events have been intentionally designed to invite us into God’s presence, to ‘be still and know’ that God is with us in all things.

And having been transformed by God’s presence, may we return to our congregations to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

Shalom,
Keslinn



Keslinn Kohfeld-Stout
Moderator

The 2015 Annual Gathering Planning Committee:

Keslinn Kohfeld-Stout, moderator • Matthew Redrich, vice moderator
Joel Enriquez • Sarah Fiske-Phillips • David Gailbraith • Tara Michaels
Barbe Mitchell • Dave Sigmund

Area Hotels

The following hotels are located less than ten miles from Chapman University. The price range indicated is an estimate, based on published prices at the time of publication.

The Conference has not secured contracts nor does it guarantee pricing for any of these establishments. The prices listed here are for general information purposes only. All prices subject to change.

Pricing Guide: \$ = < \$100 \$\$ = \$101–\$149 \$\$\$ = \$150+

Hotel	Distance	Price/Night
Ayres Hotel Anaheim 2550 E. Katella Ave Anaheim, CA 92806 (800) 448-7162	2.3 mi	\$\$\$
Ayres Inn Orange 3737 West Chapman Ave Orange, CA 92868 (800) 706-4885	2.5 mi	\$\$
Best Western Meridian Inn 720 The City Drive South Orange, CA 92868 (714) 740-2700	3.8 mi	\$
Best Western Orange Plaza 1302 W. Chapman Ave Orange, CA 92868 (714) 633-7720	1.1 mi	\$\$
Days Inn/Orange 279 S. Main St Orange, CA 92868 (714) 771-6704	1.4 mi	\$
Disneyland Hotel 1150 W. Magic Way Anaheim, CA 92802 (714) 778-6600	5.7 mi	\$\$\$
Disney’s Grand Californian Hotel 1600 Disneyland Drive Anaheim, CA 92802 (714) 635-2300	5.2 mi	\$\$\$

Choose a Workshop [see descriptions on pages 8–11]

Session 1 (Friday): **F-** Session 2 (Saturday): **S-**

Thursday Boundary Awareness Training

I will attend the following sessions [**\$30 all-day**] \$_____

- Sexual Ethics Ethics in Preaching Safe Church Ethics in Retired Ministry

Two-Day Registration [Full Event]

Includes registration, Friday lunch, Friday banquet, Saturday lunch.

- Before April 18 [**\$115**] \$_____
- Before May 16 [**\$125**] \$_____
- Before May 23 [**\$135**] \$_____

One-Day Registration

Does not include meals.

- Friday Only Registration [**\$40**] \$_____
- Saturday Only Registration [**\$40**] \$_____

Pre-purchase meals. Meal tickets will not be available for purchase on-site.

- Friday Lunch [**\$15**] \$_____
- Friday Banquet [**\$30**] \$_____
- Saturday Lunch [**\$15**] \$_____

Dorm Reservation

- Thursday
- Double Occupancy [**\$55**] \$_____
 - Single Occupancy [**\$90**] \$_____

- Friday
- Double Occupancy [**\$55**] \$_____
 - Single Occupancy [**\$90**] \$_____

I plan to share a room with: _____

And, for roommate matching purposes, I identify as... Female Male

TOTAL \$_____

Friday Lunch: Option 1 2 3 4 Friday Banquet: Option 1 2

Saturday Lunch: Option 1 2 3 4 **for choice list see page 13**

Introducing the Keynote Speaker

the Rev. Dr. Frank A. Thomas
**Preacher, teacher, scholar, thinker,
lecturer, author, and master coach**

Frank Thomas currently serves as the Nettie Sweeney and Hugh Th. Miller Professor of Homiletics at Christian Theological Seminary of Indianapolis, Indiana. He is the CEO of Hope For Life International, Inc., which formerly published *The African American Pulpit*.

Thomas served with distinction as the senior pastor for two amazing congregations, New Faith Baptist Church of Matteson, Illinois and Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church of Memphis, Tennessee, for eighteen years and thirteen years respectively.

Thomas holds a Ph.D. in Communications (Rhetoric) from the University of Memphis, a Doctor of Divinity from Christian Theological Seminary, Doctor of Ministry degrees from Chicago Theological Seminary and United Theological Seminary, a Master of Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary and a Master of Arts in African-Caribbean Studies from Northeastern Illinois University.

His newest book is the revised and updated version of *They Like to Never Quit Praisin' God: The Role of Celebration In Preaching*, considered by many to be a classic. *American Dream 2.0: A Christian Way Out of the Great Recession*, was released by Abingdon Press in August, 2012. *Preaching With Sacred Fire: An Anthology of African American Sermons, 1750 to the Present*, co-edited by Martha Simmons, offers a rare view of the unheralded role of the African American preacher in American history.

Thomas and his wife, the Rev. Dr. Joyce Scott Thomas, each earned their Certified Professional Coaching Certificate (CPC) from the Institute for Professional Excellence in Coaching (iPEC).

To find out more about Dr. Thomas,
visit his website at <http://drfrankathomas.com>



Boundary Awareness Training Pre-Event

All authorized ministers with standing in the Southern California Nevada Conference are required to complete eight hours of Boundary Awareness Training every five years. Four hours must be completed in Sexual Ethics and Ministry (Parts A & B). Two additional elective modules in other areas of professional ethics and boundary awareness are required to fulfill additional hours.

The following modules will be offered on Thursday, June 2.
The cost for the day, partial or full, is \$30.

9:30–11:30 AM Professional Sexual Ethics (Part B)* (2 hours)
11:30 AM–1:00 PM Lunch (on your own)
1:00–3:00 PM Ethics in Preaching (2 hours)
3:00–5:00 PM Safe Church (2 hours)
1:00–5:00 PM Ethics in Retired Ministry (4 hours)

Register by mail using the Annual Gathering registration form on page 13 and enclosing a check, or register at scncucc.org by following the links for "Annual Gathering Registration" or "Boundary Awareness Training." Credit card and PayPal payments are accepted online.

These sessions will be held at:

First Christian Church
1130 E. Walnut Avenue
Orange, CA 92867

**Professional Sexual Ethics (Part B) has a mandatory prerequisite:
Professional Sexual Ethics (Part A) offered Online May 9–28 (2 hours)*



2016 Annual Gathering Registration Form

For Name Tag:

Name

First

Last

Church Name

/Organization

Include City if Needed

(e.g. First Congregational, Long Beach)

Street Address

City

State

ZIP

Phone () -

Email

Emergency Contact

Phone () -

Relation

Please check all that apply:

I am a...

Voting Delegate

Layperson

Clergy

Special Considerations:

I need...

Wheelchair Accessibility

Sign Language Interpretation

My diet is...

Vegan

Gluten Free

Dairy Free

Other _____

Media Release: *The undersigned agrees to grant to the Southern California Nevada Conference UCC (SCNCUCC), permission to photograph, film, videotape, or audiotape the participation of the above-named participant in the Annual Gathering at Chapman University on June 3-4, 2015. S/he further agrees that any or all of the material may be used, in any form, in productions by or for the SCNCUCC and further, that such use shall be without payment of fees, special credit or other compensation.*

Name

Date

Housing

Housing is available either in dorms or at local hotels. There is a list of nearby hotels and approximate price ranges on page 17.

Dorm Rooms at Chapman

Dorm rooms are available in Chapman's student housing. Rooms are available with either double or single occupancy (single supplement fee applies). All rooms have a private bath and come with bedding and towels.

Breakfast will not be offered on campus. A list of restaurants will be provided at check-in.

**Dorm Fees (per person, per night) Double occupancy: \$55
Single occupancy: \$90**

Registration Deadline is May 23, 2016.

You may register online using your VISA, MasterCard, or AmEx at www.scncucc.org.

...or mail your completed registration form & check payable to:

**SCNC UCC
2401 North Lake Ave
Altadena, CA 91001**

This registration form in this booklet may be reproduced and may be accessed online at www.scncucc.org.

One form per person.

Questions?

Contact the Virginia Arroyo by email at arroyo@scncucc.org
or by phone at (626) 798-8082.

Friday Schedule

9:00 AM	Registration Opens	Argyros Forum
10:00 AM	Opening Worship	Fish Interfaith Center
10:45 AM	Business Plenary 1	Fish Interfaith Center
12:30 PM	Lunch Laity Lunch Authorized Ministers Lunch	Argyros Forum
2:15 PM	Business Plenary 2	Fish Interfaith Center
4:00 PM	Workshop Session 1 Exhibits & Displays	Argyros Forum
5:30 PM	Banquet	Attallah Piazza
7:15 PM	Evening Worship + Communion <i>featuring Bobby Jo Valentine</i>	Fish Interfaith Center
9:00 PM	After Hours Events	

Saturday Schedule

9:00 AM	Registration Opens	Argyros Forum
9:15 AM	Morning Worship + Keynote	Fish Interfaith Center
11:00 AM	Workshop Session 2	Argyros Forum
12:30 PM	Lunch SCNC Coalition Lunch Affinity Group Lunches	Argyros Forum
1:45 PM	Business Plenary 3	Fish Interfaith Center
2:45 PM	Sending Forth	Fish Interfaith Center
3:15 PM	Board of Directors	

Workshop Session 1 • Friday @ 4 PM

F-1: Finding Congregational Health, Vision and Vitality through Covenant Relationships

Led by Roger Barkley + Michael Barrett

While the Church is the living Body of Christ, many congregations have grown dysfunctional due to interpersonal conflict and demoralized because their organizational life feels separated from the life-giving Spirit of God. But Jesus desires to empower his churches to be his presence in the community and to transform the lives of people participating in ministries.

To keep congregations healthy and growing, God has given us the concept of covenant as a foundation for living and working together on committees, boards and among staff. Covenant is one avenue by which different spiritual gifts may be more easily assimilated, acknowledged, and appreciated.

F-2: The Ancient Art of Labyrinth Walking

Led by Richard C. Grauman

Learn and practice the ancient art of labyrinth walking. Labyrinths have been around for over 4,000 years and in this century has been re-discovered and used as a meditative practice. A labyrinth is a single-path configuration you follow by entering into it, following it to the center and then retracing your steps back again. It can be used for meditation, clarity, stress relief or reconnecting with your divine being ...and did we mention self care? You do not need to have any experience. Rev. Richard will be on hand to explain the history of labyrinths and provide helpful hints for a guided meditation.

F-3: Be Still and Worship

Led by the Rev. Mary J. Scifers

How do we design worship that energizes the spirit and soothes the soul? Is it possible to do both in one setting or one worship service? In a world filled with "busy-ness," we can offer a time and space set apart for people to encounter that still, small voice in worship, prayer and meditation. Come explore possibilities as we learn about and discuss various methods for creating contemplative worship experiences both as "stand alone" services or as moments and rituals within your existing worship services.

Registration

Two-Day

before April 18 \$115
before May 16: \$125
before May 23: \$135

Includes registration, Friday + Saturday lunch, and Friday Banquet.
Registration is only available at the event after May 23.

One-Day (Friday or Saturday)

\$40

Includes registration only.

Meals available for pre-purchase:

Friday or Saturday
lunch: \$15
Friday Banquet: \$30

Meal Choices

Friday + Saturday Lunch Choices:

- Option 1: Hummus + Roasted Vegetable Wrap
- Option 2: Roast Beef + Cheddar Wrap
- Option 3: Grilled Tuscan Chicken Breast Wrap
- Option 4: Greek Salad with Tabbouleh + Falafel in a flat bread cone

Friday Opportunities:

A lunch for lay persons will offer a time to make new friends and enjoy each other's company.

A lunch for authorized ministers will offer connections and recognitions for clergy.

Saturday Opportunities:

Box lunches will be available for pick up. Take your lunch and drink to the affinity group meeting that you'd like to join. A full list of lunch meetings will be available in the Annual Gathering program.

Please indicate your Friday and Saturday lunch choices on your registration form. All lunches include a cookie and soft drink or bottled water.

Friday Banquet Choices:

- Option 1: Chicken Piccata
- Option 2: Mushroom Tortellini

Gluten free, dairy free, and vegan options available for all meals.

General Information

Exhibit Hall

The Exhibit Hall will offer opportunities to become familiar with a variety of resources and services that are provided by the Conference and several of our regional, national and international partners in mission and interact with vendors and artisans.

The Exhibit Hall will be located on the ground floor of Argyros Forum in room 119 and will open throughout the Annual Gathering except during Plenary Sessions.

Child Care

Child care for children under the age of 12 is available upon request for a \$10 per child per day. Reservations for child care must be made by May 20.

For more information or to reserve space for your child, please contact the Virginia Arroyo via email at arroyo@scncucc.org.

Friday Night Banquet hosted by Retirement Housing Foundation

Our evening meal on Friday will be a served banquet sponsored in part by the Retirement Housing Foundation. RHF is a nonprofit organization that provide low-income housing to over 18,000 older adults, low-income families, and people with disabilities. RHF is an associated ministry of the United Church of Christ and a member of the UCC's Council of Health and Human Services Ministries. A local partner in ministry, RHF's corporate offices are located in Long Beach.

F-4: The National Setting (MESA) & Ministers in Specialized Settings

Led by the Rev. Stephen Boyd

In this workshop we will focus on how the MESA Team can assist ministers in settings other than the local church. Additionally the value and usefulness of the Four-Way covenant, ecclesiastical endorsement, professional agency certification and the United Church of Christ Professional Chaplains and Counselors organization will be discussed.

F-5: We May Be Small in Number, but We Can Do Mighty Things... Advice for Small, Aging Churches from Someone Who's Been There

Led by Sheri Randolph

Is your building too big for your congregation? Do you find yourselves rattling around in a space meant for 3 or 10 times the number of people you have? Is it inaccessible, hard to heat or cool, expensive to insure? Are you spending all your money on maintenance and not mission? The First Congregational UCC church in Barstow was faced with a decision. Since the early 1970's, we had slowly declined in membership. In 2012, with only 20 active members and a huge building that sucked time and money, the congregation needed to do something fast. So we sold our building. And with that one move, the weight was lifted from our shoulders. Now we have money for mission projects – we're doing more mission work now than we have in decades. We have options – we can continue as a church or we can use the money from the sale to create a foundation or something else but, most importantly, we can breathe again. We can enjoy each other's company and worship together without the cloud of negativity that had spread over us for so many years. We can step up when needs arise in our membership and in our community and in the world.

F-6: Annual Gathering Break with the UCC Insurance Board

Led by Charlie Cutler

Take a short break from the annual gathering with the UCC Insurance Board! Spend some time with the IB Agents for our Conference from ChurchWest Insurance. Learn about the Insurance Board, get your questions answered and see if there are ways that they can help you ministry. Wine, cheese, and snacks will be served.

Workshop Session 2 • Saturday @ 11 AM

S-1: A Special Session with Frank Thomas

Led by the Rev. Dr. Frank Thomas

Join our Keynote Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Frank A. Thomas, for a special workshop with plenty of time for Q&A.

S-2: Connecting With God Through Movement

Led by Jenny Crosswhite

In the midst of the businesses of life, ministry and seeking justice, it is easy to lose touch with God, our selves, and our communities. This workshop will explore the ways that movement can help us to become more centered, grounded, mindful, and help us to connect with God and one another in new and deeper ways. This workshop will utilize movement, discussion and will even explore examples of how to incorporate dance and movement into worship services. Don't worry if you have some physical limitations, everything we do can be modified to meet you where you are. Part of the process is recognizing what your body needs.

S-3: Joining a Virtual Church or Where to Worship in Your Jammies

Led by Jerry Garber

The Eastern Association is in the process of adding a new church in the Southern California Nevada Conference. It will be the first church with standing of its kind. Some 200 call First UCC Second Life their church home. You can too (we're fine with multiple memberships) or you just might be curious about what the virtual church is like. Come and see what is really possible in a world without bricks and mortar.

Jerry Garber is the founding pastor of First United Church of Christ Second Life. Jerry has served as a church pastor and as an intentional interim minister. He has also been a consultant in church re-visioning, communication style awareness, and reconciliation and mediation. As a futurist, Jerry works with virtual universes and their relationship to the real world.

S-4: The Surprising Gifts That Come With Technology

Led by Lisa Scott Jones

The Surprising Gifts That Comes With Technology workshop introduces participants to the realm of possibilities that technology can bring to a local church. Starting with a very brief overview on how 'technology' expansion has always been a part of church history from the introduction of music, art, printed Bibles – each new era stirred controversy - yet each new era shepherded in more participation.

We will look at three opportunities that technology can give a local church: the opportunity to reach out to seekers; the opportunity to build up the church community and interpersonal relationships (including intergenerational); and the opportunity to develop the spiritual gifts of a few church members in the hi- tech arena (often a surprise gift to that member). The Holy Spirit works in mysterious ways and given the opportunity will reach us where we are and move us in surprising directions. I have several good stories from local church communities that illustrate each of the three opportunities.

The main focus of the workshop will explore strategies on how to integrate technology and social media into the local churches' culture – working with and honoring the strengths of their culture while expanding the possibilities for their church and community. We'll talk about not doing it all but strategizing priorities.

S-5: Introduction to Laity Boundary Training for a Healthy Church/Pastor Relationship

Led by the Rev. Stephen Boyd

This workshop will look at issues and boundaries that our laity should be aware of and how they impact the wellbeing of a congregation and its relationship to their pastor. David C. Olsen and Nancy G. Devor, in their book *Saying No to Say Yes*, examine the nature of a pastor's call, the stressors of pastoral leadership and how parishioners can be more mindful so as to preserve a healthy Church/Pastor relationship.