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Back Bay Mission meets the urgent needs of those suffering from poverty and its effects while building pathways to social justice. We lead the way in delivering services, creating collaborative solutions, and transforming lives through mission immersion experiences.

Vision Statement

To eradicate the sting of poverty and its effects on individuals and communities.

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The Director's Chair

by Derek Eady

I recently sat down with the Mission's new Executive Director to get her thoughts on her new position, carrying the "gospel" of BBM throughout the nation and moving the Mission to the next level.

As you prepared to be interviewed for the Executive Director position at Back Bay Mission, what was your perception of Back Bay Mission not only as an institution, but also the work BBM has done in South Mississippi since 1922?
I learned from my preparations that Back Bay Mission is a highly valued ministry of the United Church of Christ and has been so since its inception 93 year ago. Since that time the denomination and its local congregations have provided significant funding and hundreds of volunteers for BBM. I was quite impressed with this history given that most denominations have difficulty maintaining such a sustained commitment to a particular mission. When I moved to the coast in 2009 I learned that in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, that BBM provided critical resources for the recovery of coastal residents.

Give me two lessons life has taught you that you feel has prepared you for this opportunity?
To really make a substantive sustainable impact on the quality of life of vulnerable communities collaborations and partnerships between a variety of helping organizations is absolutely necessary. In my work with Interfaith Partnerships we were able to achieve success as a result of the collaborations and partnerships that developed between helping agencies with shared goals. Given the range of needs that residents of vulnerable communities have no single organization can make an impact that is sustainable. I have also learned that building viable collaborations are challenging and require commitment, attention to relationships and patience. It is also important to bring diverse voices to the process of developing strategies and creating programs to address long-standing inequities. These voices must include those seeking "help" as well as business, relevant governmental entities, faith-based organizations and community leaders.

What is your interpretation of the organization's Mission Statement? And how does that interpretation coincide with the many programs and services offered at BBM?
It is absolutely necessary to meet the emergency needs of those suffering from poverty if one is to have any chance of addressing long standing effects from poverty. My view of building pathways to social justice means creating meaningful options that encourage and empower residents in taking steps to move out of poverty. One such program is "The Bridges Out of Poverty" program. This program demonstrated effectiveness as a vehicle for empowering people in moving out of poverty. There are other evidenced based strategies that can be utilized to provide the wrap around support needed for individuals to move out of poverty. We must also important to advocate for the elimination of barriers that prevent movement of residents out of poverty. It is the daunting task of BBM to develop creative solutions in collaboration with community partners to facilitate sustainable improvement in the quality of life for vulnerable coastal residents.
The mission immersion experience exposes participants to the reality of faith in action which holds the potential for profound spiritual transformation. As I listened to the volunteers, many of whom were repeat volunteers, it is clear that the work camp experience deeply affected the direction of their lives.

You are now on the inside of BBM as a direct employee. What is comparable and what contrast regarding your expectations of how BBM operates?
I am impressed with the commitment of volunteers who have returned numerous times to join BBM's work camps. Some have been coming since they were in high school and now are out in the workforce having completed their formal education. Listening to the volunteers who experienced BBM as a manifestation of their religious commitment and a source of nurture for their spiritual lives has been inspiring. During the search process, I was particularly moved during the staff interview. The lead staff members expressed a strong sense of personal mission in their individual work. As we have begun to work together, that strong sense of personal mission is reflected in each staff conversation as I have sat and listened to their description of what they do daily and why they are doing this work. I have also been impressed with the level of interpersonal integrity and respect that is exhibited in their efforts to arrive at solutions to issues that have arisen. This is not a staff that appears focused on assigning blame for problems but is concerned with developing solutions to challenges.

The Mission has a variety of programs and services designed to lift people out of poverty. How do you intend on sharpening the tools already in place here while also identifying new opportunities to serve God's people?
My goal is to work with the staff to create strategies and options that will position our clients to move beyond surviving to thriving. What are some additional strategies that we need to adopt in providing our responses to people who seek emergency support; how can we engage with them in the midst of their distress in ways that support self-empowerment. This work cannot be done quickly. This will take time and patience particularly with those whom we serve who are generationally poor. We can make a difference by providing a range of resources and assisting them in developing their "next step plan" in utilizing the resources. In the next five years, my personal goal would be for clients to see BBM as resource that moves people out of poverty and not solely as an emergency resource that helps people survive. This goal I think is particularly relevant for the Veterans that we serve and members of the homeless community.

Are there any new programs or any one program that you would like to add? If so what, and what may be some potential barriers?
I think we have to be involved with the efforts of other helping organizations that serve a similar population. Taking the opportunities to be involved community efforts to change the negating discourse about vulnerable communities, to have staff active with organizations that are addressing policy, neighborhood revitalization and supporting civic engagement. We need to be in conversation with political leaders and look for and create opportunities to education about the negative impact of maintaining whole communities in marginalized states on the quality of life for everyone.

As the Executive Director you'll be taking the gospel of Back Bay Mission all across the country. You have already met with church groups who have come to Biloxi to volunteer. What was your first impression of our volunteers and what surprised you most about the volunteer (Mission Emersion) process?
As long as the Gospel stays on the pages of a book, it is rendered irrelevant. The Mission Emersion experience seems to move the Gospel off the pages of the bible into the active lives of participants. It is this living Gospel that is voiced by volunteers.

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Open House

by Derek Eady

The Open House event celebrating HomePort II was great success. Supporters from local government, business, military and civic organizations gathered to show their support for the project. HomePort II just as its predecessor HomePort I was created to address homelessness among veterans in South Mississippi.

Mr. Everett Lewis, Executive Director of Gulf Coast Housing Initiative, (a non-profit started by Back Bay to address the ongoing issues of affordable housing in South MS) sees HomePort II as an, "additional avenue of tackling homelessness." I spoke with Mr. Lewis after the open house to get a sense of the challenges associated with this type of development and what's next after HomePort II.

First, congratulations on yet another HomePort project. Now that it's been built, please describe how the process of completing HomePort II was different if it was at all from Homeport I?

It was different because the size of the project was bigger and therefore required more funding. On Homeport I which is a duplex we have two funding sources for the whole project. For HomePort II we had a total of five and within that five we had private donations from several donors totaling over $47,000. So securing the funding was more difficult and more diverse and working with the contractors was more challenging than the duplex.

You've mentioned previously that HomePort is not only the name of the residence, but that name also encompasses how Back Bay Mission and Gulf Coast Housing Initiative view affordable housing specifically as it pertains to veterans?

To us it represents safe harbor. It's our way of saying to the veteran that has spent months and more often years living on the streets…welcome home.

Describe HomePort not only as a residence but as a larger way of addressing homelessness.

HomePort is designated to house homeless veterans which proportionately to the civilian population represents a much higher percentage of the homeless population. Providing decent and safe permanent housing allows VA case managers and other social service provides the ease of access to the homeless client thereby making the assessment of other needs easier.

There has been a deficiency in affordable housing here on the Coast of Mississippi certainly since Hurricane Katrina. What has building at this point two HomePorts taught you about addressing affordable housing issues one structure at a time?

Often times the homeless population represents the lowest income population in the area. But what we are seeing is that more and more homeless persons are coming from the working poor who couldn't afford the full market cost of housing in the area. Decent housing is a basic need that should be afforded to everyone. When American citizens, especially those gainfully employed, can't afford this basic need there should be a national outcry that says there is something systemically wrong with this picture. Some say we can't afford to house the homeless, I say we can't afford not to.

For us who are laymen to the process of creating affordable housing, what is one of the biggest hurdles in that process?

Funding! Directly outside of funding the biggest hurdles are acceptance, understanding, and defiantly compassion.

So two down, and when do we start on a third? Also, what do we need to see in order that a third HomePort is realized? How can our base, our readers, those who support and love this organization so earnestly. How can they help?

We have actually been looking at a couple of locations but there are several things to consider with our third HomePort, not the least of which is concentration. For that reason we would like to locate the next HomePort in another area of the county…but that brings its own unique set of challenges. I do ask that our base continue to support us through time, talent, and treasure. Also, contact your member of Congress wherever you live and let them know you support Housing Trust Funds and affordable housing projects.

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In history there have been so many women and men who have moved the need of social justice. Please name the one who inspires you the most and how has their philosophy on social justice issues informed yours.

There are so many historical figures that inspire me. Because social justice is so interwoven into the work of Back Bay Mission, I lift up two names Martin Luther King and Barbara Jordan. Both saw justice making as an inclusive process. They understood that injustice to anyone was injustice to all. Martin Luther King adopted non-violence to carry his message of justice for all and Barbara Jordan used her considerable intelligence to articulate the need for a justice that was inclusive of all. Here on the MS Gulf Coast with its legacy we have the opportunity to be a model for the nation for transformed empowered communities that celebrate and honors diversity. Back Bay Mission through its ministry is uniquely positioned to move this conversation forward.

Finally, is there anything that you'd like to say to the Mission's Board of Directors, staff, and supporters?

I am very excited about this ministry. When I reflect on BBM's history, learn in depth about its current programs, listen to the visions that the staff has for their work in expanding the impact of BBM in improving the quality of life for homeless and impoverished coastal residents I am humbled. It is their concern for the communities that BBM serves that has sustained the organization in the absence of an Executive Director. In my conversations with each staff member, I have found passion and commitment for using their positions to move clients from an emergency status to a self-sustaining status. The compassion and respect that they articulate for the population that we serve has been heartening. As we move forward, we are relying on the Board of Directors to continue their oversight in keeping Back Bay Mission's vision of eradicating the sting of poverty and its effects on individuals and communities at the heart of this ministry. We rely on supporters for their continued financial support and sharing their commitment to this ministry with their friends and colleagues in order to expand our network of financial support. Please contact us with questions, concerns and ways to volunteer your time and energy to this critical ministry.

A Mission Moment

by Judy Guice

How Was Your 2014?

The end of each year always has me looking back, assessing how I've done emotionally, spiritually, and financially. Having become more active in supporting the efforts of Back Bay Mission, I was interested in looking over the Mission's year too. Here's what I found.

The Mission's food pantry has grown to serve more of our community's hungry than ever. Concerned about a 2014 report that ranked Mississippi dead last in the child poverty rate, the Mission is continuing to address and tackle food insecurity, especially among children. In 2014 the Mission held its first ever Summer Food Program to combat hunger during the summer months when children are home from school. I can tell you from firsthand experience that this program brings smiles of relief to mothers struggling to feed their children.

Did you know that 350-500 homeless veterans are struggling to live on the Coast? In recognition that no person who has served our country should have to sleep on the streets, services for veterans' families have also continued throughout the year. HomePort II – the Mission's second home for homeless disabled veterans living on the Coast--is scheduled to be completed this month.

Imagine trying to find a job but having no place to shower or clean a very basic and limited wardrobe. Well, the Mission's "hub," the Micah Day Center, meets that need by providing a place where guests can access service, interface with various organizations and agencies, and enjoy basic services like showers, laundry, haircuts, mail, and telephone and computer access.

The Micah Center gives a sense of home to those who are homeless or displaced and provides a dignified community of family to all who enter.

And the Mission gives a helping hand to homeless and disabled individuals striving for independence by creating an individual plan of stability and success through the Home At Last program, which also helps clients with the essential first steps to independence by providing access to services and possibilities for change.

These programs not only support those in need of acute assistance, but more importantly develop skills to allow each person to achieve a level of dignified independence that we all seek. The thousands of individuals served by the Mission include men, women, children, families, working, unemployed, disabled, and veterans of all races and nationalities.

We are all of one community. God has blessed me with many gifts, for which I am eternally grateful. But I suffer when anyone in my community is cold or hungry. I think of Matthew 35-40:

"'For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? When did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to You.'

The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'

As hard as I try, the task of feeding the hungry, offering them something to drink, inviting strangers in, clothing the naked, healing the sick, and visiting those in prison, is too much for me to do alone. But by working with an organization like Back Bay Mission, and combining our resources with those of many, we can make a huge difference in the lives of thousands of people. Doing so enhances our own lives and connects us with each member of our loving community.

Please consider Back Bay Mission in your 2015 giving. It cannot continue its work without you.

Judy Guice is a native of Mississippi and practices law in Biloxi.

Since we last spoke...

People have continually stepped up to make a difference.

Here are several pictures that only begin to tell the story of how impactful Back Bay Mission continues to be in South Mississippi. The Mission has been blessed to be supported by so many individuals, businesses, and organizations.

November's Red, White and Blue party was a success.

The event's main sponsor, Rogers Insurance Company located in Gulfport, MS held the event to support the Mission's efforts to house homeless veterans in South Mississippi. We also want to thank the following Gulf Coast businesses for sponsoring this awesome event; Rex Distributing Co. in Gulfport, Premium Outlets in Gulfport, Shaggy's in Biloxi, and Seagrapes Wine Cafe and Tony's Brick Oven Pizzeria both in Gulfport. Here are few pictures from the event.

In November we continued our annual **Homeless and Hunger Meal sponsored by Hard Rock Hotel Rock Hotel & Casino Biloxi, MS.** This meal is held yearly during National Homeless and Hunger Week and this year more than 200 individuals were provided a meal through this event. In its 9th year the event continues to draw attention to the countless Coastal residents who suffer from food insecurity. Below are images captured at this year's meal.

Keesler Air Force Base's Top III Association provided and served Micah Day Center guest a pre-Thanksgiving Day meal. SMSgt Lisa Thomas, of Keesler's Top III stated, "The military gets so much support from the local community and it's important that we give back." SMSgt Thomas also stated that this event will become an, "annual tradition."

How Client Choice Became the Right Choice

By Derek Eady

In August 2014 Kenney Washington, Interim Executive Director at Back Bay Mission, decided it was time for the Mission's Food Pantry to adopt a new model of service. A model more centered around giving the clients the opportunity to select their own food, which better enables clients to meet their personal dietary needs. This decision proved not simply to be a new way to serve at the Mission; it was by all clients' accounts an idea whose time has come.

"Clients are enjoying client choice," says Jill Cartledge, Emergency Assistance Caseworker, "We've seen so many positives and people seem happier after selecting their own food."

The goal is to make the experience as dignified and personable as possible. The Mission wanted to empower its food pantry clients by providing them with the option to select food items for themselves. Client choice allows pantry users to select what they like and limits the waste. There are four distinct advantages offered by using the client choice model. Clients enjoy a sense of dignity by having the ability to select their own food. They have a higher rate of satisfaction with the food they are able to choose. There is less waste and ultimately less cost of food provided for pantries that utilize client choice. Finally, client choice presents greater opportunities for volunteers and clients to interact.

In the 1980's traditional pantries unfortunately became a high need in America. Churches, civic groups, and various organizations placed resources into establishing and supplying pantries. The donor networks which many pantries utilize today to help supply items were not as accessible as they are today. This led many pantries to establish strict rules on food distribution. Traditional pantries had to be about roles, rules and regulations and less about the quality of the experience.

Many pantries that have dropped the traditional pantry model have noticed that resources are better spent by purchasing items that a majority of the clients who use their pantry seem to select. Conceptually, client choice is exactly like your neighborhood grocery store. One may browse a full array of shelved items and the Mission even has grocery carts to make the shopping more like the real thing. Choice, however, just like at a grocery store does not come without some regulations. Volunteers assist and guide the pantry's users to ensure that each client stays within the guidelines.

The Mission is excited to offer this opportunity to the community. Kenney Washington stated, "I'd prefer to pick my own food off the shelf rather than someone just hand me a bag of food with items that I may not be able to eat. If it helps someone feel better about their situation then I say why not do it?" As the Mission prepares to embrace 2015, it looks forward to taking client choice into the New Year and providing clients a choice of their own.

Leading in Many Ways Reflections From Kenney Washington, Director of Client Services & Former Interim Executive Director

By Derek Eady

You were at the helm of the Mission for a large part of 2014. How would you describe your time as the Interim Executive Director?

First of all I would like to state that being at the helm of the Mission has been a great privilege and opportunity for me. Even though we haven't had a face of the agency, great work continues to be accomplished. We are still at the forefront of providing great services to the community and opportunities for the volunteers who comes to BBM on also a weekly basis from all over the country.

Back Bay Mission like many charitable organizations has gone through a challenging year in terms of meeting budget goals. What's has been your philosophy on meeting financial challenges while still providing the services that are needed in this community?

There is a delicate balance there as we need the financial resources to provide the services that are needed. My philosophy is that we must continue to build and establish relationships with donors and potential donors while being good stewards of the funding that we have in place by making sound financial decisions in our spending.

What are some of the programmatic success that you've been able to see accomplished as Interim Executive Director?

Some programmatic successes that I have been able to see accomplished- the implementation of the Client Choice program in the food pantry. Placing displaced families back into their homes after months and years of displacement; the completion of HomePort II apartment complex. The implementation and oversight of the first Shari Prestemon internship program.

The Mission recently loss a very important program and grant in the form of Supportive Services for Veterans Family (SSVF). What steps are being taken to supplement this loss and how can the Mission's supporters assist?

The loss of the SSVF program was not only a severe loss to two BBM staff members but to the veterans in this county. The number of veterans that were provided services through the SSVF program over the two years has shown the need of temporary financial assistance and case management in Harrison County. We have initiated a Veteran's Support Fund to continue to provide some assistance to the veterans and their families. We partnered with several restaurants in the area and received donations to jump start this new fund. People can still support this effort by going to our website and hit the "donate now" button and designate their gift.

The Food Pantry served a record number of people for the month of October. What does this say to you not only about the need, but also the importance of keeping a steady pipeline of donations to supply the pantry?

What this is telling me is that there are quite a few families that are struggling to put food on the table and BBM is their resource to meet their hunger needs. I also think because of the Client Choice model that we are utilizing in the pantry, it appears more and more people coming to the pantry.

There needs to always be a steady flow of food being placed back on the shelves in the pantry. We will partner with several different entities to have food drives throughout the year as hunger is a twelve month issues not just in November and December.

Dr. Graham, the Mission's new Executive Director has taken the reigns. What advise did you share with her?

Embrace the opportunity to lead and guide a remarkable agency. Come in with a great vision that will take Back Bay Mission to new levels based on the needs of the community.

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B
Bethany Congregational
-San Antonio, TX
Brownhelm Congregational UCC
-Vermilion, OH
Buckland UCC
-Buckland, OH

C
Center Congregational Church-Missions Committee
-Meriden, CT
Church of Christ Congregational UCC
-Norfolk, CT
College Hill UCC
-Bloomville, OH
Congregational UCC
-Austin, TX
Congregational UCC
-Whitewater, WI
Congregational UCC
-St. Charles, IL
Congregational UCC-Women's Fellowship
-Cable, WI
Congregational-Women's Fellowship
-Baudette, MN
Cross Church
-Seguin, TX

D
David's UCC
-Kettering, OH
Dover Congregational UCC
-Westlake, OH

E
Eastern Ohio Association UCC
-Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Edwards Congregational Church
-Davenport, IA
Edwards Congregational Church
-Davenport, IA

F
Faith UCC
-New Braunfels, TX
Faith UCC-Women's Guild
-Indianapolis, IN
Federated Church
-Hyannis, MA
Federated Church of Castleton
-Castleton, VT
First Church
-Windsor, CT
First Church of Christ Disciples
-Southbury, CT
First Church of Christ
-Glastonbury, CT
First Church of Christ-Church Circle
-Sandwich, MA
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-Simsbury, CT
First Community Church
-Columbus, OH
First Congregational-Alpha Club
-Guilford, CT
First Congregational
-Bloomer, WI
First Congregational
-Williamsport, PA
First Congregational Church
-Manchester, VT
First Congregational Church
-Falmouth, MA
First Congregational Church
-Des Plaines, IL
First Congregational Church
-Malone, NY
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-Berlin Heights, OH
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-Greene, NY
First Congregational Church
-Western Springs, IL
First Congregational Church
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First Congregational Church
-Malone, NY
First Congregational Church
-Wallingford, CT
First Congregational Church
-Grand Marais, MN
First Congregational Church
-West Dundee, IL

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-Westfield, MA
First Congregational UCC
-Lake Mills, WI
First Congregational UCC
-Appleton, WI
First Congregational UCC
-Lake Mills, WI
First UCC
-Marion, OH
Friedens UCC
-Sumneytown, PA
Friedens Church-Womens Fellowship
-Washington, TX
Friends Congregational
-College Station, TX

G
Grace UCC
-Houston, TX
Grace UCC
-Uniontown, OH

H
Hands of Hope
-New Baltimore, MI

I
Illinois Conference UCC
-Westchester, IL
Immanuel UCC
-Kettlersville, OH
Immanuel UCC
-Needville, TX
Immanuel UCC
-Streamwood, IL
Immanuel UCC
-Needville, TX
Immanuel UCC-Women's Guild
-Spring, TX

M
Memorial Congregational Church
-Wantagh, NY
Memorial UCC
-Fitchburg, WI
Michigan Conference UCC
-East Lansing, MI
Middleburg Heights Community Church
-Middleburg Heights, OH
Minnesota Conference UCC
-Minneapolis, MN

N
N O Association UCC
-New Orleans, LA
NCBC Seabee Memorial Chapel
-Gulfport, MS
New Covenant UCC
-Williamsport, PA
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-Pembroke, NH
North Texas Association
-Chilton, TX
Northwest Ohio Association UCC
-Tiffin, OH

O
Our Saviour's UCC
-Ripon, WI

P
Payson Park Church
-Belmont, MA
Peace UCC
-Rochester, MN
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-Berrysburg, PA
Pilgrim Congregational UCC
-Houston, TX
Pilgrim Congregational UCC
-Houston, TX
Pilgrim Congregational-Women's Fellowship
-St Petersburg, FL
Plymouth Congregational Church-Women's Fellowship
-Coconut Grove, FL
Polk Grove UCC
-Dayton, OH

R
Redeemer UCC
-Marion, TX
Redeemer UCC-Redeemer Fellowship
-Marion, TX
Rocky Hill Congregational Church
-Rocky Hill, CT
Round Grove UCC
-Lewisville, TX

S
Salem UCC
-Waukon, IA
Sanbornton Congregational Church UCC
-Sanbornton, NH
Southbury UCC
-Southbury, CT
South Central Conference UCC
-Houston, TX
Spring Hill UCC
-Spring Hill, FL
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-Hamburg, NY
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-Wyandotte, MI
St. John UCC
-Rosenberg, TX
St. John's Christian Church
-Archbold, OH
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-Mokena, IL
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-Dallas, TX
St. Paul UCC
-Columbia, IL
St. Paul's UCC
-Downers Grove, IL
St. Paul's UCC
-Evansville, IN
St. Paul's-Women Fellowship
-Warren, MI
St Peter Church Women's Fellowship
-Seven Hills, OH
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-Waverly, IA

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-New Iberia, LA
Trinity Community Church
-Cincinnati, OH
Trinity UCC
-Wadsworth, OH
Trinity UCC
-Wooster, OH

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UCC-Brotherhood
-Weimar, TX
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-New Ulm, MN
Union Congregational Church
-North Reading, MA
United Church
-Rockville Centre, NY
United Church of Christ San Angelo
-San Angelo, TX
United Church of Sun City
-Sun City, AZ
United Church of Christ - Sunday School
-California, MO

W
Weems Chapel United Methodist Women
-Picayune, MS
Western Reserve Association UCC
-Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Wider Church Ministries-Common Financial Services
-Cleveland, OH
Wisconsin Conference UCC
-DeForest, WI
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