



In Covenant...

**The Massachusetts Conference
United Church of Christ**



Conference led the way on fossil fuel divestment



The United Church of Christ's General Synod in July voted in favor of a plan to move the denomination's investments away from fossil fuel - an issue that was initially brought to Synod by the Massachusetts Conference Board of Directors and Minister and President Jim Antal.

The Massachusetts Conference Board voted last December to bring the resolution to Synod, an effort that was later supported by 10 other Conferences and the Mass. Conference Annual Meeting.

"The UCC is a church of historic firsts. The Synod added another 'first' when it became the first national faith communion to vote to divest from fossil fuel companies," Antal said.

More: macucc.org/divest



Workshops, addresses, available via video

The Massachusetts Conference has a number of videos available for viewing online that churches may find helpful, including:

- **Tips & Tools for a Robust Web Ministry** - a video of the Super Saturday workshop by church consultant Jon Geldert.
- **Choosing a Curriculum** - a video of the Super Saturday workshop by former Resource Center Director Martha Butler Cook.
- **214th Annual Meeting Keynote Address** by author Robin Meyers
- **214th Annual Meeting Sermon** by former Associate Conference Minister Peter Wells
- **Changing Lives Tour** interviews conducted by Andy Gustafson

Find these videos and more at: vimeo.com/macucc/videos

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Super Saturday offers something for everyone

October 26, 2013, 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Tri-County Regional Vocational High School, Franklin, MA

Join hundreds of pastors, educators and lay leaders for a day of "Risking Vision."



This event will feature: 33 workshops related to various aspects of church life; facilitated roundtable discussions enabling church leaders to meet with their peers from other churches; a forum on being the church in a time of change; and a keynote address by The Rev. James Moos, Executive Minister of Wider Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ.



More: macucc.org/supersaturday



Upcoming Conference Events

Find a complete list and registration details: macucc.org/events

Stewardship Webinar:

Best Practices for an Annual Pledge Program

Sept. 24, 2013, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Why are some churches so successful with raising pledges and others not? Log on to this webinar with Associate Conference Minister Andy Gustafson and learn some best practices.

Details: macucc.org/webinar

Sabbath in a Modern Age: A Spiritual Retreat for Youth

Nov. 1 - 2, 2013

Grotonwood Conference Center

A Christian spiritual formation retreat designed for youth and youth groups from MACUCC local churches. Come to worship, sing, try to discern God's call in your life. Build community and reflect on the meaning of Sabbath in our modern, fast paced, technological world.

More at: macucc.org/youthretreat

Rooted in the grace of God, the mission of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ is to nurture local church vitality and the covenant among our churches to make God's love and justice real.