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2022 REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATION MINISTER REV. DANIEL BUSCH

“Peace in Exile”

“I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord;
they are plans for peace, not disaster,
to give you a future filled with hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11-14a (CEB)

So much of our living is predicated on the weather, calendar, habits and routines. How we dress is determined by weather conditions or events we are participating in at home, work and recreation. Much of the church’s activities are marked by “Seasons of the Church Year” that remind us over and over again of God’s activities as the Creator, Jesus as the Christ and the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit. Lines are sometimes blurred between the sacred and the secular with the church adapting cultural imagery as part of worship and society distorting sacred ritual to make a profit.

The prophet Jeremiah lived in a time when his nation was in turmoil. Enemies came into his homeland, ransacking and destroying his nation’s economy. Political and religious leaders were forced to give their allegiance to their captors. The citizens became captives to these foreign intruders and many of them were deported to become slaves of the captors in foreign countries. Identity as a nation and as constituents of Israel was eliminated and a new identity was as slaves and nobodies by the intruders. Families were torn apart and the people became refugees and outcasts in the foreign lands as well as in their homeland. We are watching the same type of events in Ukraine and the Middle East.

Today we are experiencing the “*Season of Exile*” that has caused pain, disorientation and separation from one another. The pandemic has brought about a sense that is both the fear being with one another and fear of not being with one another. Human touch is healing when done appropriately and yet it can be feared as a means of spreading diseases or pain. In-person worship has been curtailed and many are experiencing loss of fellowship and community without it. However, the reach of worship has been expanded as worship has touched people in ways of informality, convenient time and with the potential of a world-wide audience. Worship is now able to reach those who are inquiring about faith as well as affirming in new ways the continuing message of the Good News of God’s love.

What we have learned, as the people of Jeremiah’s time did, God is not found in one locale or place but is experienced everywhere in the world. Into their chaos the prophet was sent by God to give the people restoration and a future of amazing possibilities. As the prophet Jeremiah declared, God has plans, “...*plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope.*” Peace and hope, not from our initiative, power or desire; it is God’s peace that is more than human understanding. It is God’s hope that is more than our thoughts, dreams or wishes; it is promised by God and God’s promises are realized. The “*Season of Exile*” becomes restoration, rehabilitation and renewal. It is the new season of peace and hope, joy and celebration, praise and unconditional love. This is the covenant that is established with God in which God calls us beloved as sons and daughters of God who is with us in all conditions of life.

We are exiled people who have been held captive by devastating circumstances that hold us captive in uncharted places. We have become Zoom-ites, home office workers, homebound and afraid. There is

a threat of World War III that is in some so-called foreign land, yet it touches us by instant communication of images of disaster and not peace. People are exiles in their own countries. Jeremiah envisions *“a future filled with hope.”* His vision is of *“recovering”* exiles who return to their homeland. Jeremiah envisions a people who find peace and can claim a national identity among other nations.

Our missions and ministries seek to do God’s bidding for *“peace”* and a *“future filled with hope”* not only for ourselves but for neighbors and strangers alike, for those like us and those who are different, personable as well as irritable, saint and sinner, faithful and unfaithful. We also have a calling to be stewards of all creation not as personal property but on loan from a God who blesses us with gifts and graces beyond our imaginations.

NWOA is blessed in so many ways by the dedicated and generous members of our churches. Sharing meals and giving financial gifts to people in local communities is greatly appreciated. NWOA members provide resources through engagement with organizations that raise up the esteem and affirm lives of people around the world. Thank you for being generous with time, leadership and financial gifts that affirm brothers and sisters around the world, often for people you may never meet. Even in this time of pandemic and limited in-person worship and church activities, NWOA churches increased giving to OCWM by 5%! Thank you! Your continued support for Grace Community Center, Crossroad, United Church Homes, Defiance College, Heidelberg University, Partnership with the Lutheran Synod in El Salvador, Veterans, CUE and other seminaries, supporting seminarians as they discern God’s call in their lives, Church World Service—these are just a few of the ministries you support that make a difference in people’s lives and your support is appreciated. Again, thank you for giving *“a future filled with hope”* to these missions and ministries partners.

The meetings of our Cabinet, Teams, Committees, and our Annual Meeting have met virtually again this year. Authorized ministers find collegiality and support in Communities of Practice where they can share laughter and tears together, engage in theological discussions, and affirmations as pastors and leaders during a time of change for the church. We are most appreciative of the connections we have with other associations and the Heartland Conference who journey with us in a covenant of care and sharing of resources with each other.

We are not alone. We are not isolated. We are people of resurrection. We find peace in these times of exile. We are people who God loves unconditionally. We are a people of faith in Jesus Christ who calls us together as a fellowship—the Body of Christ. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to be people of peace and hope. No longer strangers or nobodies: we are God’s holy and anointed messengers of peace and hope.

Even though meetings are not held in the NWOA building, the ministries of NWOA continues via Zoom, phone and correspondence. We are blessed by a wonderful support staff of Joan Davidson (office administrator), Deb Long (bookkeeper) and Gib Adams (custodian). They coordinate and provide all the materials for meetings and our building is well-maintained. I am blessed by you for supporting me for almost 17 years as your Association Minister. Together we embrace God’s *“plans for peace”* and God gives us *“a future filled with hope.”* To God be the glory and praise. Thanks be to God.
BLESSINGS ALWAYS.

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATION MODERATOR

Mr. Doug Ricci

PEACE IN EXILE

As we meet again in forced exile by a virus most of us cannot see, remember our un-seen Lord and the peace that comes from His promise of eternal life.

As my predecessor, Tom, reported last year, I am also confident we will emerge from this imposed exile directly because of God's spirit that richly resides in each of us.

Because of our acquired technology we at the Northwest Ohio Association (NWOA) have been able to stay close to our Conference leaders in Columbus, our peers in the other Associations, and close to our churches and pastors throughout the NWOA. We have been able to carry out the business of the NWOA during this forced exile from in-person meetings by working from home on our computers, on our phones, and limited visits to the office.

Our assigned working committees and our Ministry Teams have been working hard to provide needed support to all who are in need. The Human Resource Policies and Practices Manual has been updated. Five new videos have been produced to jump start thinking about generosity. Our commitment to our partner church in El Salvador is being renewed. Articles from our Ministry Teams are being submitted to *The Vine* and Facebook on a regular basis. All of our teams are reviewing or have reviewed their purpose/objectives to ensure a tie in with the newly approved values/calling statement adopted by the Heartland Conference and NWOA. We have eight Members in Discernment and have had two Ordinations since the last Annual Meeting. A new team for outreach and marketing is also in the formative stages. It has been a busy year!

Officers of your NWOA have been working closely with the Heartland Conference to re-assess the vision for going forward. We have also been meeting with leaders of the other Conference Associations to see where we can work together to make the Conference and Associations seamless and more cost effective. These meetings are ongoing and have produced many good and innovative ideas.

I believe all of these teams and working groups find peace in the work they are doing for our Lord Jesus Christ even in this forced exile due to an un-seen threat called COVID and its' many variants.

If this threat is disrupting your peace, pray to your Lord and let Him carry you peacefully over the sands of doubt.

Peace and blessings always,

Doug Ricci

CABINET SECRETARY'S REPORT PASTOR JAY SCOTT

It is a pleasure and a privilege to serve the Northwest Ohio Association as Cabinet secretary. I enjoy the company of the other Cabinet members and, if re-elected, I look forward to working with them for the next two years. Below you will find a list of highlights from the minutes of Cabinet meetings since the last NWOA Annual Meeting.

- Voting by e-mail took place in June to take advantage of an offer from a blacktop company to seal the parking lot at the NWOA headquarters.
- **June, 2021** – Cabinet reviewed a draft of a new Human Resources Policy for the Association. Questions were referred to the HR Committee. There was discussion about working to update the objectives of the various ministry teams, and aligning their work with the new mission/vision/calling statement of the Association. Teams were asked to review their objectives and compare them to the new statements. There was also discussion about the formation of a new ministry team to assist churches with marketing and outreach. Jay Scott was given permission to gauge interest from churches and recruit potential members.
- **September, 2021** – Roof repairs on the Association office building were approved at a cost of \$4,600. Ministry teams reported on their work to align objectives with the new mission/vision/calling statements. Two individuals expressed interest in joining a new marketing and outreach ministry team. Association Minister Rev. Dan Busch was honored with a gift for the 50th anniversary of his ordination.
- **November, 2021** – Roof repairs completed at one-third the estimated cost. Cabinet voted to hold the next Annual Meeting via Zoom.
- **January, 2022** – A report of the work of the One Heart Working Group, a group of Association representatives that reviewed the make-up of the Associations and Conference was heard. The group recommended to the Conference Board a series of measures to streamline how the two levels of our denomination interact and work to help local churches. Rev. Busch reported he has resumed visiting churches.
- **March, 2022** – The Cabinet voted to bring back the “All Team Event” in the form of a special session as part of the 2023 Annual Meeting. Jay Scott reported a lack of interest in forming the new marketing and outreach team. The Cabinet decided to hold its May meeting in person.

**The Minutes of the 58th Annual Meeting of the
Northwest Ohio Association of the
United Church of Christ
April 24, 2021**

A pandemic that struck our world early in the year 2020 caused changes in the way churches and denominations around the world worshiped, and the way business was conducted. Those changes continued into 2021. The 2021 Annual Meeting of the NWOA was conducted via the internet. Praise be to God for the technology with which we have been blessed, and which allows us to gather as one in Christ – even when we can't be together in person.

Call to order

Pastor Tom Kagy, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., and extended a welcome to all those in attendance virtually. Kagy also thanked those who helped plan and present this year's Annual Meeting. Kagy declared a quorum was present, and business could be conducted.

(Note: 100 were in attendance and 50 out of 73 churches—68%--were represented.)

Opening Worship

Association Minister Rev. Daniel Busch led the opening worship. His reflection focused on our theme and scripture *"Rooted in Love"* and Matthew 13:8. Rev. Becky Sunday, pastor of St. Paul UCC in Wapakoneta, was the soloist, singing *"The Lord's Prayer"* during the worship.

Voice and Vote

Moderator Kagy stated those who have voice and vote are: Ordained ministers who hold standing in NWOA or serve a church in NWOA, licensed ministers with standing in NWOA, commissioned ministers of NWOA, lay members of the Cabinet, previous lay moderators of NWOA who still hold membership in a church in the NWOA, persons professionally employed full time as Christian education specialists within NWOA, and local churches represented by the delegates the churches have selected to represent them.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for the Annual Meeting was presented, and a motion to approve it was offered by James Robinson and seconded by Becky Sunday. The motion carried.

Adoption of Standing Rules

The Standing Rules of the Annual Meeting were presented in the 2021 Annual Meeting book on page A-5. Betty Rettig moved to adopt the Standing Rules as presented, seconded by Joel Fetter. The motion carried.

Approval of 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting were approved on a motion by Miriam Plant. The motion was seconded by Dave Voll and carried.

Acknowledgements

Garland Gates was appointed Parliamentarian for the meeting and Pastor Jay Scott, Association Secretary, took notes for the meeting.

Introduction of Guests and Granting Voice to Guests

Rev. Busch introduced our guests: Dr. Richanne Mankey, Defiance College President; Rev. David Long-Higgins, Transitional Conference Minister of the Heartland Conference. Betty Rettig moved, seconded by Mike Fonner, to grant voice to President Mankey and Rev. Long-Higgins. The motion carried.

New Authorized Ministers to the Association

Garland Gates, Chair of NWOA Church and Ministry Team, introduced new ministers.

NAME	CATEGORY	CHURCH	CITY
Rev. Vernard Swett	UCC Ordained	Sylvania UCC	Sylvania
Mr. Bryan Niebanck (Intern)	UCC Licensed	Zion UCC-Fireside	Bellevue
Rev. George Reed (Interim)	UCC Ordained	First Cong'l. UCC	Berlin Heights
Pastor Pat Danner	UCC Licensed	Zion UCC	Bettsville
Rev. Katherine Beckett (Interim)	UCC Ordained	St. John's UCC	Bluffton
Mr. Gary Schiefer	(Supply) UCC	St. John's UCC	Bucyrus
Pastor Kathy Trowbridge	(Supply)	Lytton Zion UCC	Delta
Rev. Bob Bottoms (Interim)	UCC Ordained	St. Paul UCC	Oak Harbor

Members in Discernment Process

Rev. Jeremy Mann, chair of the Discernment Committee, introduced members in discernment.

Dawn Balduf, St. John's UCC, Genoa	**Emily Howard, First UCC, Marion
*Philip Balla, Memorial UCC, Toledo	Amy Kinney, Union UCC, Bascom
Anthony Brookhart, St. Paul UCC, Wapakoneta	*Zipporah Lee, First UCC, Galion
Donald B. Clark, Calvin UCC, Toledo	Kristen Leverton, Sylvania UCC, Sylvania
Elyse (Everhart) Cramer, St. John's UCC, Tiffin	James Robinson, First UCC, Shelby
Michael Ebersole, St. Paul UCC, Wapakoneta	Ryan Shields, Trinity UCC, Elliston

(*) Approved for ordination; (**) Ordained April 18, 2021

Speaker for the Day

Dr. Richanne Mankey, President of Defiance College was the Keynote Speaker for the meeting.

Mission Moment from One of our Institutional Partners

A video of United Church Homes was presented as a Mission Moment.

Financial Report – Treasurer Larry Clausing

Clausing noted a good year in income due, in part, to a loan/grant from the federal government. Also, while income was down, so were expenses because of the pandemic. He also mentioned that, through the first three months of 2021, churches are ahead of last year in their contributions.

- The Cabinet moves to accept the 2020 Financial Reports and the Audit Report. The motion has been made by the Cabinet; there is no need for a second. Motion carried.
- It was moved by the Cabinet to adopt the revised 2021 budget. Motion Carried.
- It was moved by the Cabinet to adopt the proposed 2022 budget. Motion carried.

Nominations and Elections

Rev. Becky Sunday, member of the Nomination Committee, presented the slate of nominees for Association offices and ministry teams.

- Nomination for Moderator until 2023: Mr. Doug Ricci.
- Nomination for Vice-moderator until 2023: Rev. James Brehler.
- Treasurer for a full two-year term until 2023: Mrs. Dian Ewald.

Region Representative for Sandusky Area for full three-year term until 2024: Ms. Peggy George.

Other nominations for Teams are listed on the nomination page.

With there being no nominations from the floor, there is a motion from the Nominating Team to close nominations and have the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. The motion carried.

Mission Moment from One of our Institutional Partners

A video of Heidelberg University was presented as a Mission Moment.

REPORTS FROM HEARTLAND CONFERENCE

Heartland Conference Report

Rev. David Long-Higgins presented his report via video on work at the conference level to increase interaction and communication among the associations.

Heartland Conference Outdoor Ministry Update

Executive Director of Heartland Conference Outdoor Ministry Jill Frye provided a video outlining the upcoming year at Temple Hills Camp (in-person and virtually) and other faith formation opportunities through Heartland Conference.

Heartland Conference “Why, Calling, Covenant” statement

The “Why, Calling, Covenant” statement of Heartland Conference was presented. It has been adopted by Conference Board of Directors and NWOA Cabinet for use and consideration for NWOA.

Ordinands

The following individuals were approved by NWOA Church and Ministry Team as “*Ordinands pending a call*”: Philip Balla and Emily Howard. Biographical information on each candidate can be found in Section D of the 2021 Annual Meeting book. (Since the report was published, Emily Howard received a call to Trinity UCC in Wooster, Ohio and was ordained on April 18, 2021 at First UCC in Marion, Ohio. Philip Balla has a pending call to Memorial UCC in Toledo as Associate Pastor, waiting for vote of congregation.)

Team Reports

Written team/committee reports were submitted to the Annual Meeting via the 2021 meeting book, and begin on page 5 of Section E.

Faith Formation

Stewardship and Caring

Witness and Proclamation

Church and Ministry – *Members in Discernment list is in Section E of the 2021 meeting book.*

Recognition of Anniversaries of Churches and Ministers

THIS YEAR'S RETIRED MINISTERS

Rev. Casey Cain September 1, 2020
Rev. Faith Proietti December 31, 2020

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES IN 2021

80 th Anniversary	Fred R. Zimmerman	June 22, 1941
60 th Anniversary	Larry H. Blunden	June 18, 1961
50 th Anniversary	Daniel L. Busch	June 20, 1971
	Kenneth E. Christiansen	May 16, 1971
	W. Jeffrey King	July 25, 1971
45 th Anniversary	Patrick McKinney	May 30, 1976
40 th Anniversary	Kenneth V. Daniel	Nov 1, 1981
	Steven E. Voelker	Sept 29, 1981
30 th Anniversary	Jerald A. Fenske	Jan 13, 1991
25 th Anniversary	Lenore Kure	August 5, 1996
	Bradley Smith	Nov 10, 1996
20 th Anniversary	Diane Thomas	June 10, 2001
15 th Anniversary	Pamela Easterday	May 31, 2006

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES IN 2021

15 th Anniversary	Bradley J. McKibben	February 5, 2006
	Adrian F. Sunday	October 22, 2006
10 th Anniversary	Kathryn Helleman	October 9, 2011
	Rebecca J. Sunday	June 26, 2011

LICENSED MINISTER ANNIVERSARIES IN 2021

10 th Anniversary	Bill Kerr	December 6, 2011
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CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES IN 2021

190 years	Republic UCC, Republic	1831
185 years	St. Paul's UCC, Bellevue	1836
170 years	St. Paul UCC, Ada	1851
	First UCC, Shelby	1851
160 years	Emmanuel UCC, Bluffton	1861
	Congregational UCC, Wauseon	1861
115 years	Trinity UCC, McCutchenville	1906

A motion to approve these reports was offered by James Robinson, and seconded by Betty Rettig. The motion carried.

Mission Moment from our Institutional Partner

A video was shown to report activities of Grace Community Center in Toledo.

Committee Reports (Presented in the 2021 Annual Meeting book.)

Excellence in Ministry
Lay School Board
El Salvador Ministry

Association Minister's Report (Presented in 2021 Annual Meeting book.)

James Robinson moved to accept the reports, seconded by Brian Niebanck. The motion carried.

Closing Worship and Leadership Installation

Rev. Busch led the closing worship, recognizing the Spirit of God is with us and blesses us. Newly elected leadership members were installed to their various positions.

Amenities Resolution

Moderator Kagy offered the following resolution to acknowledge, recognize and thank those who worked to make the Annual Meeting possible:

"Be it resolved that the Northwest Ohio Association gathered virtually on April 24, 2021, gives thanks to God for this day. *"Together in Christ's love, we collaborate to reconcile and restore all God's creation."* Be it further resolved that we are witnesses to a resurrection faith that affirms and proclaims that we remember that we are **"Rooted in Love"** as our theme and challenge. *"Empowered by the Holy Spirit we are called to connect, equip and support our faith communities to grow as faithful disciples and responsible stewards, following Jesus' call to extravagantly love all God's children and creation."* Be it further resolved that we recognize the covenantal relationships we have with God, our faith communities, and God's creation. Be it further resolved that Northwest Ohio Association expresses gratitude and appreciation to all who have organized, guided, inspired, encouraged, and resourced our 58th Annual Meeting as we gathered together to remember that we are **"Rooted in Love"** to the honor and glory of God."

Dawn Balduf moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mike Ebersole. The motion carried.

Special Announcement by Moderator Kagy

"As we come to the end of our Annual Meeting, we thank all who have been our technicians and planning team who helped make this meeting possible virtually: Anthony Brookhart, Diane Carter, Kathryn Helleman, Tom Kagy, and Doug Ricci. We cannot forget the Association Staff for their preparations for this meeting. Thank you, Joan, Deb, and Dan. Thanks, also, to any and all who have helped in any way to make our jobs easier."

Presentation

Rev. Busch surprised and presented Moderator Kagy with a special gift in recognition of his two-year term of service as moderator of NWOA. Thank you Tom!!!

Next Annual Meeting Sites (hopefully in-person meetings)

- 59th Annual NWOA Meeting: April 30, 2022 at St. Paul UCC, Wapakoneta, Ohio.
- 60th Annual NWOA Meeting: April 29, 2023 at St. Stephen's UCC, Sandusky, Ohio.
- 61st Annual NWOA Meeting: April 27, 2024 at Peace Community Church, Waldo, Ohio.

Motion to Adjourn

James Robinson moved to adjourn, seconded by Jay Scott. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Thanks be to God.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Scott, Secretary

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

3.25.22

TRANSFERRED INTO THE NORTHWEST OHIO ASSOCIATION

Rev. Audra Ferguson from Penn West Conference/Clarion Association	July 13, 2021
Rev. Adam Bohland from Michigan Conference/Southwest Association	Nov 9, 2021
Rev. Andrea Mericle from New York Conference/Black River-St. Lawrence Association	Jan 11, 2022

TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE NORTHWEST OHIO ASSOCIATION

Rev. Emily Howard to Heartland Conference/Living Water Association	Apr 26, 2021
Rev. Nicole Pickens to Heartland Conference/Living Water Association	May 4, 2021
Rev. Julia Bertalan to Central Atlantic Conference/New Jersey Association	May 25, 2021
Rev. Becky King to Heartland Conference/Southwest Ohio Northern Kentucky Association	Sept 14, 2021
Rev. Scott Cunningham to Michigan Conference/Detroit Metropolitan Association	Oct 5, 2021
Rev. Catherine Lawrence to Heartland Conference/Living Water Association	Nov 9, 2021

DEATHS

Rev. Joy D. Skeel	March 30, 2021
Rev. John T. Miller	July 5, 2021

ORDAINED

Rev. Emily Howard	April 18, 2020 – First UCC, Marion
Rev. Philip Balla	October 2, 2021 – Memorial UCC, Toledo
Rev. Dawn Balduf	October 3, 2021 – St. John's UCC, Genoa

INSTALLATIONS

Rev. Doug Williamson	August 8, 2021 – First UCC, Marblehead
Rev. Audra Ferguson	August 22, 2021 – St. John's UCC, Tiffin
Rev. Thomas James	September 19, 2021 – St. Peter's UCC, Millbury

RETIRED

Rev. David Orr, Jr.	December 31, 2021
Rev. Mark Bishop	June 1, 2019
Rev. Gary Wilson	January 21, 2017

DISASSOCIATED FROM THE UCC

St. Paul's UCC, Rockford	October 5, 2021
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SUMMARY STATEMENT

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| 90 | Total ordained ministers with full standing in the Northwest Ohio Association
(this includes 48 retired ministers) | |
| 72 | Local Churches in the Northwest Ohio Association
(this number included two Schedule I and one Schedule II churches) | 17,565 Total Church Membership |
| 30 | local churches served by UCC ordained ministers | |
| 10 | local churches served by ordained ministers of another denomination | |
| 9 | local churches served by Licensed Lay Ministers | |
| 6 | local churches served by Licensed/Students in Discernment (In-care) | |
| 1 | local church served by Licensed/Commissioned Minister | |
| 2 | local churches served by UCC Lay Ministers | |
| 3 | local churches served by Lay Minister of another denomination | |
| 5 | local churches served by Supply Pastors | |
| 3 | local churches served by a UCC Pastor holding standing in another Conference/Association | |
| 3 | local schedule I or schedule II churches | |
| 1 | local church served by Licensed Lay Ministers other than the Senior Pastor | |
| 27 | local churches reporting Chair of Christian Education and Faith Formation | |
| 18 | local churches reporting Youth Leaders | |

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS –Total years of Ordination - 700
COMMISSIONED ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – Total years of Commissioned - 43
LICENSED ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS –Total years Licensed - 40
CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS–Total years in Existence - 1980

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES IN 2022

70 th Anniversary	Glenn E. Coleman	June 29, 1952
65 th Anniversary	John J. Rainey	June 23, 1957
60 th Anniversary	Calvin O. Gerber	June 17, 1962
	Clifford D. Schutjer	January 28, 1962
55 th Anniversary	John W. Tostrick	June 25, 1967
50 th Anniversary	Robert R. Bottoms	May 28, 1972
45 ^h Anniversary	Donald Fothergill	June 12, 1977
	David G. Plant	March 20, 1977
	Marian R. Plant	March 20, 1977
40 th Anniversary	Casey M.B. Cain	June 13, 1982
35 th Anniversary	Keith G. DuVernay	March 15, 1987
	Edwin C. Heilman	January 18, 1987
	Judith M. Huber	June 10, 1987
25 th Anniversary	Joycelyn Degener	November 23, 1997
20 th Anniversary	Gale J. Green	May 10, 2002
15 th Anniversary	Diane M. Carter	June 17, 2007

COMMISSIONED MINISTER ANNIVERSARY

43 rd Anniversary	Margaret Mills	May 4, 1979
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LICENSED MINISTER ANNIVERSARIES IN 2022

25 th Anniversary	Pat Danner	April 7, 1997
10 th Anniversary	David Ferguson	June 5, 2012
5 th Anniversary	Amy Kinney	October 3, 2017

CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES IN 2022

205 years	Lyme Congregational UCC, Bellevue	1817
200 years	Steuben Congregational UCC, Steuben	1822
175 years	First UCC, Galion	1847
170 years	Union UCC, Bascom	1852
	Trinity UCC, Upper Sandusky	1852
165 years	First UCC, Fremont	1857
160 years	The St. John UCC, Defiance	1862
	Trinity UCC, Elliston	1862
140 years	St. Stephen UCC, Sandusky	1882
125 years	Sycamore UCC, Sycamore	1897
105 years	Point Place UCC, Toledo	1917
90 years	Congregational Community UCC, Monroeville	1932
65 years	Faith Community UCC, Maumee	1957
50 years	Peace Community UCC, Waldo	1972