

Healthy Connections - Repairing the Breach, Restoring the Gap:

A Resource Guide of innovative UCC Church and UCC church-related ministries in Health, Health Care, Welfare and Human Service

We invite all UCC congregations and UCC church-related ministries to submit an entry for the Spring edition of the 2011 Resource Guide of innovative UCC church ministries related to health and human services.

The Resource Guide will highlight congregational approaches to addressing health, health welfare and human service issues faced by individuals. By **identifying** innovative ministries, programs and projects, **building partnerships**, **sharing information**, and **replicating efforts**, congregations will be able to forge stronger partnerships with other UCC congregations, ecumenical/interfaith groups, faith-based and community organizations, and health and human service agencies that will lead to improved and increased health and wholeness.

SOME EXAMPLES OF MINISTRIES/PROJECTS/PROGRAMS FOR SUBMISSION (Not an exhaustive list)

- Health Ministry/Committee
- Parish Nurse Ministry
- Food Bank
- Homeless Shelter
- Church-based Health Clinic
- After School Program
- Partnerships with Health Agencies
- Prevention/Health Promotion programs
- Teen pregnancy Prevention programs
- Fatherhood programs
- Hunger and poverty programs
- Meals on Wheels
- HIV/AIDS programs
- Substance Abuse programs
- Mental Health/Illness programs
- Counseling programs
- Violence prevention programs
- Health Care programs
- Diet, Nutrition, Exercise programs
- Health Disparities
- Senior Ministries
- Cancer Support programs
- Tobacco prevention/control programs
- Children/Youth Programs

General Synod Resolution Twenty-One, July 1997 calls upon local UCC congregations, conferences and associations to “Reclaim The Church’s Ministry of Health and Healing” by establishing or designating a body to address health and human service issues confronting members and their communities.

We ask that you submit your information electronically using the form at <http://www.ucc.org/justice/health/resource-guide.html>. If you need a hard copy, you can use the form below and send it to:

Ferne Clements
Justice and Witness Ministries, United Church of Christ
700 Prospect Ave
Cleveland, OH 44115
Fax: 216-736-3703

The deadline for submission is **December 15, 2010**

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1. Ministry/Program/Project Title: _____

 2. Name of Church: _____

 3. Name of Pastor: _____
 4. Address of Church: _____

 5. Name of Conference and Conference Minister _____

 6. Name of Association: _____
 7. Contact Person and Title: _____

 8. Contact Person Address: _____

 9. Contact Person Phone numbers with area code: (cell) _____
(home) _____ (work) _____
 10. Contact Person's Email: _____
 11. Ministry/program/Project's Website: _____
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ABSTRACT Please write up and attach a brief abstract/summary of your ministry/project/program. It should be singled-space and no more than 300 words. Include the following content in your Abstract. 1. How did the ministry/program begin? 2. Mission Statement; 3. Vision Statement. 4. How does this ministry/program improve health and wholeness? 5. How does this program "Repair the Breach and Restore the Gaps? 6. How is this ministry/program/project institutionalized and sustained in the congregation and community?

