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Women's History Month

Women of Character Courage & Commitment



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About the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council

Our Mission

The Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council works to facilitate regular interfaith meetings in order to make way for the building of bonds within the interfaith community.

We respect the inclusion and welcoming of others regardless of faith, race or disability. We strive to be proactive on social issues.

Our Goals

- To grow the network of faith-based organizations in Union County
- Encourage representatives from all faiths to join the Interfaith Coordinated Council including those of Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Islamic, and other faiths
- To be engaged in:
 1. **Community Building** within faith-based organizations and the general Union County population.
 2. The advancement of **Social Justice**.
 3. The intentional **inclusion** of others regardless of gender, faith, race.
- Be active in activities that are inclusive and community building

Our Objectives

- Sponsor regular engagement opportunities that facilitate the building of bonds within the Union County interfaith community and their congregations
- Strengthen the Union County religious congregations through involvement, action and education in self-help.
- Build working relationships between Union County religious organizations and Community Access Unlimited that create opportunities for youth and people with disabilities and their support staff.

Potential Advantages to Joining the Interfaith Community

- Develop interfaith solidarity
- Become active with increased publicity
- Build religious membership
- Build support to fundraising events with paid participants
- Create full and part time employment opportunities for congregation members
- Provide educational opportunities regarding entitlements, housing, and other services, to congregation members
- Assist individuals within the congregation to obtain services; for example, people with disabilities, youth, people with physical disabilities, or senior citizens.

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message

from the chairperson

Tuesday March 1, 2016 marks the beginning of Women’s History “Herstory” Month. Started in 1981, Women’s History Month began as a week-long national celebration when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28. However, since 1995, Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as “Women’s History Month.”

As the Interfaith Council works to unite houses of faith in Union County, we celebrate the great work done by so many women, who have laid the foundation for the faith of others. All too often, women work tirelessly behind the scenes in our houses and communities of faith with little if any authority and less than equal salaries to that of their male counterparts –seldom getting the credit so many deserve for their labor of love and insurmountable sacrifices.

As we move through the month of March, let us look for and create ways to celebrate the Mothers, Sisters, Aunts and daughters who’ve made great contributions to our communities, like Dr. Sakena Yacoobi, Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Jetsunma Tenzin Palmo, Bishop Vashti McKenzie, Sister Carol Keehan, Bishop Minerva Carcaño, Rev. Dr. Emilie M. Townes, Dr. Ingrid Mattson, Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, Rabbi Julie Schonfeld and Professor Chung Hyun Kyung.



On behalf of the Union County Interfaith Council we say thank you and proclaim:

Whereas, women of every race, faith, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our world, nation, communities and congregations in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

Whereas, women have played and continue to play critical and pivotal economic, cultural, social and spiritual roles in every sphere of our lives; and

Whereas, women have played a unique and unparalleled role in the history of our households of faith by giving of their time, talents and resources; and

Whereas, despite these contributions, the role of women has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in our teaching, preaching and the recording of our history:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, The Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council, recognize the labor of love and commitment to Godly excellence of women and stand with our Nation in recognition of you, our Mothers, Aunts, Sisters, Daughters, Teachers and Friends during the month of March and encourage others to do the same with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities, in celebration of Women’s History Month.

Rev. Dr. Erika D. Crawford

Editorial

Easter and Women's History Month

by Rev. Carmine Pernini

This year the month of March is host to the most significant Christian holiday - Easter. And, the month of March is also Women's History Month. What follows is an attempt to answer the question, "What do Easter and Women's History Month have in common?" Easter is primarily concerned with the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The bible reports that women were the first people to witness the empty tomb. And, having witnessed Jesus' absence from the grave the women were consequently tasked with telling the male apostles of what they had seen and heard. As an example, we will look at the Gospel of Luke 24:1-12:

But on the first day of the week.... they (women disciples) came to the tomb... They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body (of Jesus)... suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them... (and) said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen...' Then they (the women) remembered his (Jesus') words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them (the male apostles) an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

In the above quoted Gospel text at least four women were the first to witness the empty tomb and were the first to speak of Jesus' resurrection to anyone. This means that women were the first evangelists - those who share the Good News of the resurrection. That being said, it is significant that Jesus' male apostles did not believe the testimony of the women. What is enshrined in this Christian sacred text is a classic example of women's voices being silenced and relegated to a secondary position among male voices. Despite the doubt of the male apostles, the women were the first to learn of Jesus' resurrection and were the first to be blessed with the news of Jesus' triumph over death.

This is important because resurrection is an event that does not really have a historical precedent. It is more than simply having a dead body reanimated like a zombie. It is more than never dying. Resurrection is an affirmation that humanity is not confined by the limits of rationality or finitude. At its heart, resurrection is about turning something that is a dead end, like death or meaninglessness, into an opportunity for new life and purpose. Understood in this light, turning a dead end into life, the testimony of the women at the tomb and the honor of having been the first witnesses of Jesus' resurrection is in and of itself a new beginning because women were chosen rather than men for this honor. God's choice of women for the honor of being the first witnesses of the resurrection is especially important because women in 1st century Palestine were often treated more like property than people. It is because of the anachronistic preference of God choosing women over men to be the first bearers of the Good News that makes the Gospel accounts so significant. The women at the tomb, not the male apostles, were the first to be both blessed and burdened with being the first witnesses of the central event of Christianity - resurrection. If resurrection is about new beginnings and life, then it makes sense that women, who were often denied agency for religious and political reasons in 1st century Palestine, were the first to witness the empty tomb of Jesus because who else in society would have been in greater need of the hope of resurrection - new beginnings? And, would not the honor of bearing such Good News elevate the societal and religious status of those who bore it? Does God's selection of women for such a sacred task signal a deficiency in need of a remedy regarding respect, dignity, and treatment of women of all times and places? Unfortunately, today, God's selection of women to be the first evangelists is often overlooked or dismissed in the realms of both ecclesiology and history. It is disgraceful that the Church has been and continues to be a purveyor of the denial of women's testimony in both the realms of the Sacred and the Secular (Women's voices are dismissed when charges of inequality are levied.).

Women's voices throughout the history of Church and Society have been irreverently silenced and construed as "idle tales." Despite history's attempts to relegate women to a secondary position, enshrined in the central narrative of Christianity is a statement which neither contemporary society nor historical amnesia can supplant - women were chosen to be first among many possible (male) candidates to share the news of Jesus' resurrection. If Easter is indeed about providing hope that transforms empty tombs and dead ends into new beginnings then the testimony of the four Gospel accounts which chronicle Jesus' resurrection are witnesses to the sacred testimony of women in both the Church and Society. Without the testimony of women, we may not have known that Jesus was indeed raised from the dead, and if Jesus was not raised, then Christianity would not be what it is today. Thus, Christianity is dependent on the testimony of women disciples/evangelists. "What does Easter have to do with Women's History Month?" As it turns out, Easter is a much needed and often forgotten part of Women's History.



One of the seminal moments – arguably the seminal moment – in Jewish collective memory is the Israelites’ exodus from Egypt. Jewish tradition implores that, in every generation, each person must feel as if he or she personally experienced freedom from slavery. Therefore, Jews not only remember and celebrate the Exodus from Egypt through Passover observance, but connection with that event is supposed to inform how we act in the world today.

The Story

The book of Exodus recounts the story of the Israelite people, once a small tribe, but now a large people living within ancient Egypt. They are so numerous that the ruling pharaoh wonders: *What if an enemy rises up, and they join with that enemy?* Giving in to his fear, Pharaoh enslaves the Israelites and orders all their male newborns to be thrown into the Nile. But one woman resists, placing her son in a basket in the Nile. He is found by Pharaoh’s daughter, who raises him as her own son and it is he, Moses, who eventually becomes the human hero of the Exodus story.

Moses is called by God to free the Israelites from the oppression of slavery. When he demands of Pharaoh, *“Let my people go,”* Pharaoh’s response is to make conditions even more difficult for the Israelites. God then sends ten plagues, the final being the death of each firstborn throughout the land of Egypt. Only the Israelite households are *passed over*, for Moses had instructed them to sacrifice a lamb and dash its blood against their doorposts as a sign of protection.

After this tenth plague, Pharaoh concedes to let the Israelites go; in their rush to leave, they grab dough that hadn’t yet had time to rise. The Israelites escape as far as the Red Sea, only to discover that Pharaoh has changed his mind and sent chariots after them – they see no escape. But God parts the water, just long enough for the Israelites cross on dry land. Finally: freedom!

The Observance

Passover is one of Judaism’s three pilgrimage holidays; in ancient Israel people would travel to the Temple in Jerusalem in order to bring sacrifices. The sacrifice – a lamb – would then be eaten together with unleavened bread (matzah) and bitter herbs while retelling the story of the Exodus. This “feast of unleavened bread” is observed for seven days as prescribed in the book of Exodus (many Jewish communities outside of Israel observe for eight days).

After the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple in the year 70 CE, Passover observance necessarily began to take a new shape. The lamb sacrifice is gone, but the matzah, bitter herbs, and retelling of the story remain. A home ritual called a *seder* (meaning “order”) developed: a multi-sensory experience that helps Jews of all ages both learn about and attempt to experience the Passover story. Passages are read from a book called the *haggadah* (“the telling”); a centerpiece is the *seder* plate, which contains symbolic foods. Family and friends gather together to share in this ritual of story, blessings, discussion, and songs, along with a festive meal.

A Lesson

Any holiday that has been observed for thousands of years will have numerous lessons to teach. And yet: time and again in the Torah, the Israelites are instructed to act one way or another *“for you were slaves in the land of Egypt.”* Passover is not just about remembering. It compels us to connect to both the oppression of slavery and the miracle of freedom – so that we might love our neighbors as ourselves, and work toward change when we see oppression in our own time.

Written by Cantor Darcie Naomi Sharlein, Temple Sholom

Member Spotlight

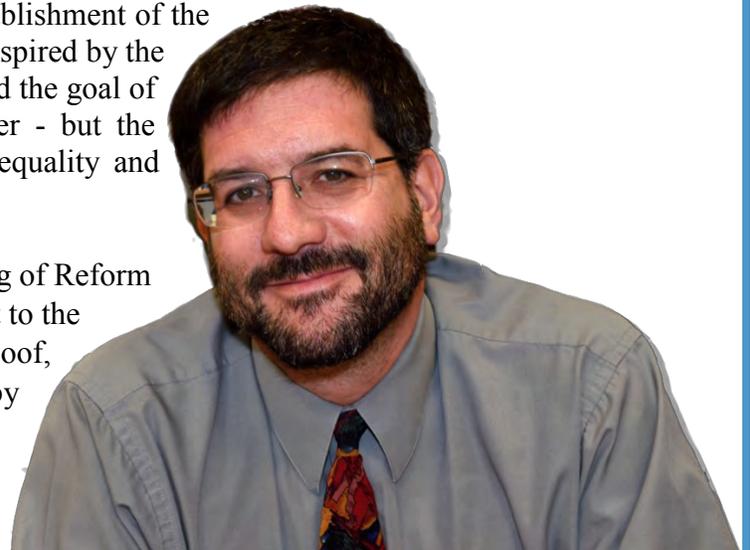
Rabbi Joel N. Abraham Temple Sholom

Rabbi Joel N. Abraham has been the spiritual leader of Temple Sholom since 1999. The 102 year old synagogue was in Plainfield when Rabbi Abraham joined, and has since been hosted in temporary quarters at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church and in its new location in Scotch Plains since August 2014. The congregation is a proud member of the Union for Reform Judaism - the largest Jewish denomination in the United States - which holds that Jewish practice and belief has adapted and changed over the past 3,000 years to make its message ever-new.

Rabbi Abraham grew up at Temple Beth El in Somerville, New Jersey, where his father, Rabbi Michael Abraham was active in interracial justice and community affairs - helping to build the low-income Somerville Senior Citizens apartment building with the Somerville Ministerium. His son, Joel, has continued that tradition - a past president of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ministerium, he has recently joined the steering committee of the Union County Interfaith Clergy Council. He is also the current Vice President and founding chair of Social Justice Matters - a community group that works to engage in conversations to change social and racial injustice. He is a past president of the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Association of Reform Rabbis, and is active nationally in Rabbis Organizing Rabbis, co-chair of Reform Jewish Voice of New Jersey. He has been honored for his participation by HomeFirst of Union County and the Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey. He also serves on the clergy team of NFTY-GER, the regional youth group for Reform Judaism. Rabbi Abraham received his BA from Yale University, an MA in Modern European History from Columbia University and a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters and rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, studying in on its Jerusalem, Los Angeles, and New York campuses. He is the co-editor, with his wife, Michelle Shapiro Abraham, of the Reform Movement's educational prayerbook - Mishkan T'fillah: Journal Edition.

In addition to his congregational work, Rabbi Abraham is passionate about his understanding of the original mission of Reform Judaism in the United States. As stated in the 1885 Pittsburgh Platform, "We acknowledge that the spirit of broad humanity of our age is our ally in the fulfillment of our mission, and therefore we extend the hand of fellowship to all who cooperate with us in the establishment of the reign of truth and righteousness among men [sic]." He is inspired by the idea of working together will all people of good will toward the goal of a Messianic Age - not the return of a physical redeemer - but the human built society which fulfills all of our dreams of equality and fulfillment (not to mention freedom from want) for all.

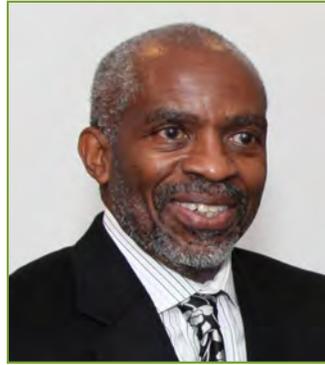
Simply put, Rabbi Abraham would define his understanding of Reform Judaism to mean we change Isaiah's command to be a light to the nations to be a light among the nations - not separate and aloof, but working side by side to complete the work of creation by perfecting the world in which we live. This charge is fulfilled in everyday interactions with others and in larger projects, protests, and public action.



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Join & Be Active Today!

How can I join this viable group of supporters?

- Attend quarterly meetings.
- Invite other community leaders to attend our quarterly meetings.
- Support or host fundraising programs to support the Record Expungement Grant Program.
- Add your contact information to our mailing list.
- Share useful information about your organization.

Contact Rod Spearman at 908-354-3040 x 324
for more information on becoming a member

Advertise in the UCICC Newsletter!

Got an exciting event or program happening?

Reach out to members of the interfaith community in
Union County by advertising in this newsletter!

Please send all ready ads to Rod Spearman at rspearman@caunj.org
by the 15th of every month to save a space!



www.facebook.com/UnionCountyInterfaithCoordinatingCouncil



SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFE

at TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 829 SALEM ROAD, UNION, NJ

PROUDLY PRESENTS

MICHAELA McCLAIN

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 8:00 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM ADMISSION: \$20.00 STUDENTS \$10.00

Admission includes snacks, beverages, tea, coffee & desserts, art gallery



Michaela McClain is a singer/songwriter born and raised in Bernardsville. Her "folky-soul" sound is reminiscent of Carol King, Norah Jones and Alicia Keys, and "her warm groove creates an atmosphere of love that's irresistible." Her musical influences range from Carlos Jobim, Ella Fitzgerald, Indigo Girls to India Arie. Performing with her will be bandmates Meredith Foreman, percussion; Brad Schwartzseid, bass; and Raul Abbad, guitar.

"With her rich mezzo-soprano voice, accompanying herself at the piano, singing songs about love, Montclairite Michaela McClain might remind you of Carole King or Laura Nyro."
— Gwen Orel, *NorthJersey.com*

Original artwork & photography will be on display at the

ROADHOUSE GALLERY OF FINE ARTS

Show proceeds benefit the mission projects of Townley Presbyterian Church

Shows are featured on UNION TV34's "UNION AFTER DARK" nightly music series

Plenty of free parking in our two lots and on the street

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FAITH INTO ACTION

Over fifty Union County citizens searching for a faith community within which to worship.
Do you have what they are looking for?

All different faiths.

Bring your congregation members to meet and establish new fellow worshipers.

The Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council invites you to an interfaith reception on :

Thursday, March 31, 2016
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Suburban Golf Club
1730 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ

Let us know that you're coming by contacting:

Rod Spearman
Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council
c/o Community Access Unlimited
80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202
Phone: (908) 354-3040-Email: rspearman@caunj.org



**Union
County
Interfaith**



**Introduction to
Islam**

Dar- ul Islam

**Thursday, March 17, 2016
at 6:00 P.M**

612 Salem Ave, Elizabeth, NJ 07208



Muslim Community
Center of Union County

*Cordially
Invites You
to Attend*

**Interconnected
forms
of Violence**

Presented by:

Union County Interfaith Council

Tuesday

April 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm

964-984 Magie Avenue Elizabeth, NJ 07208



TRANSITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

The Transitional Opportunities Program (TOP) provides a variety of support services to youth aged 13 - 21. Youth living in any county of New Jersey are eligible to enter the program through a referral by CSOC, DCP&P, or by a self-referral. While living in Elizabeth, youth receive a variety of independent living training and transitional living support services until they achieve the life skills needed to live independently.

At Community Access Unlimited, TOP hosts several events/workshops available to the youth in the community.

- DCP&P Open House – April 27, 2016
Come out to CAU and learn about our programs and services. Don't forget to take a tour of our facilities. Learn about our Continuum of Care; especially our Group Homes that houses male and females ages 13 -17 in Elizabeth. **Our group homes provide 24-hour staff supervision, individual counseling, group counseling, member advocacy support groups, life skills training, daily recreational opportunities, as well as, access to resources in the community. Contact the Intake Coordinator at (908) 354-3040 at ext 394 for more information.**
- Independent City – July, 16, 2016
Youth are able to experience real life scenarios of being Independent, managing money, and the challenge of making choices.
- Youth Conference – August 17, 2016
A 1-day event full of information and fun. Includes keynote speakers, workshops, food, entertainment, and door prizes. (complimentary for youth whose interfaith organization is a member of UCICC)
- Who Wants To Be Independent? November 19, 2016
A workshop developed from the idea of the popular game show: *Who wants to be a Millionaire?*
The workshop delivers a clever way of introducing that "Rules" still apply when one becomes independent.

Please keep your eyes open for upcoming announcements about the above events in the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council (UCICC) newsletter.

The Runaway & Homeless Youth (RHY) Shelter

The Runaway & Homeless Youth Shelter provides 24-hour assistance for youth ages 13 -17. Youth supported in the Runaway & Homeless Youth Shelter are often in need of programs that will enable youth to move forward to a safer, healthier, and more productive lifestyle within the community. RHY shelter can also be used as a respite for families.

If you know of someone in need, contact us:

908-354-5420 (shelter)
800 -354-3096 (toll free)
908-413-4261 (24-hour access)

Respite Services

TOP also provides respite services for the Division of Children's System of Care (DCSOC). Respite services include overnight, afterschool care, weekend recreational, etc. Please contact Tanya Johnson for more information: Tanya Johnson (908)354-3040 ext. 251.

Would you like to help support our Youth?

As youth grow as young adults, they become ready to take the next step to being independent citizens in the community. As they prepare to move into their own apartments CAU will provide them with a **Hope Chest** that includes the essentials that will allow the youth to set up their own household. Such items include: pots & pans, cooking utensils, towels, bedding, microwave, etc. Another stepping stone to helping our youth achieve independence through **Vehicle Donations**. Having a vehicle extends their access to jobs and to other community resources. If you would like to make a donation to the program, please contact: Information & Referral Department at (08) 354-3040 ext. 272.

ANNUAL IRA GELLER WALK-a-THON



Community Access Unlimited



SAVE THE DATE

September 17th, 2016

Oak Ridge Park
Clark, NJ



Sponsorships Are Available!

For more information contact Alyssa Mistretta, Fundraising Coordinator 908.354.3040 x205
or at amistretta@caunj.org

2016 Marriage Workshop

and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

Mark 10:8

Love for a Lifetime

The War Room Strategy

AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
215 ELM STREET, RAHWAY, NJ 07065

Presenter:

Senior Pastor Eldridge Spearman
of Mount Jezreel Baptist Church in
Silver Spring, Maryland



\$50 PER COUPLE OR
\$25 PER INDIVIDUAL

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016 (9AM - 1PM)

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

215 ELM STREET, RAHWAY, NJ 07065

Sponsored by Spearman Consultant Services
To Register Contact Elder Rod Spearman at
rodspearman05@yahoo.com or 908-377-0143



INVITES ONE AND ALL TO JOIN US FOR
GUEST SPEAKER

Shane Claiborne



Shane Claiborne graduated from Eastern University and did graduate work at Princeton Seminary. His adventures have taken him from the streets of Calcutta where he worked with Mother Teresa to the wealthy suburbs of Chicago where he served at the influential mega-church Willow Creek.

As a peacemaker, his journeys have taken him to some of the most troubled regions of the world - from Rwanda to the West Bank - and he's been on peace delegations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Shane is a founder and board member of The Simple Way, a faith community in inner city Philadelphia. Shane writes and travels extensively, speaking about peacemaking, social justice, and Jesus. Shane's books include *Jesus for President*, *Red Letter Revolution*, and his classic *The Irresistible Revolution*.

Saturday
May 21
@ 7:00 PM

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
639 Mountain Ave. • Springfield, NJ 07081

The people of Holy Cross Lutheran Church trust in the living hope of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We passionately worship God, follow Jesus, and live in the Spirit in a way that brings the Bible to life today while honoring our classic Lutheran heritage.

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Community Access Unlimited's Mission: *To provide community access through effective and comprehensive support services for people with disabilities and at-risk youth, giving them the opportunity to live independently and to lead normal and productive lives in the community.*

UCICC & STEERING COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENTS

UCICC Steering Committee

March 3, 2016 at 10:00am
80 W Grand St
Elizabeth NJ 07202

UCICC Steering Committee

April 7, 2016 at 10:00am
80 W Grand St
Elizabeth NJ 07202

UCICC Steering Committee

May 5, 2016 at 10:00am
80 W Grand St
Elizabeth NJ 07202

Full UCICC Meeting

Topic: Intro to Islam/Tour of Mosque
March 17, 2016 at 6:00 PM
Masjid Darul Islam Mosque
602 Salem Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07208

Full UCICC Meeting

Topic: Interconnected Forms of Violence
April 21, 2016 at 6:00 PM
Muslim Community Center
964-984 Magie Ave, Elizabeth, NJ 07208

Full UCICC Meeting

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First United Methodist Church
1171 Terrill Road Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

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