

**Southern New England Conference
United Church of Christ
Franklin Association**

2021 Annual Report

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- Introduced and spoke about changes in clergy within our Association churches
 - James Koyama was called as settled pastor in Montague
 - Susan Tarolli is the Interim Pastor at Second Congregational Church of Greenfield
 - Barbara Seamon is back in the area and has joined New Salem Congregational Church
 - Rosemary Dawson is the Designated Term Pastor of the Trinitarian Congregational Church of Northfield
 - Julie Payne Britton is a Member in Discernment
- Kelly
 - There has been a lot of transition within the Franklin Association churches and it has been “such a joy” to serve during this time. Churches have been adaptable and have never stopped being the church
 - Regions & positions have shifted with the creation of the new conference. Southern New England Conference has chosen a full time Area Conference Minister. Jill and Kelly will be ending their ministries with the Franklin Association (and Berkshire, Hampden and Hampshire)
 - New Area Conference Minister is **Terry Yasuko Ogawa**
- “Dues”
 - Dues have been paid to the Association in different ways by different churches in years past
 - We are looking at ways to streamline the process
 - The Executive Committee is proposing a proportional giving format rather than a “head tax”
 - The amount would be the church’s decision
 - With the new way of giving, whatever goes to the Conference stays with the Conference (in the past, the Association would get a % of whatever was sent to the Conference. Churches will need to figure out what % of their donation goes to the Conference and what goes to the Franklin Association
 - Comment: Our church had a decrease in giving, and this is something we need to keep in mind with proportional giving.

- A summary of what has been given in the past will be sent out, along with a summary of the new process
- David Neil made a motion to shift Association dues to the proportional giving structure, Cindy Pomeroy 2nd, all in favor
- Budget
 - David made motion to accept the budget as submitted, Megan 2nd
 - Discussion: the funds from the synod delegate line item accumulates over a period of time.
 - Question: If the synod is held virtually, do the expenses decrease?
 - Answer: Yes, synod will be held virtually in June so the cost will be significantly less, but Kelly suggested keeping it in the budget for the future
 - All in favor to accept budget as submitted
- Nominating Committee
 - Executive Committee has asked all those who are currently serving to stay on in their positions
 - Correction on p. 10, Charlie Kellogg passed away, so should not be included in the slate of officers and committees
 - There are 2 openings on the Executive Committee with terms expiring in 2022 and 2024
 - David made a motion to accept the report of the Nominating Committee with correction on p. 10, Sara Penn-Strah 2nd, all in favor
- News from the Churches
 - First Church in Greenfield is going through a discernment process over the last few years. They will be stopping worship in the Silver Street building. They do have some things they are looking to pass on
 - Question: How public is this? Is it okay to send notes or offer support in other ways?
 - Answer: They will have a minister working with them to help figure out next steps. Hope is to have a celebration of their ministry at a later time
 - Montague called their new pastor, James Koyama this morning!
 - Community Church of North Orange and Tully has called Charlotte Weltzin as their lay pastor

- Conway is moving ahead with some construction
- Conference level
 - Please make sure that the Conference has your church contact information
 - We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to Kelly Gallagher. We appreciate more than we can express her dedication, support and love. Hopefully all can attend a celebration of her ministry with us at a later date
- End of Business portion of the meeting
 - Marguerite Sheehan made motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting, Mick Comstock 2nd, all in favor
- A few words from Mick Comstock
 - With the new Conference comes new relationships with the Conference and within the Association. There is a risk of our relationships becoming thinner. The Executive Committee is working to see how we can enrich our Association. We will begin by gathering the clergy to discuss and explore this question.
- Worship led by Jim Ewen
- John offered blessings and closed the meeting at 3:27.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Leary, scribe

MODERATOR'S REPORT

Greetings and blessings to all. Just like in most churches the "Moderator" serves to coordinate the meetings of the church, and how and how much that is done varies from congregation to congregation. As your Executive Committee we've spent some time talking about the role of local "associations" in the governance and polity of the United Church of Christ, and with that I've thought about the role of the Executive Committee and the Moderator, While we don't have all the answers the consensus is that local associations remain an important link between the worshipers in the pews and the national body, and remain important now as we're part of a new geographically larger Conference.

While there is much happening in our local congregations and much happening at the conference and national levels one question is how do we communicate effectively to share that information? We need to continue to find that balance between overwhelming our membership with "spam" and leaving them "out of the loop". We will continue to work on finding that balance in the coming year. I encourage you as clergy and lay leaders to make sure we have the correct mailing, phone and email contacts for your local congregation. We now have a central email franklinassn@gmail.com where you can send such information. Share with us your upcoming events and celebrations and we'll do our best to share your news with the entire Association.

The new Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ is certainly larger geographically with more congregations and members. The Conference comprises 615 churches, more than 1600 authorized ministers and nearly 120,000 members. With that some feel less connected at the Conference level, and with that the new conference brings many programs, people, ideas, and assets to share with all of us. One means to stay current is to subscribe to the various new feeds from the Conference - it is not just for the clergy, the information is available to all. There are two newsletters that arrive by email that come recommended: "5 Things to Share" and the "Northwest Region E-News" and you can subscribe at <https://sneucc-email.brtapp.com/subscribe>. In particular, these are great resources for those in the church who prepare your local newsletters, bulletins, and other member communications. There is a lot more information at the conference web site for those with a specific area of interest including, but not limited to: faith formation, environmental justice, stewardship, racial justice and more. You are invited to be involved. God calls us to be involved.

In 2021, I was asked to serve as a delegate to the 33rd Synod of the UCC. It was my first time as a delegate and was definitely a great eye-opening, educational, and spiritual opportunity. The Executive Committee has asked that I report back, and I'll do so at the Annual Meeting. My biggest take-away from the Synod is that I am confident that the UCC is "Rooted in Love" - which was the theme of the Synod and not coincidentally this year's Stewardship Campaign. While we may disagree on *how* we can and should help solve economic injustice, reverse climate change, become anti-racist, save lives in the Middle East, and address so many more pressing challenges in and to the world, we can agree that our plans and actions must be rooted in love for God's Earth and our fellow creatures in it.

Going forward the Association will continue to work to improve on how we "associate" with our community churches. We have connected with the other four Associations in the Northwest Region and are sharing ideas and plans. Your Church and Ministry Committee continues to do great work. We're benefiting from the support and advice of Rev. Terry Yasuko Ogawa, your Area Conference Minister and the resources available from all our Conference staff. My thanks to everyone on the Executive Committee. We have navigated this pandemic time with Zoom meetings and worked to stay connected - thanks for your support, guidance and patience.

Jeremiah 29: 11-14a

***11** For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. **12** Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. **13** You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. **14** I will be found by you," declares the Lord,*

Blessings.

John E. Taylor
Moderator

CHURCH & MINISTRY

2021 Report of the Church and Ministry Committee of the Franklin Association

Last year in this report I commented on the unprecedented use of the word “unprecedented” is describing our church life in recent month. That trend continued during 2021 as we tried to find our way through the unique challenges facing us as churches and as Association.

We continue to live in the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have lost friends and loved ones and also so much of the tradition and familiarity that lent stability to who we are as a people of God. And yet that call to discipleship remains and we work together with hope to find our way through the darkness while maintaining faithful service along the way. Life for our Franklin Association Churches goes on and, in some cases, has flourished. Our churches are finding new ways to engage in worship and mission despite the limitations of physical separation or existence in a hybrid setting. I am amazed at the creativity and resilience our churches have shown. God’s word is alive and well in the Franklin Association.

This year has seen a number of departures and arrivals in our Association. Shelburne Center, Conway, and Second Congregational of Greenfield have all been somewhere in the “search and call” process during this year. Montague, Sunderland, and Charlemont have called settled pastors during the past year. We celebrated the calls of James Koyama to Montague, Randy Calvo to Sunderland, and Julia Khan to Charlemont. We continue to feel the loss of First Congregational Church of Greenfield as they stopped meeting as a worship community and sold their church building. The circumstances of COVID 19 restrictions prevented us from properly and publicly celebrating their part in who we are as a Franklin Association, but we will be forever grateful for their ministry among and for their incredibly gracious and generous act of using some of the proceeds from the sale of their assets to endow a fund with the conference to assist other churches who are wrestling with similar tough decisions about the future of their worshipping communities.

As a Church and Ministry Committee we met virtually with several our clergy and church leaders during this year. We visited with Julie Payne Britton, an Association Member-in-Discernment, and celebrated her remarkable progress in her seminary experience.

In October we participated in the ordination of Julia Khan. Though Julia was a Member in Discernment with the Hampshire Association she wished for her ordination service to be held at her newly called church home in Charlemont. The Franklin Association was delighted to welcome Julie and the representatives of the Hampshire Associate for this wonderful occasion.

We are blessed to welcome Rev. Terry Yasuko Ogawa as our new Area Conference Minister for the Northwest Region of the Southern New England Conference of the UCC. These are difficult times for a new ACM to establish connections with clergy and churches in our region, but Terry has done so with grace and love. We are very lucky to have her ministry among us.

I have been working with several other Committee of Ministry members from out other Area Associations to redesign the structure and procedures of our “Member in Discernment Working Group” (MIDWG) in light of the new UCC Manual on Ministry. I have also been working with a small group to

develop a survey form for the clergy of the Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden Associations was to what format would be most helpful to them in encouraging clergy gatherings and support.

Personally, I would like to give a huge thank you to the members of the Church and Ministry Committee. It is an honor to serve with you all. And a huge thank you as well to Rev. Terry Yasuko Ogawa, our ACM, who has been so integral to our work as a Church and Ministry Committee.

And finally, we would like to thank you, the churches of our Association, who have entrusted us with this awesome responsibility. These are indeed unprecedented times. But God's spirit is unprecedented as well.

Blessing to you all,

Rev. David Neil
Chair – Franklin Association Church and Ministry Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT

2020 Report of the Acting Treasurer

The year was one of transitions – not really transitions we asked for but were necessary.

Paul Allis, who served the Association for many years as our Treasurer became ill and it became increasingly difficult for him to address all the duties as Treasurer, and all this in the midst of a global pandemic. We thank Paul and his family for keeping work of the Franklin Association in sight in the midst of their many responsibilities. Paul was very involved, and a key member, of so many varied organizations in the region. We began a lengthy process to transition bank accounts to new signers.

The brand new, as of January 1, 2020, Southern New England Conference of the UCC was also transitioning and educating about proportional giving to support the work of the Associations and the Conference. Paul had become skilled at tracking funds going from the local churches to the conference, and funds going from the conference to the local churches, and the new giving program introduced a third option for churches to use. I found it as challenging as Paul described it to be.

The good news is that going forward the work of an Association Treasurer should be much more straightforward. The Treasurer will have to handle far fewer transactions than in the past. The Association has sent, and will continue to send, suggested contributions (formerly called “dues”) to support the work of the Association – yet the local churches get to make the determination in their stewardship program as to how the Association fits into their plans and programs, in similar fashion to proportional giving at the Conference level. An informational page about the changes follows on the next page.

The 2019 and 2020 reports are included in this year's Annual Report. All the financial information we've compiled will be turned over to our Auditor for review and a report back. I'm confident she will find all the books balance; Paul was a good steward.

Respectfully,

John E. Taylor
Acting
Treasurer

PROPORTIONAL GIVING & ASSOCIATIONS – FROM SNEUCC

With the introduction of Proportional Giving (PG), what happens with Association dues?

Though no Conference Membership dues will be billed by the new Conference, Associations remain free to bill for Association dues. In Massachusetts, Associations will return UCM opt-in churches to their dues billing rolls. However, all Associations may want to consider moving away from Membership dues and using a version of PG as their model for Association funding. The methodology and spreadsheets used to calculate giving percentages and PG contributions could easily be converted for use by the Association. Conference staff are prepared to assist them with this transition if desired.

Why isn't Association funding from churches included in the Proportional Giving model?

The determination not to include Association funding in the SNEUCCC giving model was made for a variety of reasons. This approach was strongly considered because it was a feature of United Church Mission (UCM), the Massachusetts Conference's opt-in funding model. With UCM, Associations removed opt-in churches from their dues billing rolls and, instead, received UCM "in lieu" dues payments from the Conference when UCM contributions were received from their Association churches.

However, four years of UCM demonstrated that the inclusion of Association funding in a PG model was problematic. Among the downsides of including Association funding in PG are:

- An unavoidable but very complicated calculation for each Association to determine its share of PG contributions that, in practice, is difficult for the Conference to manage. The prospect of moving from doing this for 10 Massachusetts Associations (with UCM in effect) to 25 Southern New England Associations (for PG) seemed impractical.
- Less than full confidence from some Associations that their fair share of UCM contributions was making it to them, despite best efforts on the Conference's part. Even if the Conference always got things right, this would be an understandable feeling given that there would be a complicated calculation and this form of funding would be at a remove from the Association.
- Unhelpful complication of the relationship between Associations and the Conference. This would always be true if and when there is a difference about how PG is being implemented and, specifically, whether the Association was getting its proper share of local church giving.
- A delay in Association receipt of its share of PG funding from local churches. PG sharing with Associations can only happen sometime *after* the Conference receives funds from churches. This will often mean that giving made by local churches toward year's end wouldn't be sent to Associations until the beginning of the following year, thereby creating a cascade of accounting, budgeting, and income challenges for Associations.

- Skepticism within some Associations about whether PG as a funding approach was best for the Association rather than remaining with dues collection.
- Organizations are usually best served when they are in control of their own fundraising, making their own case for the importance of their mission to their donors, and managing their own relationships with those who fund them. This perspective is in keeping with the 2017 Synod resolution regarding the change in the UCC's Pattern of Giving, the foundation of which is the belief that the various settings of the Church will do best when they can relate more directly to those who fund them. We believe that this fundraising principle applies equally to Associations.

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
1/1/2019-12/31/2019

Treasurer's Annual Report

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

INCOME

TOTAL	\$	19,900.28
	\$	
MACUCC Dues Remitted	17,269.16	
Stipends	\$	750.00
Copies/postage/supplies	\$	188.75
TOTAL	\$	18,207.91
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$	1,692.37
MACUCC 2018 Dues Received	\$	2,525.32
MACUCC 2019 Dues Received	\$	15,183.73
Association 2019 Dues Received	\$	1,575.98
Association 2018 Dues Received	\$	442.87
Interest Income	\$	6.38
Special Collections	\$	166.00

EXPENSES

CHECKBOOK RECONCILIATION

Bank Balance 1/1/2019	\$ 20,106.91
Less Outstanding check*	\$ (15,613.98)
Checkbook Balance 1/1/2019	<u>\$ 4,492.93</u>
Plus Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,692.37
Checkbook Balance 12/31/2019	<u>\$ 6,185.30</u>
Plus Outstanding checks	\$ 15,183.73
Less Pending Deposits	\$ (2,048.00)

Bank Balance 12/31/2019	\$ 19,321.03
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FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION 2019
CHURCH GIVING SUMMARY

			MACUCC Dues	Franklin Association Dues	Total Collected in 2019
2019	Ashfield	First Congregational Church *	\$ -	\$ 127.01	\$ 127.01
	Bernardston	United Church	\$ 2,093.02	\$ 156.98	\$ 2,250.00
	Buckland	First Congregational Church	\$ 465.12	\$ 34.88	\$ 500.00
	Charlemont	Federated Church	\$ 2,540.00	\$ 190.50	\$ 2,730.50
	Conway	United Congregational *	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Deerfield	First Church	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 1,548.00
	Greenfield	First Congregational Church *		\$ 122.32	\$ 122.32
	Greenfield	Second Congregational Church *		\$ 288.07	\$ 288.07
	Montague	First Congregational Church	\$ 1,060.00	\$ 79.50	\$ 1,139.50
	New Salem	Central Congregational	\$ 720.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 774.00
	Northfield	Trinitarian Congregational	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 1,075.00
	North Orange	The Community Church	\$ 465.12	\$ 34.88	\$ 500.00
	Orange	Central Congregational	\$ 465.12	\$ 34.88	\$ 500.00
	Shelburne	First Congregational Church	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 162.00	\$ 2,322.00
	Shelburne Falls	Trinity Church	\$ 465.12	\$ 34.88	\$ 500.00
	Sunderland	First Congregational Church	\$ 930.23	\$ 69.77	\$ 1,000.00
	Warwick	Trinitarian Congregational*		\$ 145.00	\$ 145.00
	Whately	First Congregational Church	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 103.50	\$ 1,483.50
2018	Bernardston	United Church	\$ 2,085.43	\$ 164.57	\$ 2,250.00
	Shelburne Falls	Trinity Church	\$ 439.89	\$ 33.11	\$ 473.00
		TOTAL RECEIVED in 2019	\$ 17,709.05	\$ 2,018.85	\$ 19,727.90
		Remitted to MACUCC	\$ (17,269.16)		
		Due to MACUCC	\$ 439.89		

* These churches contribute to United Church Mission (UCM) and a portion of the UCM contribution is attributed to the local association.

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
1/1/2020-12/31/2020

Treasurer's Annual Report

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

INCOME

TOTAL	\$	1,155.20
MACUCC Dues Remitted	\$	-
Stipends	\$	750.00
Copies/postage/supplies	\$	-
TOTAL	\$	750.00
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$	405.20
MACUCC 2020 Giving Received	\$	400.00
Association 2020 Giving Received	\$	753.05
Interest Income	\$	2.15

EXPENSES

CHECKBOOK RECONCILIATION

Bank Balance 1/1/2020	\$	19,321.03
Less Outstanding checks	\$	(15,183.73)
Plus Pending Deposits	\$	2,048.00
Checkbook Balance 1/1/2020	\$	6,185.30

Plus Net Surplus (Deficit) \$	405.20	Checkbook Balance
12/31/2020 \$	6,590.50	
Plus Outstanding	\$	
checks	750.00	
Bank Balance	\$	
12/31/2020	7,340.50	

FRANKLIN
ASSOCIATION
2020
CHURCH
GIVING
SUMMARY

		SNEUCC Giving	Franklin Association Giving	Total Collected in 2020	
2020	Ashfield	First Congregational Church *	\$ -	\$ 127.01	\$ 127.01
	Bernardston	United Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Buckland	First Congregational Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Charlemont	Federated Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Conway	United Congregational *	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Deerfield	First Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Greenfield	First Congregational Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Greenfield	Second Congregational Church *	\$ -	\$ 244.64	\$ 244.64
	Montague	First Congregational Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	New Salem	Central Congregational	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Northfield	Trinitarian Congregational	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	North Orange	The Community Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Orange	Central Congregational	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
	Shelburne	First Congregational Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Shelburne Falls	Trinity Church	\$ 400.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00

Sunderland First Congregational Church	\$	-	\$	-	\$
Warwick Trinitarian Congregational*	\$	-	\$	-	\$
Whately First Congregational Church	\$	-	\$	-	\$
Other contributions to be assigned **	\$	-	\$	231.40	\$
					\$
					-
TOTAL RECEIVED in 2019	\$	400.00	\$	753.05	\$
					921.65
Remitted to SNEUCC			\$	0.00	
Due to SNEUCC	\$	400.00			

* These churches contributed to United Church Mission (UCM) in 2020 and a portion of UCM was attributed to the local association. Proportional giving has replaced the UCM program.

** These receipts are being researched via the bank and assigned to the applicable givers.

Account Balances as of October 21,2021

Greenfield Savings Checking \$6,037.74
 Cornerstone Demand Acct \$2,807.91
 Cornerstone CDs for Scholarship \$11,629.87 & \$12,446.23

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Executive Committee

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(open)

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Church and Ministry Committee

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- (2024)** Mark Gregory
United Church of Bernardston

Nominating Committee

(2022)

(2021) Steve Damon
United Church of Bernardston

***(2020)**

BUDGET 2022

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS	\$ 300.00
POSTAGE	400.00
SUPPLIES	125.00
PRINTING	150.00
MISC. EXPENSE	100.00
BANK CHARGES	25.00
SYNOD DELEGATES	1000.00
<u>STIPENDS</u>	
SCRIBE	250.00
REGISTRAR/RECORDER	250.00
TREASURER	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,850.00

CLERGY REGISTER ~ FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION

November 14, 2021

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INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Franklin Association – Southern New England Conference – United Church of Christ
November 14, 2021

Moderator: You have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the Franklin Association. This is a blessing and a serious responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us. In love we thank you for accepting your obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord, to God's people, and to our ministry in the world.

Today we will install the following 2021/2022 officers and committee members for the Franklin Association: Would those who have been elected please stand if able.

Moderator: Do you on this day acknowledge that you are a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

Response: *I do.*

Moderator: Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world and to the Franklin Association of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Response: *I will.*

Moderator: Will you live to enable this Association to be a people of love and peace?

Response: *I will.*

Moderator: Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

Response: *I will.*

Moderator to the Gathered members of the Association:

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards. Will you do all that you can to assist and encourage these leaders of our Association in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

Response: *We will.*

Moderator: Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in our association. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.