

Ambassador's report for 2017

Being in covenant with other churches in the United Church of Christ, the Ambassador works to maintain and enhance the covenant that exists between the local churches and the conference. Building connections happens between churches and the conference, as the Ambassador is present and share with the church about what other churches and the conference are doing. Communication is central to the work of the Ambassador in both sharing what is happening in the life of the conference to the church and what is happening in the church to the conference. The Ambassador serves as communicator connector in building the covenantal relationship between the local church and the conference.

Currently, there are 20 Ambassadors, who visit about two or three local UCC churches in worship, sharing in mission moment style what is happening in the conference, association and other local UCC churches. To date the Ambassadors have made over 50 visits to local churches. The Ambassadors visit during special events such as installations and fundraisers. Many of them receive newsletters and other mailings from the churches that they visit. Recently, the Ambassadors have taken to the local churches certificates of thanks for the local churches giving to Our Churches Wider Mission and five for five offerings.

More Ambassadors are needed. Currently, the Ambassadors are only able to see 49 churches of the conference. If you love to build covenantal relationships, enjoy communicating the good work of the church and conference, and passionate about stronger connections in the United Church of Christ, consider being a part of this vibrant covenantal ministry.

To learn more about this opportunity or to request a visit from an Ambassador, visit the Missouri Mid-South conference website and click on the tab – Covenanted Ministries, and look for Ambassadors, or see the Ambassador booth at the Conference Annual Gathering.

Thank you goes to the Ambassadors for their work this past year. They are Joyce Bathke, Anne Watson, Elaine Hudson, Ron Wendle, Leora Bremer, Dennis and Sandy Zeller, Wayne and Connie Gadt, Rev. Arretta Shannon, Steve and Karen Redman, Dr. Leslie Strong, Alvyne Rethemeyer, Rev. Donna Pupillo, Martha Hawthorne, Betty and David Thaller, Rev. Judy Fiocco, and Mary Harris.