



**The Rev. Dr. Shari Prestemon will join Elmhurst University  
As our annual United Church of Christ National Visiting Scholar  
Monday, March 17, 2025 at Elmhurst University**

**4:00 PM - Main Event – Open Public Conversation**

*Blume Board Room of the Frick Center*

**“Ministering and Witnessing Together in Such a Time as This”**

*Rev. Dr. Shari Prestemon, Acting Associate General Minister & Co-Executive of Global Ministries*

*Rev. Dr. Terrill Murff, Illinois Conference UCC Interim Conference Minister*

*Dr. Dean Pribbenow, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty*

**Optional events with RSVP Required**

Please RSVP to Rev. H Scott Matheney at [hscottm@elmhurst.edu](mailto:hscottm@elmhurst.edu)

**9:00 AM – Welcome Gathering**

**11:00 AM – Conversation on Palestine/Israel/Gaza**



The Rev. Shari Prestemon began her service as Acting Associate General Minister (Love of Neighbor) and Co-Executive of Global Ministries on January 16, 2024. She previously served as the Minnesota Conference UCC Conference Minister (2013-2023), as Executive Director at the UCC’s Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi (2000-2013), and as pastor to local UCC congregations in Wheaton, Illinois and Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Shari’s current duties leading the Love of Neighbor unit of the National Ministries of the United Church of Christ

include the oversight of 5 ministry teams: Global Ministries, Global HOPE (Humanitarian. Opportunities. Partners. Empowerment), Gender & Sexuality Justice, the Office for Public Policy & Advocacy in Washington, D.C., and the United Nations liaison office. She has participated in and led multiple study trips to Palestine and Israel and has journeyed with Global Ministries delegations to Haiti, Columbia, Germany, Indonesia, and East Timor.

The University community welcomes all! We are pleased to carry on this long tradition of hosting national staff of the UCC in dialogue with all in the United Church of Christ and our University Community.

For further information, please contact:

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