



**Biographical Information for Rev. David Long-Higgins,  
Conference Minister Candidate  
Heartland Conference, United Church of Christ**

Rev. Dave Long-Higgins currently serves as the Transitional Conference Minister for the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ. In that role, Dave has been called to facilitate a process to strengthen our covenantal collaboration between congregations, associations, institutions of higher education, health and human service ministries, ecumenical and interfaith engagements, as well as partnerships local and global. Dave's passion is to see individuals and churches grow in their sense of the alive presence of God and all that this calls forth to be signs of good news in the world, so that all may flourish.

It is out of this commitment toward the full flourishing of every human being and the whole creation, that Pastor Dave comes to the work of weaving personal commitments with public engagements. Toward that end he believes God calls us as followers of Jesus Christ to a movement toward the margins so that those normally overlooked or discounted can find themselves welcomed, placed at the center and given space to thrive.

Dave has served in a wide variety of capacities throughout the United Church of Christ including serving on the Wider Church Ministries Board, the Common Global Ministries Board of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, and on the former UCC Executive Council.

Dave is a graduate of Heidelberg University with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and music (violin performance). His Master of Divinity was earned at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in New Brighton, Minnesota. He is also a graduate of the Wellstreams Spiritual Direction Program of the Spirituality Network of Columbus (Ohio). Prior to beginning his role with the Conference, Dave was a parish pastor for over 30 years. Together with his wife, Beth, who is also an ordained UCC clergyperson Dave has served two congregations, Bethany UCC, in Louisville, Kentucky, and David's United Church of Christ in Canal Winchester, Ohio.

Dave and Beth have two adult children, Andrew and Hannah. When not on the ministry trail Dave enjoys movies, playing violin and guitar, bicycling, travel, writing poetry/prayers, and photography.