

LOCAL CHURCHES 2018 YEARBOOK REPORTING

The annual yearbook online reporting is ready for you. Attached to this letter you will find instructions and worksheets for completing these reports online. If your church does not have a computer, please find someone in your congregation that has one and will either enter the information for the church or allow someone to use the computer to do so. Your local library may also have public computers you may use.

There is no need to send the association office copies of any of your reports. We are now able to view the information online if necessary.

Please complete your online reporting by Sunday, March 5. Without your help the Yearbook would not be a useful tool. Please be aware that the data you provide may not be included in the 2018 Yearbook if the deadline is missed.

Please do not wait until the last minute. Anything can happen and make it impossible for you to enter your data before the deadline.

If you should have questions or comments regarding the Yearbook process, please let me know.

Thank you for your help.

Grace to You and Peace,

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Church Yearbook Instructions

Accessing the Data Hub

To log into the UCC Data Hub please go to https://datahub.ucc.org/. Alternately, you will find a link to the Data Hub at https://www.ucc.org/research_vearbook.

Your username is your six-digit conference church ID#. Please do not use leading zeros for the conference portion of the login. However, leading zeros should be used for the church portion of the number. (For example, the login for church #210 in the Ohio Conference is 520210. Church #3375 in the Ohio Conference is 523375.) If you do not know your church ID, please contact your association. If you are a new church within the past year and your login does not work, please contact your association for assistance.

Your default password is password.

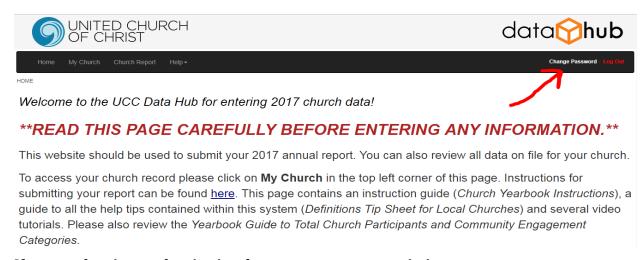
Several brief video tutorials have been posted at http://www.ucc.org/research_yearbook to assist you. (Updated videos will be posted in January.) Please view these videos before calling your association for assistance.

The Data Hub will be available January 2, 2018 at noon until March 7, 2018 at midnight. Please submit your data as early as possible to avoid potential delays if you should need assistance. *If your association has asked you to submit your data prior to March 7th, please follow their guidelines.*

The Data Hub contains many help tips. If you are unsure of the information a particular data entry field is requesting, simply hover your mouse over the file "annual Yearbook Reporting: Definitions Tip Sheet for Local Churches" at http://www.ucc.org/research_yearbook.

Changing your password

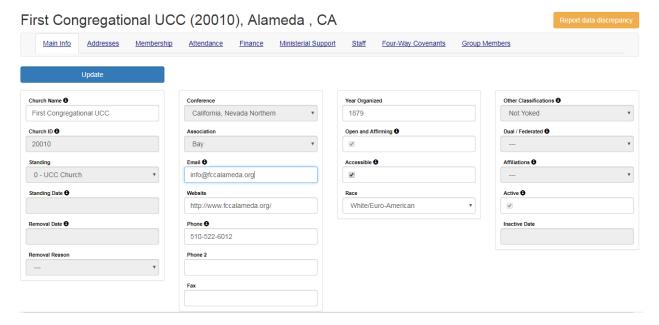
After you log in to the system for the first time, you should change your password. If you are not prompted to change your password upon logging in, your screen will look similar to the picture below. Click on Change Password at the upper right corner to update your password. Please make note of your updated password.



If you need assistance logging in, please contact your association.

My Church

This section provides you access to all your church's information that is maintained by your Association in the Data Hub. You will be interacting with the real-time database that national staff and conference/association staff of the UCC use.



Main Info

The *Main Info* tab contains basic church biographic & demographic information. Please update any incorrect information and provide any missing information. After ensuring all changes you made are correct, please click the *Update* button. You must click the *Update* button for the data to be saved. Please note you are not able to update any of the fields that are gray; only your association has the ability to edit this information. If there are any errors in those fields please notify your association immediately.

Addresses

We currently track three types of addresses for churches: mailing, location and campus. *Mailing* is the address that is used for all church mailings and other general mailings. *Location* is the physical location of the church. This address is used on www.ucc.org/find to provide a map of your church location. Please note that this address is required and you must provide the County when selecting this address type. *Campus* is the physical location of an additional campus of your church. This address is also used on www.ucc.org/find. If you enter a new location or campus address, please also update the latitude and longitude. View the video Updating Church Contact Info at https://www.ucc.org/research_yearbook to learn how to look up a latitude and longitude. (Please note, when mailing and location address are the same, both addresses must be entered.)

Providing an Address Change

Click the *Add New Address* button. Please provide all required information: Address, City, State, Zip and Address Type. (If you select Location as the address type, County will also be required.) *Please only click the Add button once to prevent duplicate entries from being recorded.* The system may take a few seconds to process after you click the button. Adding a new address will automatically mark the old address as inactive.

Please only use United States Postal Service approved abbreviations in all addresses. Please do NOT use any punctuation. The abbreviation guide can be accessed at http://pe.usps.gov/text/pub28/28apc 002.htm.

Membership

(Video entitled **Updating Annual Church Membership** is available at http://www.ucc.org/research_yearbook.)

On this screen you can view all data since 1992. Please click *Add New Membership Year Data* when you are ready to provide your data. After entering all your data please click on the *Calculate Totals* button to compute the totals. The 2017 Membership will appear in the field labeled *New Total Membership*. If this number is incorrect due to previous year's membership being inaccurate, please enter an adjustment number in the adjustment field. **DO NOT** enter the correct 2017 membership total in this adjustment field; enter only the number you need to adjust the calculated total to be correct. (Negative numbers can be entered here.) Click the *Calculate Totals* button again to ensure the correct 2017 membership is recorded.

When you are satisfied that everything is correct click the *Add* button. If you need to return to this screen at a later time, please click the *Cancel* button. **After you click** *Add* **you will not be able to edit this information. Any corrections will need to be reported to your association staff.**

Attendance

(Video entitled **Updating Annual Worship Attendance** is available at http://www.ucc.org/research_vearbook).)

This screen operates the same as the Membership screen. Please provide all attendance data on this screen.

We have added two new data entry fields to this screen in recent years: Community Engagement and Church Participants. Please see the "Guide to Yearbook Community Engagement and Total Church Participants Categories" posted at http://www.ucc.org/research_yearbook for complete details.

Finance

(Video entitled **Updating Annual Financial Data** is available at http://www.ucc.org/research_yearbook).

This screen operates the same as the Membership screen. Please provide all financial data on this screen. This screen only allows whole dollar amounts. Please round to the nearest whole dollar. Do not enter decimals or dollar signs.

A change is being made this year in reporting OCWM giving. Your association will continue to report your Basic Support Giving and your giving to each of the four Special Mission Offerings (i.e., One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, Strengthen the Church and Christmas Fund). You will report all other UCC Giving as *Other UCC Giving*. If you have a question what this might include please see the "Other UCC Giving" document posted at http://www.ucc.org/research_yearbook.

Special Notes

Massachusetts Conference churches participating in United Church Mission (UCM) should **NOT** include UCM Giving as Other UCC Giving. Your conference will be reporting this giving on your behalf.

New York Conference Reformed Association churches should **NOT** report your Assessment as Other UCC Giving. Your conference will be reporting this giving on your behalf.

Ministerial Support

(Video entitled **Updating Annual Ministerial Support Data** is available at http://www.ucc.org/research_vearbook.)

This screen operates very similarly to the Membership screen as well. However, you can provide more than one report for the year on this screen if you are reporting for multiple ministerial staff. Please be sure to indicate if this is a full-time position.

All data provided on this report should be annualized. If your church only had a pastor for part of the year, the compensation should be computed for an annual basis. This will ensure we can compare across churches. This is not an actual accounting of the amount your church paid, but rather what the church would have paid for this position for an entire year. This data is only used in providing summary reports of average compensation packages of numerous churches. Your church's individual ministerial support data will not be released.

Staff

This screen displays all current ministerial staff serving your church according to Data Hub records. Please report inaccurate information to your conference or association.

To view a tip sheet regarding the various data collected, please go to http://www.ucc.org/research_yearbook and click on "Annual Yearbook Reporting: Definitions Tip Sheet for Local Churches."

Church Report

This will provide you a report of your church's data. In the top left corner of this report screen you can select the year for which you'd like data displayed. If you'd like a print out of the data you've just reported, select 2017 from the list. (You can also print copies of previous year's reports by selecting the appropriate year.)

You can print this report by clicking on the printer icon. You can also save this report in a variety of file types. Click on the disk icon to select the type of file you'd like to save. Your conference does not have access to print this report. If you require a copy for your files, please be sure to print it before logging out of the system.

REMINDERS

- Change your password immediately. Make a note of your updated password.
- Use USPS approved abbreviations only in addresses.
- All questions, concerns or comments should be directed to your association.
- To cancel out of any of the data entry screens without saving the yearly data, simply click the Cancel button.
- All inaccurate data that is submitted should be reported to your association for correction.
- An Online Data Entry Form is provided at the end of this document to assist you in gathering data
 prior to submitting it in the Data Hub. Please print this to assist you in gathering your data prior to
 submitting it in the Data Hub.
- There are several tutorial videos posted online to assist you. Please visit http://www.ucc.org/research_yearbook to view these videos. (Videos will be updated in January 2018.)

Please contact you conference or association with any questions or concerns.

ONLINE DATA ENTRY FORM

Membership

Additions	Removals	
Confirmations	Deaths	
Confessions of Faith	Transfers Out	
Transfers In	Other Removals	
Reaffirmations of Faith		
Child Baptisms (12 & younger)		
Adult Baptisms (13 & older)		
Attendance	Youth Program	
Average Weekly Worship	Active Jr. High Participants	
Attendance Community Engagement	Active Sr. High Participants	
Church Participants	There on mgm run despunds	
Have your members participated		
in US or international mission/immersion/service trips?		
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Christian Education/Faith F	ormation Program	
Active Participants	Average Participants	
Children (0-17 years)	Children (0-17 years)	
Adults (18 years & over)	Adults (18 years & over)	
Financial		
Income	Expenditures	
Total Income	Other UCC Giving	
Pledges and Offerings	Other Support	
	Capital Payments	
	Operating Expenses	
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Endowments			
Bequests			
Deferred Gifts			
Endowment			
Ministerial Support			
Full-time	Yes No	Utility Allowance	
Minister Category		Social Security	
Salary		Annuity	
Additional Amount Paid by Other Church		Insurance	
Parsonage		Other Expenses	
Rental Allowance		Business Expenses	
If you have multiple pastoral sta	ıff, please complet	e additional ministerial support reports.	
Full-time	Yes No	Utility Allowance	
Minister Category		Social Security	
Salary		Annuity	
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