



Annual Meeting
2026

Celebrating the Power of Service

Saturday, November 7, 9:30am

Installation Charges by

David Klassen

President & CEO, UCC Pension Board

Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith

Association Exploratory Team Chair



David A. Klassen is the President and Chief Executive Officer for the Pension Boards-United Church of Christ, Inc. Previously, David served as Chief Investment Officer for the Pension Boards and United Church Funds for 14 years. He has significant experience in the fields of investment and finance. His Wall Street credentials include working as V.P. and Portfolio Manager at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter and Managing Director and Head of Equities at JPMorgan Chase. In a productive decade away from Wall Street, David graduated from divinity school, earned 4 units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) and was Partner of Springboard Leadership LLC, working with top

leaders and organizations to build diverse leadership capacity in the finance, not-for-profit, and government sectors. David earned a B.A. in Accounting from Franklin & Marshall College and a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary, and attended Tavistock Institute's Leicester Conference on Authority, Leadership and Organization. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and currently is a member of the Board of Trustees of Union Theological Seminary in NYC. In the past, he has served on the Investment Committee of United Church Funds and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Irvington, New York. He currently lives in Brooklyn, New York, is a long time member of Middle Collegiate Church, a United Church of Christ in Manhattan, and he and his wife Susan are parents to three NY-based adult children.

The Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith is a semi-retired authorized minister who continues to serve in interim ministry, most recently as Interim Senior Minister of the historic East View United Church of Christ in Shaker Heights, Ohio. She also serves on the Heartland Conference Board of Directors, the Living Water Association Exploratory Team, and the Moravian University School of Theology Board of Trustees. Before retiring, Dr. Dawkins-Smith held executive leadership roles in the national setting of the United Church of Christ and served as a Conference Minister in Central Pennsylvania. Her senior pastoral ministry includes leadership in urban and college-town congregations in Pennsylvania and Indiana. As a second-career clergy, Dr. Dawkins-Smith brings extensive professional experience in sales, marketing, management, and training across the pharmaceutical, banking, and nonprofit sectors. She is passionate about creating spaces that inspire thoughtful imagination, collaboration, and innovation.



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📅 **SAT NOV 7, 2026 | 9:30AM**

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