



# THE SPIRE CENTER

*All learning opportunities are free & offered via zoom  
Good will gifts & offerings are accepted with gratitude.  
Registration & info: <https://livingwaterone.org/spirecenter/>*

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 • 6:30-8 PM**

## **GENEROSITY MATTERS: MISSIONAL GIVING**

Are you tired of the annual stewardship campaign? Would you like to cultivate cheerful givers within and beyond your congregation? What would happen if we released the joy of generosity within our churches? Join us for a fresh take on nurturing generosity as Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith reframes the task of seeking financial support by using the idea of missional giving.

**FACILITATOR:** Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith, Ordained UCC Minister and former Conference and National UCC staff

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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 6:30-8 PM**

## **MISSIONAL STAFFING/STAFFING WITH PURPOSE**

The Church has a mission to be Christ in the world. As local churches, we discern what that means for us in this moment and then act accordingly. This is what missional (or mission-centered) ministry means. And it demands a lot of us, especially when it comes to deploying the ministry resource of paid staff. Join us for a discussion of choosing, training, and managing (hiring, disciplining and terminating) this important ministry resource from a missional perspective.

**FACILITATOR:** Rev. Nayiri Karjian, Transitional Conference Minister, Florida Conference UCC

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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 • 6:30-8PM**

## **PASTORAL CARE 101 / VISITATION PROGRAM IN YOUR CHURCH**

Care is a central part of who we are. We live out Christ's care for a world in need. But we, too, need care. In the crisis moments of life, in seasons of loss and grief, we need Christ's loving presence to be real and tangible for us. This self-care function of the church is "pastoral care," though the pastor can't and shouldn't do all of it. This learning opportunity will guide you in setting up a pastoral care program that your whole congregation can be part of.

**FACILITATOR:** Rev. Jodi Shay, Ordained UCC Minister and Chaplain with special gifts in pastoral care in mental health

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## **BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES: AN APPRECIATIVE APPROACH OCTOBER 17, 28 AND NOVEMBER 7 • 6:30-8PM**

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 – STRONG COMMUNITIES**

Join us for a transformative workshop on building strong communities through an appreciative approach to community ministry. Move beyond traditional charity models and embrace an abundance mindset, leveraging the gifts and assets within our communities to create lasting positive change. Discover how to tap into the resources already present and cultivate a sense of empowerment and resilience within our neighborhoods.

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 – RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

Join us for an in-depth exploration of building resilient communities to thrive in the face of future challenges. In this workshop, we'll analyze community challenges on individual, associational, and institutional levels, to leverage our strengths and assets. Discover how to harness the power of community collaboration and innovation to create a resilient foundation for the future.

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 – BELOVED COMMUNITIES**

Join us for this rich theological discussion about building the Beloved Community. Delve into a rich theological framework for community ministry, drawing from biblical themes. Discover how the concept of the beloved community serves as a contemporary language to articulate the aspirations of the "Kingdom of God." This workshop serves as the foundational theology for our community ministries, guiding our efforts towards building inclusive, thriving, and transformative communities.

**FACILITATOR:** Rev. Michael Howard, Association Minister of Faith in Action