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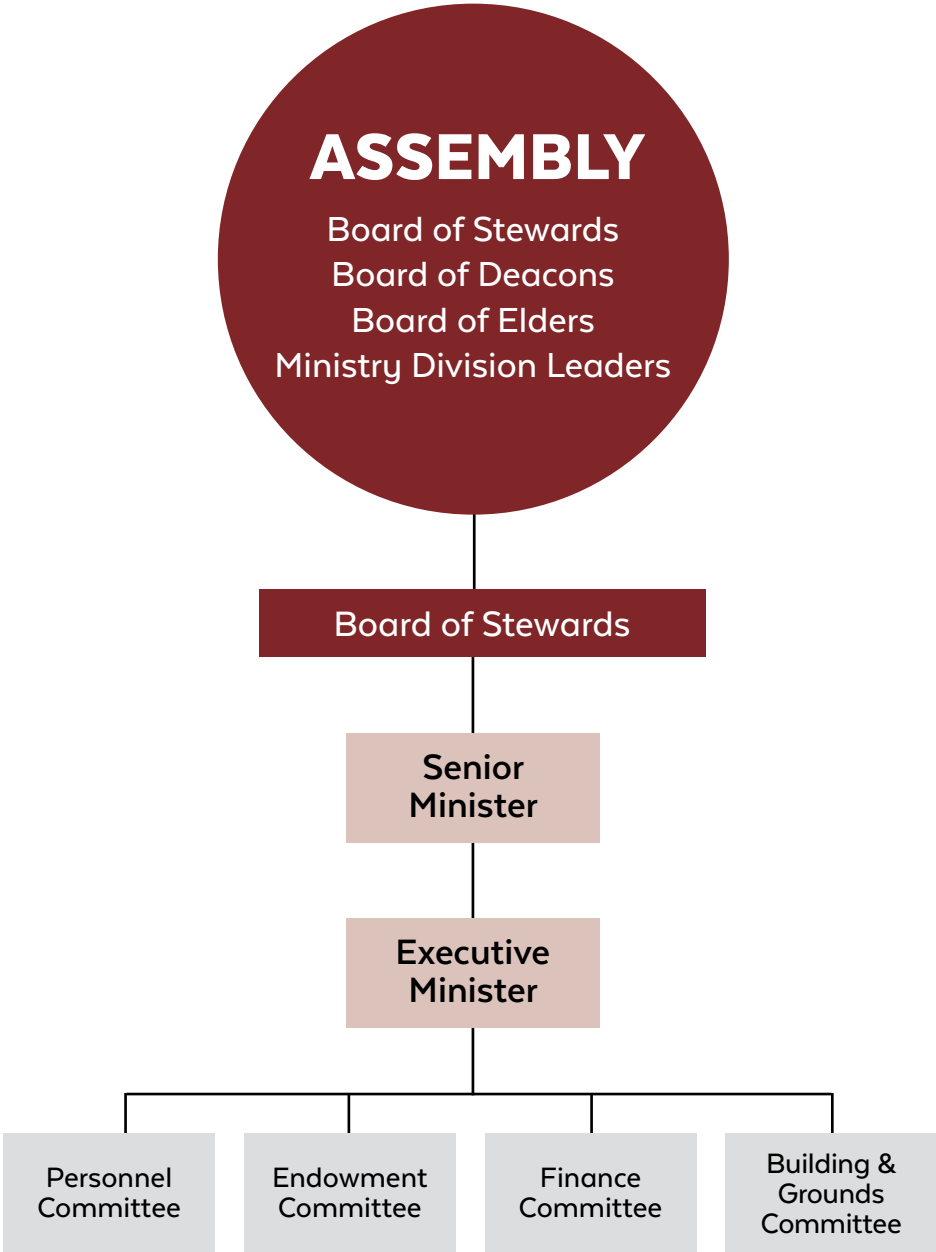
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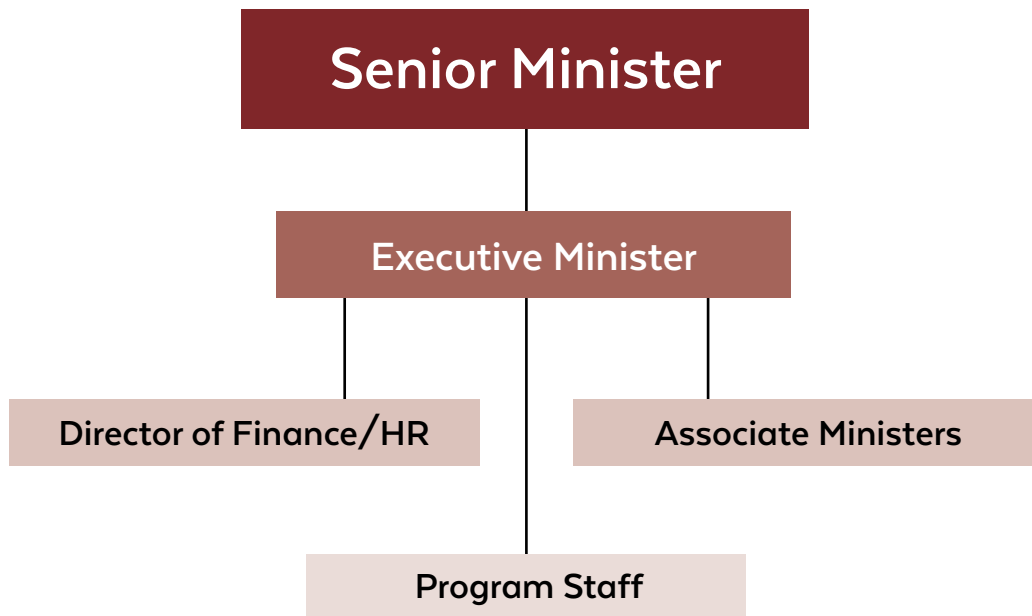


Organizational Structure

Church Governance Org Chart



Church Staff Org Chart



Board of Stewards 2017-2018

Ken Hubbell, Chair
Cathy Taylor, Vice Chair
Mary Nell Andrus, Secretary

Term Expires 2018	Term Expires 2019	Term Expires 2020
Mary Nell Andrus	Art Busbey	Susan Hill
Jeanne Duke	Ken Hubbell	Lindsay Klatzkin
Walter Echols	Mary Ruth Jones	Bill Landreth
Avis Herndon*	Keith Miller	Bill Pardue
Martha Lunday	Judy Stempel	Kate Williams
	Cathy Taylor	

Board of Elders 2017-2018

Chad Cline, Chair

Term Expires 2018	Term Expires 2019	Term Expires 2020
Pamela Atchison	Ann Barr	Linda Bennett
Rich Darr	Brian Gibson	Heather Harris
Martha Farr	Sally McKeen	Tim Lee
Carol Flack	Chad Mooney	Pat Muckleroy
Gregg Lehman	Cheryl Robison	Debbie Powell
Pam Miller	Scott Wheatley	Bill Proenza
Frank Perry	John Tomlinson	Nancy Strickland
Bea Smith	Mike O'Neal	Bill Walker

Board of Deacons 2017-2018

David Stoner, Chair

Term Expires 2018	Term Expires 2019	Term Expires 2020
Shah Aziz	Claire Andrus	Jennifer Alland
Allison Blakewell	Van Bollen	Katie Brooks
Christian Burton	Melanie Evans	Rick Carson
Liza Cox	Meredith Garcia	Kelsey Cobbs
Patrick Cox	Paul Hagseth	Warner Fox
Andrew Darr	Joy Ann Havran	John Jackson
Art Keim	Wesley Junker	Yeahwa Lee
Conner Nolan	Baek-hee Kim	Kerby McCracken
Molly O'Neil	Lynn King	Kitt Sechrist
Sue Ott	Marty Mills	Don Smith, Jr.
Annie Phillips	Bill Pauling	Patricia Smith
David Reeder	Shanelle Reyes	Eric Vanderwerken
David Stoner	Sharon Richey	
Charlie Towle	Matthew Smid	
Todd Waldvogel	Tom Stallings	
Emory Watts	Michael Williams	

Ministry Division Leaders

Ministry Division	Leader	Staff Liaison
Adult Faith Development	Carolyn Hyman	Jessica Vacketta
College Ministry	Stacy McCoy	Jessica Vacketta
Children's Ministry	Kelly Kruse	Kera Watts
Christian Care	Sandra Soria	Shannon Moore
Church and the Arts	Ellen Meyers	Todd Prickett
Men's Ministry	Tony Allred	Shannon Moore
Mission/Outreach	Cheryl McDonald	Cyndy Twedell
Music	Judy Vick	Todd Prickett
Women's Ministries	Leslie Dell	Cyndy Twedell
Worship Life	Art Busbey	Shannon Moore
Youth Ministry	Steve Milton	Cyndy Twedell

Financials

Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2017

Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 12 December

TOTAL OPERATIONS

2017 ACTUALS

Income Total

\$3,667,602

Staff Compensation & Benefits

\$1,896,462

Administrative & Ministry Expense

\$1,093,004

Mission & Outreach

\$614,777

Operation Expense Total

\$3,604,244

Capital Reserve Total

\$322,373

Restricted Reserves Total

\$982,249

Endowment Total

\$14,427,865

Programs

Weekday School

A group of dedicated educators, ministers and church members opened UCC Weekday School for the first time on September 11, 1967. The school began with two classes of 15 children and quickly grew to 36 enrolled children by the late 60s.

Today, UCC Weekday School is located in two wings of the church—a significant addition to the structure of the church in 2001 included an expansion of the school that allowed a maximum enrollment of up to 362 students. The current staff, which includes one director, four staff members and forty teachers, work with students in Cribs (eight weeks) through a half-day licensed Kindergarten (five year olds).

Our educational philosophy is to help young children become lifelong, enthusiastic learners. These principles are based on that of the premium preschool programs in the nation and guided by the NAEYC, the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Supporting the developmental stages of children ages 0-5 years, we provide activities in all major areas of learning (language, literacy, math, social studies, physical development, art, music, and personal/social skills).



Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival

This celebration of the victory of good over evil is perhaps the oldest continuing festival of the Christmas season. It began as a holiday tradition in the grand manor houses of England, and was brought to America during colonial days. There's never a dull moment in this beautiful and entertaining presentation, which is loaded with surprise entrances and exits by the performers.

University Christian Church members and audiences from locally and beyond have been entertained by the Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival annually for the past 42 years. We have marveled at this story of Jesus' birth from its detailed period costumes, the diverse cast that inspires awe and humor without speech, and the glorious mix of music provided by handbells, organ and orchestra.

Performances are historically held on Saturday and Sunday during the first weekend of January at 3:00pm and 5:00pm. These performances draws patrons from near and far! Every seat is filled, so it is suggested that patrons arrive at least one hour in advance.



Room In The Inn

Room in the Inn is a ministry UCC shares in with other local faith communities that takes place every Wednesday evening through Thursday morning for three months during the winter and three months during the summer.

After screening at DRC, guests are picked up by their host church then share an evening meal and fellowship before the guests settle in for a restful night's sleep. Breakfast is served in the morning and guests are taken back to DRC with a sack lunch for the next day.

UCC members, who have completed the required training to participate in this ministry, drive the men to and from the DRC, spend time playing games with them or just visiting, and host the dinner and breakfast tables. Two volunteers remain overnight, while others participate by setting up, working in the kitchen, bringing food, donating lunch ingredients, cleaning up and doing laundry.

Those Who Have Served Say...

“Room in the Inn is one of the very fine ministries of University Christian Church, and one of the reasons I joined UCC. I have had many heartfelt conversations with some of our guests, and many of them have shared with me their appreciation of what the church is doing.”

– Eldon Irving

“Being with guests at Room in the Inn, whether sharing a meal or serving our guests, has been an awesome experience for me, and one that I look forward to each week. It gives me the opportunity to visit, joke and laugh with these men in a home-like atmosphere. I am thankful to have this opportunity to serve!”

– Lynn King

“changed my mind about homeless people—they are awesome and smart!”

– Latham Hallgren

Children's Closet

The mission of the Children's Closet

To reach out to disadvantaged children in our community with God's spirit of love, help and hope by providing clothing to children in the Fort Worth Independent School District.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me. --Matthew 25:35-36

Generously supported by the church, monetary donations to The Children's Closet help buy uniforms, now a FWISD requirement, and also play clothes, shoes, and other necessary clothing items. This outreach ministry responds year-round to requests from school counselors to help children in emergency situations or those whose families cannot afford to buy clothes.

Back to School Bag-it Night

In response to specific requests by FWISD counselors, identified children receive new school uniforms each September and as needed throughout the year. On Bag-It Night, UCC gathers to fill each child's bag of clothes. The counselors pick up their request, along with a gift basket of needed classroom items they often have to purchase with their own money. Each year, approximately 2,200 uniforms are distributed to thirty-two different schools.



Mission Pilgrimages

University Christian Church is a Global Mission Church working with our international partners to experience God's transforming power. Our congregation is engaged in sharing the love and hope found in Christ through practical and significant acts of kindness, mercy, and care with our international partners.



Member Profile

Members



Sam Baxter

Sam has been a member at UCC since his freshman year at TCU. He has been involved in a number of things at UCC, including College Ministry and the Global Ministry outreach. He had the opportunity to travel on the Nicaragua Mission Pilgrimage in 2014 and the South Africa Mission Pilgrimage in 2017.

"I chose UCC as a student because of the endless opportunities to get plugged in—from worship on

Sunday, to various college events, to traveling across the world, there is always something going on. I appreciate the constant emphasis on building community that expands beyond the walls of the church, and learning what it means to be a Christian in today's world."

– Sam



Charles and Anne Sanders

Since 1964 my wife, Anne, and I have had connections to UCC. For a total of 24 years in two separate segments, I served as an associate minister for pastoral care. Now we sing in the choir, serve as Elders and participate in the Seekers Class.

At UCC we celebrate events across a wide spectrum. It is an important part of our lives.

Members



Liza Cox

Tatem, Tristan, Mason

Liza is the Medical Records Custodian for the Fort Worth Police Department, and a Deacon at UCC. We joined UCC after moving to Texas from Iowa, where we were die-hard Hawkeyes fans. TCU is now running a close second in our hearts, though (thank goodness they are in different conferences)! Liza loves being part of the UCC softball team and is part of the Community Sunday school group. She also is a member of the American Poolplayers Association and plays on a competitive league - still trying to get to that National Championship!

Mason is almost 8 and in 2nd grade. He loves being in Children's Choir and participating in Journeyland and Worship and Wonder during service. He plays Little League baseball and is in the GT program at school.

Tatem and Tristin are twins who just turned 5, and they love coming to Sunday School and are looking forward to starting Kindergarten this fall. Tatem really enjoys music time and loves dancing, while Tristin loves drawing the lessons and making art to hang up at home.

As a family, we love attending the Fat Tuesday Pancake supper put on by our awesome men's ministry, and attending Family Camp at Disciples Crossing. We also spend a lot of time at the ballpark, as Mason plays on a Little League team in the spring and fall, and is becoming quite a catcher.

"UCC is just the best place ever because we get to learn about God and love."

- Tristan, 5 years old

Members



Rev. Dr. Eldon and Mrs. Gloria Irving

Eldon and Gloria joined University Christian Church on Valentine's Day 2010. Eldon is a retired Disciples of Christ minister, having served the local church for 43 years before retirement. Eldon teaches in adult church school classes, served as chair of the Elders, serves on the youth committee and works with the church ministry for the homeless. Gloria worked as a commercial artist for many years. She is a member of the People's Bible Class, the Prayer Bead Ministry, Friday Fellowship and Room In The Inn for the homeless.

"I was raised in a Christian home as a child. My faith is an important part of who I am. Even as a college student I sought out a local church for worship. UCC fulfills my need to worship and serve in a welcoming and accepting Christ filled atmosphere."

- Gloria

"After retirement we visited several churches. We were drawn to UCC because of its many programs and ministries - including a magnificent choir and music program. There is something at UCC for all ages in this vibrant and welcoming church."

- Eldon

Members



**Margaret and Stuart McDonald
Malcolm and Sarah Jane**

Stuart grew up in a Disciples of Christ Church in Fort Worth. After he met and married Margaret and completed his medical training he and Margaret moved back to his hometown to begin his practice as a pulmonary and critical physician. Margaret and Stuart were looking for a vibrant church with ministries for themselves and the family they planned to start. They found UCC to a warm community of people sharing their faith journeys together which was intellectually stimulating while encouraging

questions of faith and life to be explored. They raised their two children at UCC where the children attended Weekday School, Sunday School, Youth Activities, and Worship. Malcolm is in college now and Sarah Jane is a finishing high school. They are both deacons and have enjoyed youth choir, mission trips, and being in the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival. Sarah Jane is in the Handbell Choir and traveled to England with the group one summer. They both have served on many church committees. Sarah Jane plans to go into the ministry as a profession. They both appreciate the opportunity UCC gave them to have leadership positions in the church and have the voice of the youth heard as they grew in their faith. Stuart and Margaret are both elders and are also involved at UCC in many ways. Margaret has served on many committees and is currently on the Women's ministries committee. Stuart is past chair of the board and is currently serving as chair of the elders. They really appreciate their Sunday School for the sense of family it brings.

Members



Ann & Crystal Garrett-Erwin
Jordan Bryce & Ashton Brody

Ann and Crystal joined UCC in the fall of 2016. Ann works for Granbury ISD in the technology department. Crystal is a Human Resource Generalist for Kelly-Moore Paint Company. Both serve as ushers and attend the Koinonia Sunday school class. Jordan is active in the Chi Rho youth programs and recently completed his Disciples class and confirmation. Ashton is an active member in UCC youth as well, and says his favorite thing to do is go to picture parables.

"We were searching for a church to attend after we moved to the area and God lead us to UCC. We knew we found our church home when we discovered how warm and inviting the church community was. I love that UCC offers so many opportunities for our family to serve together and for our boys to grow in their faith"

- Crystal

Members



Ann & Allan Barr

Allan and I have been members of UCC since the summer of 1976. I was pregnant with our first child and had been looking for a church home. UCC was a perfect place for us. Both of our daughters attended UCC Weekday School and I served on that board for a number of years. Our girls were active in Sunday school, youth group and handbell choir. We actively worked on fund raising activities to offset the cost of bell choir trips.

For the past 20 years I have worked for Leadership Fort Worth, a Community Trusteeship organization, in several roles and currently am Program Director for LeaderKids, a leadership program for 8th grade middle school students in partnership with Fort Worth ISD. Its mission is to develop leadership potential in middle school students through one-on-one mentoring with adult role models and through community volunteer projects.

I have served as a Deacon and am now and Elder. I have been a member of the Chancel Choir for nearly 40 years and am currently on the Choir Council.

"I love that UCC actively participates in programs that help our community. The Christmas Angel project, Children's Closet, Prom Dreams and other outreach activities fill such a great need in our community. UCC offers so many opportunities to be involved."

- Ann

Members



Mary Nell & John Andrus
Claire and Meredith

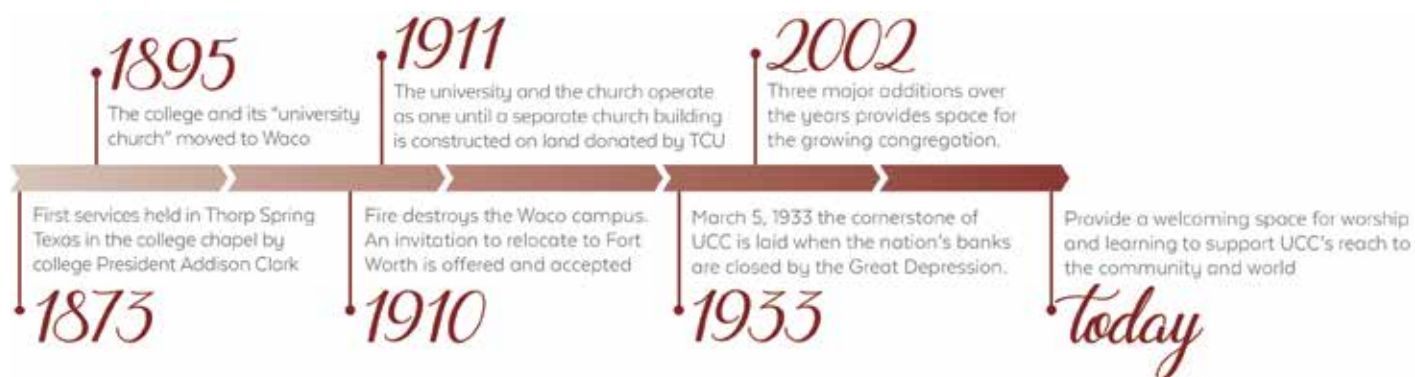
John & Mary Nell were married in the UCC sanctuary in 1995 and are members of the Genesis Sunday school class. Mary Nell is a lifelong member of UCC and is a teacher at UCC Weekday School. John is Director of Safety for Southwest Airlines, is an Elder, and is involved with our Room in the Inn ministry. Claire is in the high school hand bell choir and is looking forward to participating in mission trips to Nicaragua and Arizona this summer. Meredith has recently completed the Disciples Class and was baptized in our sanctuary. The whole family enjoys being a part of the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival each year.

"I love that UCC provides its members with the opportunity to explore and ask questions about our Christian faith. Through promoting the exploration of our relationship with God, UCC not only provides a community in which we can strengthen our relationship with God, but it also gives its members the opportunity to reach out to those seeking God's love and compassion."

- Claire

Our History

Timeline



University Christian Church, Texas Christian University and Brite Divinity School

University Christian Church has been related to Texas Christian University and the department that became Brite Divinity School since the very founding of the congregation by members of the University community. This relationship is alive today in the students, faculty, and staff of TCU and Brite who have been ministered to by this congregation and are active in the life of the congregation, singing in the choir, teaching church school classes, serving as elders and deacons, giving leadership to our annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival, and in myriad other ways. In addition, every year the congregation partners with Brite and the University to provide Ministers Week as a gift to ministers and other interested individuals from across the Southwest and beyond. This year's Ministers week drew more than 500 persons to University Christian Church for inspiring services of worship and informative lectures and seminars. In recent years, speakers have included Amy Butler, Peter Steinke, Sara Miles and John Shelby Spong. Next year's preacher is North Carolina Disciples of Christ pastor and social activist William Barber II.

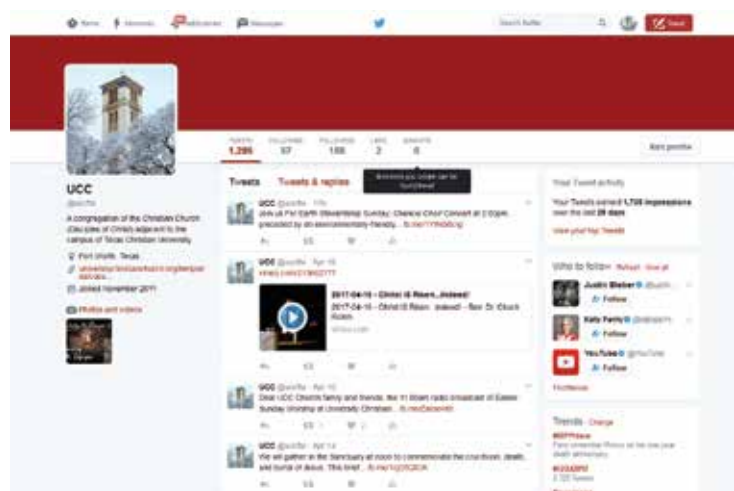
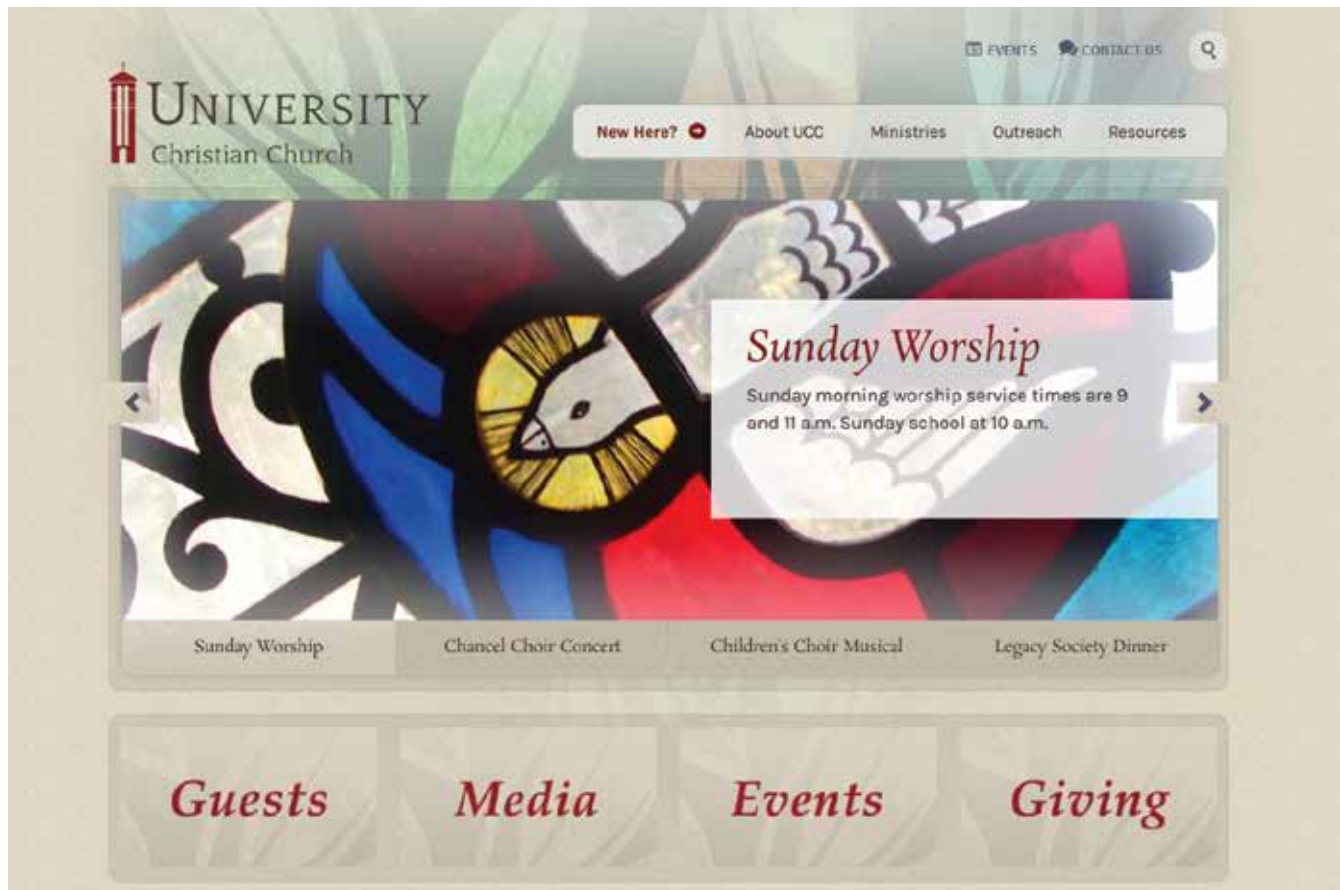


Dr. Newell Williams

- President & Professor of Modern and American Church History of Brite Divinity School at TCU
- Member of University Christian Church

Digital Presence

Internet



...and weekly newsletter emails

Application Process

Interested Ministers

Thank you for your interest in the UCC Executive Minister search.

The job has been posted with the Search and Call Ministerial Profile System on the Disciples Home Mission website.

<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/clergy/search-call/>

Do you have a name to submit to the committee?

Please email the potential candidate's name to Carol Wilkerson at uccexecsearch@gmail.com.