

**Western  
Reserve  
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Dear Friends,

We are pleased to invite you to the Annual Fall Meeting of the Western Reserve Association at Faith United Church of Christ, 575 Richmond Rd, Richmond Heights, OH 44143 at 9:00 a.m. The theme of this year's meeting is, "Legacy", and we will be joined by Connie Schultz, Pulitzer Prize winning author and columnist as our keynote speaker.

Parts of the day's program are a focus on two mission projects. The first, Mission 1, is a drive by the United Church of Christ to address hunger in the United States and in other parts of the world. Our hope is that all of the churches of the Association will participate in this national effort by receiving donations of food for local pantries, writing letters to your Senators and Representatives, and by receiving a special Neighbors in Need offering designated for famine relief (or by participating in any of the three). For more information please visit [www.ucc.org/mission1](http://www.ucc.org/mission1) for a manual and ideas for your congregation and share a paragraph about what your congregation is doing with Mark Suriano at [pastor@oldsouthchurch.org](mailto:pastor@oldsouthchurch.org). We will celebrate WRA participation at the meeting. After November 11 please send your final tally (number of donated food items, number of letters, and amounts raised for Neighbors in Need) to Mark and a shout out in Netweaver and a gift will be given to the three churches with the highest per-capita giving for each of the three categories (based on official Yearbook numbers).

The second project is a collection of unopened hotel-sized toiletries so that we can donate them to Mental Health Services on Payne Avenue in Cleveland. Please bring any of these items to the Annual Meeting where they will be collected and delivered to MHS the following week.

A flyer and registration form are included with this letter, if you are planning to join us for breakfast—and we hope you are!—registrations are due no later than October 22. Late registrations and walk-in registrations will be "meeting only". All materials and reports needed for your full participation will be found on the Western Reserve Association website ([www.wraucc.org](http://www.wraucc.org)) by October 15. Please read these over prior to the meeting and print any documents you may need, in the interest of the environment we will only be printing a **very limited** number of copies for those who register at the door.

Hope to see you all in November!

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