

# 2017 Annual Gathering Registration

This year's Annual Gathering will be held at Doane University, 1014 Boswell Avenue, Crete, Nebraska. The theme this year is "Imagining the Future: Bringing Church to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century". The Rev. John C. Dorhauer, author and theologian, who currently serves as ninth General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ, will be Keynoting. This will be a weekend filled with unique workshops, informational meetings and displays, the Ordination Celebration Banquet, a Wine and Cheese Tasting Social Gathering, and the chance to, weather permitting, experience Doane University Campus, which should be quite beautiful. Make sure you are a part of this uplifting and spiritual weekend by registering today! **All registrations should be received at the Nebraska Conference Office no later than May 22nd, 2017.**

Please make duplicates of this form to distribute to your delegates and members. You may also obtain a printable version on our website at <http://www.uccnebraska.org>. **Send one form in for each registrant.**

Please print clearly in the white box above/beside the information requested.  
 This information will be used for your nametags  
 and sending you information prior to Annual Gathering.

<b>Last Name</b>		<b>First Name</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>			
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zipcode</b>
<b>Home Phone:</b>		<b>Cell Phone:</b>	
<b>Church Name</b>		<b>Church Location</b>	

Check One:

- BOD member  
  Lay Delegate  
  Ministerial Delegate  
  Visitor

I will be attending the:

- Board of Directors' Meeting  
 Living Waters Association Meeting(s)  
 Prairie Association Meeting(s)

**Registration/Meals (including Ordination Banquet) Fee: \$75.00**  
 (if postmarked after May 22nd, add \$5.00)

**You must register if you plan on attending any of the scheduled events.**  
 (Reception, Wine & Cheese, Plenaries, Workshops, Keynote Speech, etc.)

**TWO EXCEPTIONS TO REGISTRATION:**

NOTE: For those only attending the Association meetings Friday:  
No registration fee if leaving before the Reception at 4:00 p.m. Friday

NOTE: For those attending the Friday evening Banquet only:  
No registration fee, just the cost of your meal

Registration/Meals (including Ordination Banquet) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We encourage you to purchase Rev. John Dorhauer’s book [Beyond Resistance: The Institutional Church Meets the Postmodern World](#), which his Keynote Address will be based. You may also find the active link to his book on the Nebraska Conference website. Just hoover over “ANNUAL GATHERING”, then click on the “2017 Annual Gathering Packet Materials” dropdown box.

**Rooms:**

We will NOT be holding a block of rooms at any hotel/motel. Sheldon Hall on the Doane University Campus is available for lodging (**Bldg. 22 on Map**). THERE ARE NO BUNK BEDS; two single beds per room. If you do not wish to stay in Sheldon Hall, you will be “on your own” for lodging. Below is a link to lodging options:

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/SmartDeals-q45667-Lincoln\\_Nebraska-Hotel-Deals.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/SmartDeals-q45667-Lincoln_Nebraska-Hotel-Deals.html)

SHELDON HALL LODGING: **Check in Thursday after 3 PM and Checkout Sunday before NOON**

- Doubles - \$27.75/night per person. This price includes a set of linens.
- Singles - \$36.75/night. This price includes a set of linens.

Note: “Set of Linens” means 2 sheets, 1 pillow, 1 pillowcase, 2 towels and 1 washcloth

If you decide to stay at Sheldon Hall, please indicate below which night(s) and roommate

- Thursday                       Friday                       Saturday

Roommate First and Last Name (If applicable):

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS: The main level of Sheldon Hall can be accessed by wheelchair and contains 11 rooms that sleep two per room. \*\*no elevator access

Please indicate below whether you need special accommodations

- I need “main level” lodging - wheelchair accessible

Lodging Costs..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Meals:

<https://doanedining.sodexomyway.com/dining-choices/index.html> for a typical week's menu. Actual menu determination will be at the discretion of Doane's Dining Service staff, excluding the Ordination Banquet. *(See Sample Menus on next page.)*

Friday Morning Hot Breakfast  
**PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.**

Friday Lunch  
**PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.**

Friday Annual Gathering Reception & Welcome  
**PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.**

Seasonal Sliced Fresh Fruit, Assorted Pastries, Cookies, Cakes, Brownies  
Iced Tea, Lemonade, Assorted Soft Drinks, and Iced and Bottled Water

Friday Evening Ordination Celebration Banquet (\$20) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CHOICE.**

Served Meal includes: Caesar Salad with Croutons, Roasted Fresh Seasonal Asparagus, Roasted Butter Squash, Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls & Butter, and Pies or Cobblers for dessert: Apple, Blueberry, Peach, Cherry. Fresh-Brewed Regular or Decaffeinated Coffee, Herbal and Non-Herbal Teas, Fresh-Brewed Iced Tea.

**COMBINATION PLATE: BEEF TENDERLOIN MEDALLION and SALMON FILET** on Caramelized Onion Mashed Potatoes and Demi-Glace Sauce

**VEGETARIAN WELLINGTON:** Fresh Spinach, Feta Cheese, Red Bell Pepper, Portobello Mushrooms, Yellow Squash and Zucchini Encrusted in a Flaky Puff Pastry

Friday Wine & Cheese Tasting Social Gathering  
**PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.**

Assorted Wines, Cheeses, Fruits and Crackers  
Assorted Soft Drinks, Fresh-Brewed Regular or Decaffeinated Coffee, Herbal and Non-Herbal Teas, Fresh-Brewed Iced Tea or Lemonade

Saturday Morning Hot Breakfast  
**PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.**

Saturday Lunch  
**PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.**

Saturday Dinner  
**PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.**

**SAMPLE HOT BREAKFAST**

Seasonal Sliced Fresh Fruit  
Hash Browns or Home Fries  
Muffins, Breakfast Breads, Coffee Cake, or Mini Scones  
Bacon, Pork Sausage Patties, Turkey Bacon, Pork Link Sausage, Turkey Link Sausage or Country Ham  
Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Garden Vegetable Quiche or Broccoli Cheddar Quiche  
Apple Pancakes or Traditional French Toast with warm Maple Syrup and Melted Butter  
  
Chilled Orange Juice, Apple Juice, Cranberry Juice and Grape Juice

**SAMPLE LUNCH**

**DELI BUFFET**

Creamy Cole Slaw with Apples  
Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad  
Potato Salad  
House Salad with Croutons and Dressing  
Assorted Bulk Chips  
Assorted Breads  
Sliced Roasted Turkey, Buffet Ham, and Roast Beef  
Sliced Swiss, Provolone, and American Cheeses  
  
Leaf Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, Sliced Onions, Dill Pickles, Mayonnaise and Dijon Mustard  
  
Assorted Cookies and Brownies  
  
Assorted Soft Drinks, Iced Tea or Lemonade

**SAMPLE LUNCH**

**BACKYARD COOK OUT BUFFET**

Country Potato Salad  
Cole Slaw  
Potato Chips  
Ranch-Style Baked Beans  
Grilled Hamburgers/Buns  
Grilled Hot Dogs/Buns  
Grilled Veggie Burgers/Buns  
  
Leaf Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, Dill Pickles, Relish and Onions, Ketchup Mustard, and Mayonnaise  
  
Assorted Cookies or Brownies  
  
Assorted Soft Drinks, Iced Tea or Lemonade

**SAMPLE LUNCH**

**FAJITA FIESTA BUFFET**

Cilantro Slaw  
Flour Tortillas, Grilled Beef, Chicken and Vegetables  
Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Shredded Cheese, Sour Cream, Pico de Gallo, and Cinnamon Chips  
  
Assorted Soft Drinks, Iced Tea or Lemonade

**SAMPLE DINNER**

**LITTLE ITALY BUFFET**

Classic Caesar Salad  
Fresh Garden Salad  
Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo or Spaghetti with Marinara  
Spaghetti with Meatballs in Marinara Sauce  
Cheese Tortellini with Basil Cream Sauce  
Cheese or Beef Ravioli  
Vegetarian or Traditional Meat Lasagna  
Garlic Bread Sticks or French Bread  
Cobblers or Pies, Chocolate Cake, Lemon Bars, or Assorted Cookies or Brownies  
Assorted Soft Drinks, Iced Tea or Lemonade

**SAMPLE DINNER**

**OLD FASHIONED BBQ BUFFET**

Roasted Vegetable Bow Tie Salad  
Country Potato Salad  
Corn Bread or Rolls & Butter  
Ranch Style Baked Beans  
BBQ Chicken  
BBQ Beef Brisket  
Hot Apple Crisp, Peach Cobbler, or Assorted Cookies or Brownies  
Assorted Soft Drinks, Iced Tea or Lemonade

Sunday Morning Breakfast

ON YOUR OWN.

**PARKING: FREE**

**Total Enclosed** (Registration/Meals/Banquet, Lodging) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Nebraska Conference of United Church of Christ. Send your registration form(s) to 3151 South Street, Suite B, Lincoln, NE 68502-3261. For any questions, email [uccneb@uccnebraska.org](mailto:uccneb@uccnebraska.org) or call (402) 477-4131 or (800) 793-4270.

You may also send your registration via email to [uccneb@uccnebraska.org](mailto:uccneb@uccnebraska.org). If you choose to register via email, please send the corresponding check to the Nebraska Conference Office directly following sending your registration form(s).

**Workshop Attendance:**

Please indicate which workshop(s) you will be attending.

- Early Morning (10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.)       Late Morning (11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.)

***The Second Touch***

***Room 236/238***

"A second look at small church ministry - it's power and potential." With diminishing populations in many of our small church regions, small congregations are faced with many challenges. This workshop encourages a new look at previously held images of 'church vitality' and suggests that small churches are uniquely equipped to bring a new vision to place-based ministry."

*Presented by Pastor Carla Patterson, Zion United Church of Christ, Talmage, Nebraska*

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***Legal Ramifications of Helping Refugees and Creating Awareness Regarding Safe Church Issues - Policies for Churches***

***Room 240***

*Presented by Steve Gerdes, an attorney who has been active on several Board Committees, such as the By-Laws and Investment and Endowment Fund committees, as well as being a General Synod At Large Delegate for the Living Waters Association*

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***Have You Thought About It -- What Are the Implications for My Church?***

***Room 242***

Changing norms in our society present changing risks to our churches. Have you thought about the implications if your church should decide to become a "sanctuary church for illegal immigrants"? Do you have a plan in place to respond to an active shooter or hostile threat to your parishioners? Are there invasion of privacy concerns with posting a prayer list? You've just fired the church secretary, custodian, pastor - are you sure of your legal stance? One of our parishioners has a concealed carry permit - can he bring his gun to church? One of our volunteers has been hurt while mowing the church lawn - will Work Comp pay his medical bills? An elderly member of our church fell down the church steps and got hurt - will Medicare respond or our church insurance? These and many other questions will be looked at during this session.

*Presented by George Thietje, Nebraska Representative for the Insurance Board - a financial ministry of the United Church of Christ*

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**How would you like to receive your packet materials?**

***Please check one.***

- I will print my own materials from the Conference Website at [www.uccnebraska.org](http://www.uccnebraska.org). All materials will be available after May 31st.
- I will pick up my materials at the Annual Gathering Registration Desk.
- Send my materials to the email address on my Registration Form.