

God Is Still Speaking ... and We're Listening

“Never place a period
where God has placed a comma”
[Gracie Allen]



The Northern California
Nevada Conference
of the United Church of Christ
OFFERS FORUMS ON

*Look to the challenges
Assess our strengths
Listen for the God
Who still speaks*

**THE FUTURE FOR
OUR CHURCHES**

FORUM 5: FINANCING THE MINISTRY & “BECOMING EVANGELS OF GENEROSITY”

*Join with your NCNC sisters and brothers at FORUM 5
Hosted by First Congregational UCC, Oakland
and Faith Community UCC, Oakland*

Saturday, April 28 — 10-4

2501 Harrison St, Oakland

Lunch is provided, along with

Inspiration, Prizes, Practical Wisdom, and Hooplah

Register with Dawn at

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| 9:30-10:00 | Registration & Community Time |
| 10-11:15 | Greetings and Welcomes, Hymns, Hoopla, and Inspiration Message by Rev. Lynice Pinkard |
| 11:15-11:30 | Break and move to seminars |
| 11:30-1:00 | Seminars: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. “That you may be freed from worldly care...” An examination of just and adequate compensation for your pastor.—Kevin Manz (<i>Committee on Ministry</i>) & Rev. Jo Siders2. “Give until it feels good.” Local Churches securing funds to cover operating and missional expenses. - <i>David Bergman-Hill & company</i>3. “Major Gifts”—The resources are in your midst. How will your church open the way for major gifts? - <i>Don Hill (UCC National Staff)</i>4. “Covenant Share”— How—and why?—do we support the ministry and mission that extends beyond our Local Church? - <i>Ellen Sweetin (Conference Board of Directors)</i>5. “Passing the Gift of Faith to Future Generations”—How can you plan your estate to include gifts to the church that has nurtured you? How can churches assist their members in planning bequests? <i>Tony Lewis (Conference Board of Directors)</i>6. “Faith & Generosity”—giving from joy and abundance as a transformational spiritual act.— <i>Rev. Lynice Pinkard (Conference Board of Directors)</i> |
| 1:00 | Lunch & Testimonies |
| 2:15 | Seminars, again |
| 3:45 | Presentation of ridiculous gifts, and the not so ridiculous “5 for 5” Awards Closing Hymn and Blessing |