

January 23, 2026

TO: Conferences of the United Church of Christ
Justice & Witness Ministries (a Covenanted Ministry of the United Church of Christ)
Local Church Ministries (a Covenanted Ministry of the United Church of Christ)
Wider Church Ministries (a Covenanted Ministry of the United Church of Christ)
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FROM: Karen Georgia A. Thompson, General Minister & President

CALL TO A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH GENERAL SYNOD

On January 12, 2026, the United Church of Christ Board voted to call a Special Meeting of the Thirty-Fifth General Synod (UCC Bylaw 188). Notice is hereby given the meeting will take place on May 9, 2026, at 6:00pm Eastern Time, and is expected to conclude by 9:00pm Eastern Time. All delegates¹ will attend the meeting remotely through communications equipment (UCC Bylaw 191).

The purpose of the meeting is to elect an Associate General Minister to an unexpired term.

No business may be transacted at a special meeting other than what is specified in the call (UCC Bylaw 188).

Conferences must transmit notice of this call to their Local Churches (Bylaw 190).

Further details of the meeting, including information on the candidate, will be communicated when available.

Yours in Christ,



Karen Georgia A. Thompson, General Minister & President

¹ Delegates to the Special Meeting of the Thirty-Fifth General Synod are the delegates who served at the regular meeting of the General Synod in 2025, as delegates are elected for a term of General Synod which extends from the opening of one regular meeting of General Synod to the opening of the next regular meeting of General Synod (UCC Bylaw 187). If delegates have resigned or are unable to serve, Conferences and HUGs may fill unexpired delegate terms according to their governing documents and policies.