



what we so often share in ministry to others. In order to be the Merriest Transition Person we can be we will need to give attention to ourselves, especially in December.

Would you join in wishing each and every one of us, "Merry Christmas?" By the way, see you after "the first of the year."

Grace and Peace,  
Gil Fauber

### Transition Ministry Working Group

The working group began with the task of finding a way to acknowledge the training specialties of Interim Pastors. Initially, the hope was of moving toward some kind of 'certification'. That terminology was rejected with legal advice, so the committee has been looking at other ways to recognize those who have completed various levels of training, i.e., Basic Interim Training, with the designation of Intentional Interim Minister (IIM); Professional Transition Specialist, (PTS); other specialized training such as following abuse (After Pastor), Conflict Management, etc. It would also be helpful to note those who are willing to relocate. We did recognize that it would be redundant for us to create an additional hoop for people to jump through, so felt it would serve us well to encourage our members to seek the Professional Transition

Specialist through the Interim Ministry Network.

It was also noted that trained Interim Ministers may need to work with local Committees on Ministry and other Conference leadership (such as those responsible for Search and Call) to raise their awareness of the role of **trained** Intentional Interims and how to access their names. **Char Burch** acknowledged that it is often difficult to know who the qualified Interims are beyond the particular area where Conference Staff are working. AUCCIIM may need to assist with this process either by listings such as those mentioned above or by direct contact with Conferences. We also encouraged Char to carry our concerns to the national Search and Call meeting which was recently held.

### Match Making

Judicatories have a need for up-to-date lists of **trained interims** available for assignment, they want to know the Interim's geographic area, mobility/willingness to relocate, level of training (none, Basic IIM or PTS). They want to know any specialty training the interim has such as Conflict Resolution, After Pastor, etc.

Interims like to plan ahead. While a break between assignments is recommended, few interims can afford a prolonged vacation. They would

like to make themselves known to judicatories in selected areas.

AUCCIIM is now in the process of developing a database to help the Judicatory/Interim Matching process. It will be available to judicatory placement personnel on a password protected area of our website. Only AUCCIIM Members will be registered, i.e., paid members so join now. We are looking to register specifically those members who have completed the basic courses, those with the PTS designation and those with specialty training. Watch for registration forms.

### Electronic Giving

One of the fringe benefits of *Still Speaking Money* is that organizations such as AUCCIIM may tap into it just as congregations may. I will be exploring the possibility of mechanisms for AUCCIIM members to join or renew by mail.

Vanco makes these services affordable to UCC entities, I've had personal experience with Vanco, the service provider when my wife's offerings were deducted from the checking account. My congregation is about to sign up. Vanco also offers credit card services for donations, including website donations. Something to think about for congregations as well as faith based organizations.

## New Addresses

Alas the email address initially used, [aucciimweb@aucciim.org](mailto:aucciimweb@aucciim.org) had become a spam magnet. It has retired to a quiet beach far away from dial-up, DSL, cable and even satellite internet service.

**Our website remains [aucciim.org](http://aucciim.org) but the new email contact address is: [dave-jernigan@aucciim.org](mailto:dave-jernigan@aucciim.org).**

The AUCCIIM editorial offices are in their new digs and hopefully will not change for the next decade or so. Moving is a pain! AUCCIIM's new **Transition Times** mailing address is 759 Jalapa Ct., Rio Rico AZ 85648

## Membership Cards and Pins

By the time you receive this, all of you should have received your AUCCIIM Membership Card. Those of you who are contributing members (Contributing more than \$50/year) should also have received your lapel pin.

## Who Can Join AUCCIIM?

Simply stated, anyone with an interest in United Church of Christ Intentional Interim Ministry. Judicatory staff, lay and ordained, trained interims from other denominations, and pastors in called positions interested in future interim assignments.

I am now in a settled position but will keep up my

membership in AUCCIIM and The Interim Ministry Network (IMN) because of the training, support and contacts, not to mention the friendships. Add to that the fact that the problems facing settled pastors are the ones a trained interim would have faced had s/he been assigned as an interim. All of us are "Interim Pastors" and all of us can use the training offered.

## Opinion

### Why not Install Interims?

Throughout my brief career as an interim I have missed the idea of being installed and uninstalled. We ride in at midnight, stay a while and then ride out at midnight many months later leaving some people asking each other, "Who was that masked rider".

Somehow I think we would have more interims and more successful outcomes if we had some sort of recognition that:

- We are there temporarily.
- We are there to accomplish certain things.
- We are but wayfarers who will ride out of town.

Likewise, a simple farewell service would mark the time of departure and the status of the tasks assigned in the beginning. Not anything as fancy as the installation service but something to help parishioners understand our roles. I'll never forget the individuals who got mad when I didn't buy a house in their community. Despite my

attempts to educate them that I was an interim passing through. Basically I was there one Sunday and a few months later, I wasn't.

Dave Jernigan

## An AUCCIIM 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration?

Let's get together for an AUCCIIM meal!

Interested in an evening with UCC colleagues during the next IMN conference in Baltimore?

There are all sorts of possibilities: we could meet at a Baltimore area restaurant, or carpool down to Howard Divinity School (a seminary with UCC roots), or consider a local church. I'm sure each one of you has even better ideas. Please contact Patricia Barth at [scorzabarth@rcn.com](mailto:scorzabarth@rcn.com) if this interests you and/or you would like to [help] plan the event.

Thanks—Patricia

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**Memberships may now be renewed for the 2007-2008 term.** Ending with the Annual AUCCIIM/IMN meeting in 2008. We would like to have memberships prepaid so we can publish a pictorial directory and have copies on hand to distribute at this meeting in Baltimore. It will also allow us to hand you your membership card, and if you are a sustaining member, our nifty lapel pin. Join or renew your AUCCIIM membership now to ensure continued receipt of Transition Times and the other benefits of membership.

Membership runs from Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting but early renewals and **new sign-ups are welcome.** Annual Dues are Basic - \$30, Sustaining: \$50 and more. Contributions are deductible. **Make your check payable to AUCCIIM and mail it to : AUCCIIM, 112 South St, Concord NH 03301**

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