

Set-up & Management

Board of Directors Duties

- Manages budget and contractual responsibilities
- Establishes membership guidelines and fees
- Supervises personnel
- Makes policy recommendations and decisions for review
- Each UCM member congregation chooses two voting members:
 - Pastoral leader
 - One lay representative

List of Member Congregations

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
Central Christian
Church Women United
College Avenue Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church
First Unitarian Church
Greater St James Church of God in Christ
Holy Family Catholic Church
New Bethel Missionary Baptist
New Bethel United Methodist
New Life in Christ Interdenominational Church
O'Fallon United Church of Christ
St Ambrose Catholic Church
St Cecilia Catholic Church
St Clare Catholic Church
St John United Church of Christ
St Mary & St Mark Catholic Church
Saint Nicholas Catholic Church
Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church
Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
United Presbyterian Church
Unity Fellowship Church
Ursuline Sisters

Funding

Annual dues range from \$400 to \$2,200
(based on worship attendance)

UCM has benefited from our generous supporters

- Campaign for Human Development
- Dominican Sisters of Springfield
- Sisters of Loretto
- Campaign for Better Health Care
- Presbyterian Church
- School Sisters of Notre Dame

UCM is reaching out to local donors

- Individuals
- Small Businesses
- Professionals
- Coporations

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United Congregations of Metro East



We share a strong desire for lasting social change that benefits all citizens - families, children, seniors, those of us who suffer, those who struggle in poverty and stress - in just and free local communities.

Who is the United Congregations of Metro East?

- Est. in 2000 and originally consisted of six church members
- Local non-profit organization, representing over 24 congregations/23,500 members
- Dedicated to improving the metro-east community

We are accepting of all faiths, ethnic groups and economic classes!

- UCM works to provide support and training to pastors and teams through regional and national workshops
- UCM receives guidance and inspiration from the Gamaliel Foundation, a foundation that President Barack Obama was affiliated with early in his career

Goals & Objectives

At UCM, we focus on a wide range of issues/projects.

- Providing employment and training of local contractors
- Providing affordable housing in Metro-East communities
- Drug courts that encourage drug-free communities
- Preserving the environment
- Providing affordable, quality health care for all citizens
- Reforming immigration laws
- Promoting quality education
- Promoting regional equity and smart growth



Hard Work Pays Off

Accomplishments of UCM

- Brought the first charter school to Madison County
 - Raised funding for drug treatment and rehabilitation centers
 - Worked with the Sierra Club to help Alton become the first Metro-East municipality to become a “cool city”
 - Worked with the Gateway Council of Governments, IDOT, Illinois Construction Opportunities, Madison and St. Clair Counties Workforce Investment Programs, and the Construction Preparation Center to provide increased training and employment of local contractors
 - Helped residents of the Madison County Sheltered Care Home and the Rock Springs Trailer Park
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