

NCC Local and Regional Ecumenism Committee Meets

The newly formed Local and Regional Ecumenism Committee of the National Council of Churches will meet on Feb. 3-4 in San Antonio, just prior to the NAEIS gathering. Many members will be staying on for the gathering. Please keep them in prayer as they discern how to encourage mutually supportive and empowering relationships among ecumenical and interfaith communities. Several opportunities to give feedback to this group will be made available, but feel free to share thoughts, ideas, concerns with any of them at any time. If you want to communicate with the whole committee, send email to aripple@nccusa.org.

The following two members will share leadership responsibilities:

Angelique Walker-Smith, executive of the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis and ecumenical officer for the National Baptist Convention, USA, and NCC Governing Board Member

David Baak, retired local executive in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Reformed Church in America member, and former chair of the Ecumenical Networks Standing Committee

Other members include:

José Luis Casal, PC(USA), NCC Governing Board Member and Judicatory Executive, West Texas

Steven Copley, UMC, Interfaith State Executive, Arkansas

Robyn Fickes, Disciples of Christ, New Fire Local Ecumenism and Outreach Team, Washington, DC

Arlene Gordon, PC(USA), Retired Judicatory Executive, Central Florida

Don Green, ELCA, Local Executive, Southwest Pennsylvania

Darryn Hewson, UMC, Regional Ecumenical Officer and Local Pastor, Washington State

Stan Kimer, UFMCC, State Council Board, North Carolina

Marilyn Mecham, ELCA, State Executive, Nebraska

Chris Morton, Disciples of Christ, Local Executive, Tacoma/Pierce County, WA

Tom Orians, Catholic, Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, New York

Ron Quay, ABCUSA, Local-Regional Executive, Southeast Iowa/Northwest Illinois

Stephen Sidorak, UMC Ecumenical Officer, NCC Governing Board Member, and Former State Executive, Connecticut

Brenda Stiers, UCC, Retired Local Executive, Washington/Colorado

Rebecca Tollefson, PC(USA), State Executive, Ohio

Alice Webley, Episcopal Church, NCC Governing Board Member, Former Ecumenical Networks Committee member

An Orthodox representative will be determined in the future - nominations welcome.

Ex Officio Members:

Peg Chamberlin, NCC President

Scott Anderson, NAEIS President

Carlos Malavé, Incoming NAEIS President

Liaisons:

CADEIO Rep: **Joe Witmer**, Catholic, Regional Ecumenical Officer, Ohio

NCC Faith and Order Rep: **Ray Kibler**, ELCA, Regional Faith and Order Chair,
Southern California

(Other liaisons will be established by the committee over time.)

NCC Staff:

Ammon Ripple and **Michael Kinnamon**