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**New UCC headquarters to welcome guests in Oct. 19 open house**

The United Church of Christ national headquarters is inviting congregants, pastors and local partners to a community open house Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 2 to 5 p.m. The UCC’s new, state-of-the-art offices are located in the heart of downtown Cleveland at 1300 E. 9th St. (11th floor).

“We are very pleased to be in our new space, and we are anxious to communicate to our partners that they are welcome here,” said the Rev. John Dorhauer, UCC general minister and president. “We have spent decades cultivating partnerships with important community leaders who knew us in our previous space. We see this open house as a way of making them all feel at home, welcome in and comfortable with our new work environment.”

Staff moved into the space in early July. The former national offices were located at 700 Prospect Ave. That building has been sold to a local real estate developer.

Visitors will be welcomed into the AECOM building at the first-floor conference suite, and UCC staff will be offering guided tours of the 11th floor every half hour. COVID-19 vaccinations are not required, but masks are preferred for safety.

A video tour with Rev. Dorhauer will also be shared on UCC.org to accommodate all who would like to see the space but can’t attend the open house in Cleveland.

For questions about the event, email UCC News Director Connie Larkman at larkmanc@ucc.org.

WHAT: United Church of Christ Community Open House

WHEN: Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022 — 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE: AECOM Building, 1300 E. 9th St. (first and 11th floors).

WHO: Hosted by the national ministries of the United Church of Christ.

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The United Church of Christ, a mainline Protestant denomination, has more than 770,000 members and over 4,700 congregations nationwide. Headquartered in Cleveland, it is a church of many firsts: the first mainline denomination to ordain a woman, the first to ordain an openly gay man and the first predominantly white denomination to ordain an African American.