

Featured Guests



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Rev. Quinn G. Caldwell, Pastor and Teacher of Plymouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ in Syracuse, New York. He is well-known in the wider United Church of

Christ as a member of the UCC Stillspeaking Writers' Group and an author for the Stillspeaking Daily Devotionals. (<http://www.ucc.org/feed-your-spirit/daily-devotional/>) He is a leader of the Under-40 Writers Group for the UCC website's Feed Your Spirit. Caldwell is also the co-author of *The Unofficial Handbook of the United Church of Christ*.

His other wider church activities include co-creating "Bless," a small group DVD resource; co-hosting "Bless: A Conference for Worship Leaders" in 2011; and co-creating the nationally streamed commissioning service for Misson:1, also in 2011.

Caldwell graduated from Cornell with a BS in natural resources in 1999, and received his master's in divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 2003. He spent two years as a pastoral resident at Wellesley Congregational Church in Wellesley, Mass. in a training program paid for by a Lily Endowment grant. There, the Rev. Martin Copenhaver, tutored him in the practice of ministry.



Robbie Paul is the director of Native American health studies at Washington State University at Riverpoint Campus in Spokane.

She grew up in Craigmont, Idaho, on the Nez Perce reservation, the daughter of a white mother from Kansas and full Nez Perce father.

Robbie earned a bachelor's degree in home economics in 1972 at the University of Idaho and a degree in early childhood education at Spokane Falls Community College in 1984. She also has a master's degree in psychology at Eastern Washington University, completing it in 1994. In January 1995, she became coordinator for recruitment and retention for WSU's College of Nursing.

Robbie—Tow-le-kit-we-son-my—also does public speaking and education related to her doctoral dissertation, on "Historical Trauma and its Effects on a Ni mii puu Family". She earned her doctoral degree in 2007 at Gonzaga University.

In July 2007, she became director of Native American Health Sciences at WSU's Spokane campus. In that role, she helps recruit and retain Native American students for health sciences such as nursing, pharmacy, speech and hearing, exercise physiology and medicine.

Robbie lives in Deer Park with her second husband, Paul Wise, and attends the Open Door United Church of Christ.



Rev. Dr. John R. Deckenback

Has served as the Conference Minister and CEO of the Central Atlantic Conference since 1992. In addition to having served on many, many denominational

boards and committees, he's also been a regional leader in supporting marriage equality, racial equality and challenging the death penalty.

During his time with us, we will benefit from his study of the Congregational history in the Idaho/Washington border region. He enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, trains, gardening, running, and studying history. John is married to the Rev. Carolyn Roberts.