January 5, 2015

Dear United Church of Christ Colleagues:

Happy New Year from your UCC-related school, Chapman University! We want you to plan now to come to Chapman University for Founders Day, March 13-14, 2015.

Enclosed in this packet you have a poster, registration and schedule information, bulletin inserts and newsletter articles to help you promote Founders Day in your congregation.

We will gather on the Orange, California campus to enjoy:

- **Richard H. Lowery**, Hebrew Bible scholar and teacher, will relate foundational stories in Genesis to contemporary issues in human rights. His PhD is from Yale and he has taught at Phillips Theological Seminary until joining his wife, the Rev. Sharon Watkins, in Indianapolis while she serves Disciples as the General Minister and President. He will do three lectures on Friday, March 13 and one the following day in the afternoon.

- Worship on Saturday morning in the Wallace All Faith’s Chapel. Our preacher is returning to her alma mater: **Rita Nakashima Brock ’72**. Rita heads the Soul Repair Center at Brite Divinity School, doing research and public education about moral injury. We will honor **David Downing** as Disciples Church Leaders of the Year and **Petra Malleis-Sternberg** as the United Church of Christ Church Leaders of the Year.

- An hour concert by Chapman University’s **Concert Choir** on Saturday afternoon after Rick Lowery’s final lecture.

- Workshops on Saturday morning for prospective students and their parents as well as a talk on Mindfulness by **Dr. Gail Stearns**, Dean of the Wallace All Faith’s Chapel.

- A big reunion event—a Friday evening dinner for all alumni, Disciples on Campus parents and prospective parents and Chapman friends. Then we will be going to---

- A new, exciting event: **Godspell** which will be performed in the Wallace All Faiths Chapel on Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 pm and Sunday afternoon at 2 pm. DOC senior **David Ruby** is the director.

We hope that Founders Day will inspire you in your Christian walk and your sense of connection to Chapman University and YOUR amazing students here. I invite you to make this and every Founders Day part of your congregation’s adult education programming.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Nancy E. Brink
Director of Church Relations