Go Fish … With a Net, Not a Hook

So, why should you and your congregation support the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ (SECUCC) capital campaign? That was a question for us at Central Congregational UCC in Atlanta … it’s probably for you also.

It’s about “nets” … about casting nets. It’s about being “fishers” … not single “hooks with bait.” It’s about nets among and between us.

Read John 21:5 - and more

“Jesus called out, ‘Haven’t you caught anything, friends?’ And when they answered, ‘No,’ he said, ‘Throw the net out to starboard and you’ll find something.’ So they threw the net out and could not haul it in because of the quantity of fish.”

Well, we in the southeast have been fishing in our own “ponds” with single hooks. That may be ‘okay’ to just feed ourselves. But we need to feed more, to feed one another. To reach out.

We need to form “nets,” connections with one another congregation, nets for each congregation. Nets from congregations and individuals from Tennessee to Mississippi to Alabama to northern Florida through Georgia to South Carolina. The SECUCC capital campaign is about creating those “nets.”

Central Congregational UCC … after ‘chats’ open to all, consideration by council, and unanimous vote by called meeting … decided to “cast our net” for a capital campaign with a tithe of $125,000 to the Southeast Conference.

There are ever so many people in your neighborhoods, communities, towns, states who want to find our “nets,” lifted up. We, too, need to help the SECUCC weave those nets and “fish together.”

Let’s all be fishers together in the Southeast … knit our nets, and follow what God, Jesus, and Spirit showed us.

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