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*Together, We Create a Just, Caring and Compassionate World*

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## Back Bay Impacts Fight Against Hunger

At Back Bay Mission, the green beans don't stay on the shelf for long. Those and other foods disappear quickly at Back Bay's food pantry, the only place on the Mississippi Gulf Coast that allows individuals in need to choose their own food. The goal is to reduce waste while providing a vital service to the community – all while empowering clients and allowing them to maintain their dignity. [Read more »](#)



## Annual Meeting Will Help Members Share, Fulfill Mission

CHHSM members will explore how to share the message of their mission during the organization's 79th annual meeting March 2-4 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. With the theme "Our Bold Vision in Word and Deed," the three-day gathering is designed to help members learn how to understand and tailor critical communications. [Read more »](#)

## Health and Human Service Sunday Set for January 29

Resources are now available for the United Church of Christ Health and Human Service Sunday, which will be observed Jan. 29, 2017. Health and Human Service Sunday is a special opportunity to create awareness of the health concerns of communities and world, and to learn about the many and various health and human service ministries of the United Church of Christ. [Read more »](#)



### FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Gratitude - The Year in Review

As 2016 draws to a close, I look back with gratitude on all that has happened in our shared life of this passion-driven health and human service ministry called CHHSM. [Read more »](#)



### MORE NEWS

United Church Homes Launches Center for Abundant Aging

Survey: Health and Human Service Ministries Deemed Key to UCC Churches' Vital Futures

"As a servant leader, I believe in providing leadership and direction; seeking, finding and recognizing talent; and listening for and making use of great ideas."

**Hugh Meyers**

Executive Director, Orion Family Services  
Madison, Wisconsin



Consegra Adding Four Communities in Rockford

Retirement Housing Foundation Acquires Chicago Community

**FORMING LEADERS**

**CELEBRATING HERITAGE**

**RESOURCING MINISTRIES**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Data on Purpose**

February 7, 2017



**79th CHHSM Annual Meeting**

March 2, 2017



**Caring for the Human Spirit**

March 13, 2017

**VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

CFO, Day Center Case Manager: Back Bay Mission

Various Open Positions: Retirement Housing Foundation

Various Open Positions: United Church Homes

Various Open Positions: United Church Homes and Services



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