January 5, 2016

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 11-12, 2016.

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:

- **Rita Nakashima Brock** will be our featured professor, speaking to us about issues of moral injury that often trouble military personnel. She is the founding director of the Soul Repair Center at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth. Rita is an engaging and compelling speaker.

- Worship on Saturday morning in the Wallace All Faith’s Chapel. Our featured preacher is **Dr. Michael Kinnamon**, former head of the National Council of Churches, ecumenical leader and educator.

- We will honor the **Rev. Dr. Ben Bohren** as Disciples Church Leaders of the Year and the **Rev. Sepulona Tanuvasa and Foai Tanuvasa** as the United Church of Christ Church Leaders of the Year.

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

- **Workshops** on Saturday morning for prospective students and their parents as well as a talk on the Chapman AMVETS Clinic work by Law Professor **Kyndra Rotunda**.

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

- Premier of Andrew Carroll’s play **Grace Under Fire: Letters of Faith and Meaning in Times of War**, directed by John Benitz. Carroll is the Founding Director of the Center for American War Letters and uses actual letters from soldiers in American conflicts to make theological questions of war come to life.

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