

# Federation of Christian Ministries

2016 Assembly - August 5-7, 2016



## Photos



## With Open Arms

Sheraton Cleveland Airport Hotel...Cleveland, Ohio

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Federation of Christian Ministries 2016 Assembly

*With Open Arms*  
*Cleveland, Ohio*



**Patty and Tom Stricker**  
Assembly Co-Chairs

**Tom Stricker**  
FCM National Chairperson



*Assembly Keynote Speakers*



**Marianne Duddy-Burke**  
Executive Director, DignityUSA  
Welcoming All:  
Ministers and Ministry that Respond  
to Human Needs and Can Save the  
Church



**Bishop John Shelby Spong**  
Recovering the Jewishness of the  
Christian Gospel  
Hearing Authentic Christianity with  
21st. Century Ears



**Rev. John C. Dorhauer**  
United Church of Christ.  
General Minister and President  
Unfinished Business of Civil Rights  
in America

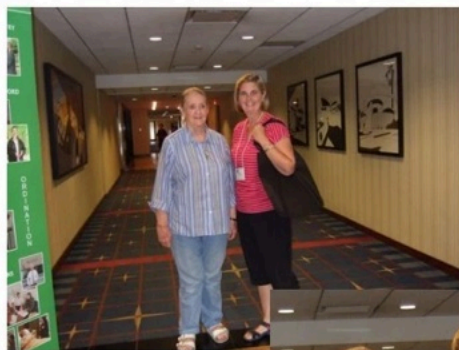


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## Registration



Patty Stricker - Co-Chair of the Assembly and  
Michaelita Quinn - Assembly team member



FCM Members  
Diane Small and  
Judy Lorenz

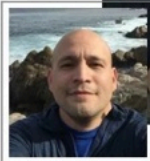


## Meditation Room...designed by team members...Carolyn Horvath and Tom Leonhardt



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## Workshops



**Ministering to the Hispanic Community**  
Presenter:  
Salvador Leavitt-Alcantara, FCM Chaplain



**Faith Communities...Growing Together**  
Presenters:  
Tom Quinn, FCM Past President  
Tom Stricker, FCM Chairperson  
Right photo - Carl Yusavitz - Specialized Ministries



**Prayer in the 21st. Century**  
Presenter:  
John Polanski, FCM



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## Workshops

**When Mental Illness and Suicide Hit Home**  
Presenters:  
Tom and Fran Smith



**Unwelcome at the Table..A Blessing in Disguise**  
Presenters:  
Jean and Mike Conley, FCM

**Praying with  
the pipe...**



**Take the Journey to Earth-based  
Spiritual Practices  
It's the Beauth that Gets You**  
Presenters:  
Diane Therese Pinchot, OSU  
Christopher Reynolds, Shaman



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## *Commissioning*

Commissioning Ceremony Celebrant - Tony Ercolano, FCM  
 FCM members commissioned by the Circle of Directors August 2016



All of the newly commissioned do not appear on the photos

James A. Verrecchia  
 Reverend Sakinah Nicholson-Carter  
 Dr. Ronald Modras  
 Reverend Judy Lorenz  
 Javier Perez  
 Steve Stitely  
 Sharon Rose Dickinson  
 Catherine Helen Knowles  
 Maria E. Gullo  
 Cynthia K. Hong, D.Min.  
 Daniel E. Lee, Ph.D.  
 Erik Anders Doughty  
 Rev. Grayce R. Lane, M.Div.  
 Rev. Joey Armstrong, M.Div.  
 Kristen Katelyn Melcher  
 Rev. Phillip L. Haltom  
 Robert J Livingston  
 Pamela L. Meyers  
 Staci Striegel-Stikeleather, MA

## *Endorsement for Specialized Ministries*



Endorsement Ceremony Celebrants  
 Christy Howard-Steel and Carl Yusavitz



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Rev. Richard K. Cruse  
 Rev. Comfort Owusu Fordjour, M.Div.  
 Rev. Daniel Hoard  
 Rev. Grayce Lane, M.Div.  
 Jane D. Reina  
 Stephanie M. Ryu  
 In Young Sohn, M.Div.  
 Rev. Anya Spielberg  
 Rev. Shawna Tuttle, M.Div.



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## Anthony Soto Award

The 2016 Anthony Soto Award was awarded to Jean and Mike Conley of the Pacific Region. Mike shared that Anthony certified/commissioned him to officiate his first wedding as a member of FCM.

### Anthony Soto Award



Anthony Soto was a friar and pastor, scholar and field worker, dreamer and organizer, idealist and activist, husband and father, and a longtime member of FCM. Anthony founded an innovative job training program and was a leading figure in the struggle of Mexican-Americans for justice in the workplace.

Anthony Soto started a retreat movement emphasizing a leadership that grows out of community. He and his wife Phyllis were among the founders of the *Comunidad* in San Jose, California, a small but dynamic Christian community.

The Anthony Soto Award is given each year to an FCM member who exemplifies his spirit and vision. The recipient is chosen by a committee of FCM members.



Tom Cusack, FCM President  
Mike Conley, FCM/GMU  
Jean Conley, FCM/GMU  
Tom Stricker, FCM Chairperson

## GMU Graduation



Donnieau Snyder, FCM  
Maryann Crilly, FCM  
Gail Schultz, GMU Registrar  
Daniel Lee, FCM

## Biennial Membership Meeting



Left Top: Tom Stricker, FCM Chairperson  
Middle: Tom Cusack, FCM President  
Right Top: Sue Ross, FCM Treasurer  
Bottom Left: Tom Leonardt, FCM  
Carolyn Horvath, FCM  
Central Office and Membership



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## Assembly Attendees Networking



Great Lakes Region Attendees...photo by Sandra Schmidt



Antoinette Marold & Maryann Crilly



Ginny Cusack, Tom & Fran Smith



Sarah Lindberg, David Moss,  
Tresca Allsman, James Adams



Jane Olivier & Bill Manseau



Chava Redonnet, Carl Yusavitz &  
Mary Tanney



Tom Cusack



Maryann Crilly & Tom Schaller



Bob Funaro & Marianne Duddy-Burke



John & Mimi Dorhauer



Don Stephan seated with  
John Dorhauer



Assembly Planning Team

### Team

Tom Stricker  
Patty Stricker  
Michaelita Quinn  
Antoinette Marold  
Amy Simpson Bennethum  
Carolyn Horvath  
Tom Leonhardt  
Bea Broder-Oldach  
John Polanski  
Tom Cusack



Christine and John Shelby Spong