

# Wisconsin Council of Churches

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## MEMBERS

African Methodist  
Episcopal Church  
American Baptist Churches  
Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Church of God in Christ  
Church of the Brethren  
Episcopal Church  
Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America  
Greek Orthodox Church  
Moravian Church  
Orthodox Church in America  
Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Reformed Church in America  
United Church of Christ  
United Methodist Church

## OBSERVERS

Roman Catholic  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
Diocese of La Crosse

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Benedictine Women  
of Madison  
Church Women United  
Interfaith Conference of  
Greater Milwaukee  
Leadership Conference  
of Women Religious  
(Region 9)  
Madison Area Urban Ministry

**Rev. Scott D. Anderson,**  
**Executive Director**

*We pray and work together for the unity and renewal of  
the church and the healing and reconciliation of the world.*

## We are...



## ...Forming Leaders

**The Council helps train a new  
generation of leaders for  
faithful service to Christ through  
workshops and conferences for  
pastors and laity.**



*Rev. Brian McLaren*

### • **Washington Island Forum**

This annual week-long conference for 200 clergy, lay leaders, and their families provides an ecumenical opportunity for community building, learning and spiritual renewal on beautiful Washington Island, at the tip of Door County. Nationally recognized speakers such as Diana Butler Bass, Barbara Brown Taylor and Marcus

Borg keynote this event. The 2013 presenter will be Rev. Brian McLaren focusing on the emerging church.



*Dr. Diane Jacobson*

### • **Theological Workshops for Clergy & Lay Leaders**

such as *Preaching and Teaching the Texts for Advent and Christmas*, October 2-4, 2012 with Dr. Diane Jacobson, Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Dr. Jacobson is a lover of scripture: "My calling is to teach Scripture for the sake of God's world, and to invite others into the wonders and rewards of exploring the Bible together."

See [www.wichurches.org](http://www.wichurches.org) for a full listing of upcoming events.



Dr. Walter Brueggemann at the WCC Forum on Ethics and Public Policy

## ...Empowering Public Witness

**Representing the collective voice of its member denominations, the Council educates and mobilizes grassroots Christians to witness to their faith in the public square.**



### • A Season of Civility

In the midst of the most polarizing elections in Wisconsin history, the WCC is providing training and resources for congregational leaders around the state to promote civil dialogue and community building across the divide of partisan politics.



### • Ending Hunger in Wisconsin

The Council engages people of faith to fight hunger by promoting family economic security; ensuring that everyone has access to affordable, healthy food; supporting food pantries and other emergency food providers; and advocating for strong state and federal nutrition programs.



### • Building a Clean Energy Economy

Our moral responsibility to care for God's creation and our most vulnerable neighbors is the basis for the Council's education and advocacy on behalf of creating a new energy economy -- one that combats climate change and provides job opportunities through increased efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy.



## ...Equipping the Missional Church

**The Council works with local congregations, in partnership with its member judicatories, to discern how God is at work in our world, and to discover new ways to participate with God in fulfilling God's mission.**



### • Moving Back into the Neighborhood

Many aging congregations have lost touch with their surrounding neighborhoods. *Moving Back into the Neighborhood* is a resource for congregational leaders who want to take some initial, exploratory steps into their neighborhoods in order to discern what God is up to and to join the Holy Spirit in making all things new. The resource is available free at <http://www.wichurches.org/programs-and-ministries/empowering-the-missional-church/>