

## Responses Affirming Discussion of the Wisconsin Conference Becoming ONA Due March 1

**We need you!** If not already done, we need churches to return the <u>response sheet</u> that affirms that there has been discussion in the congregation—at the annual meeting, with the council, in a Bible-study group, in a men's breakfast group, or some other gathering of your church—about the resolution of witness to declare the Wisconsin Conference an Open and Affirming Conference.

What's this about? At the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Conference of the UCC, a resolution of witness was introduced and passed to declare the Wisconsin Conference an Open and Affirming Conference. A resolution of witness requires a year of study between its introduction and a vote. During that year, a <u>study guide</u> may be used by churches as a way to assist them, or some sub-group of members of the churches, in that study.

Upon completion of their study, churches are asked to return a <u>response sheet</u> indicating that they have completed their study of the resolution. No vote is asked for at that time. The vote will take place at the 2014 annual meeting of the Wisconsin Conference in June in Green Lake by the delegates of all the churches in the conference—but only if responses are received from at least 30% of the churches in the conference by **March 1, 2014**.