

# LIST OF FAMOUS UCC MEMBERS

## Politicians

- Daniel Akaka — Former U.S. Senator from Hawaii (Democrat)
- Max Baucus — Former U.S. Senator from Montana (Democrat)
- Jon Corzine — Former Governor of New Jersey (Democrat)
- Howard Dean — Former Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, former Governor of Vermont (Democrat)
- Jim Douglas - Former Governor of Vermont (Republican)
- Mark Fernald — Former New Hampshire State senator<sup>[61]</sup>
- Mills Godwin — Former Governor of Virginia
- Bob Graham — Former Governor and U.S. Senator from Florida (Democrat)
- Judd Gregg — Former U.S. Senator from New Hampshire (Republican)
- Hubert Humphrey — Former Vice President of the United States
- Jim Jeffords — Former U.S. Senator from Vermont (Independent)
- Bob Kerrey- Former Governor and U.S senator from Nebraska (Democrat)
- Mark Kirk - U.S. Senator from Illinois (Republican)
- Barack Obama — 44th President of the United States of America (2009–Present)
- Robert Orr — Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations
- Sally Pederson — Former Lieutenant Governor of Iowa (Democrat)
- William Proxmire — Former U.S. Senator from Wisconsin (Democrat)
- Kwame Raoul — Senator in Illinois State Senate (Democrat)
- George Smathers — Former Democratic Senator from Florida
- Washington Gladden — early leader in the Social Gospel and Progressive movements

## Others

- Julian Bond — Chair NAACP (2004–2008)
- Walter Brueggemann — contemporary theologian, poet, and UCC minister, retired professor at Columbia Theological Seminary
- William Sloane Coffin — Late Presbyterian/UCC minister and activist; 'pastor, prophet, poet'; former Chaplain at Yale University and Senior Pastor of Riverside Church, New York City
- Common — Rapper, recording artist, member of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago.
- Donald Hall — United States US Poet Laureate<sup>[62]</sup>
- George Heartwell - Mayor of Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Roger Johnson - CEO of Western Digital and head of the General Services Administration under President Bill Clinton
- Dean Koontz — American writer and author. Raised UCC, now is Catholic.<sup>[63]</sup>
- Barry W. Lynn — UCC minister and executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State
- William "Bill" McKinney — Former president of Pacific School of Religion.
- Sherrill Milnes - Operatic baritone
- Bill Moyers - Journalist and host of PBS current affairs program Bill Moyers' Journal
- John Williamson Nevin — notable 19th-century theologian
- H. Richard Niebuhr — notable 20th-century theologian
- Reinhold Niebuhr — notable 20th-century theologian
- Leonard Pitts — Nationally syndicated Pulitzer prize-winning (2004) columnist
- Jackie Robinson — Major League Baseball player for the Brooklyn Dodgers, and first African-American to break baseball's "color barrier".
- Marilynne Robinson — Pulitzer prize-winning (2005) author of the novel *Gilead*
- Alex Ross - Comic book writer and artist. Son of UCC minister Clark Norman Ross.
- Philip Schaff — notable 19th-century theologian
- Max L. Stackhouse — public theologian and professor at Princeton Theological Seminary
- Jeri Kehn Thompson - wife of Law & Order star and former U.S. Senator and presidential candidate Fred Thompson
- Paul Tillich — notable 20th-century theologian
- Meredith Willson - popular composer of "The Music Man", raised in First Congregational of Mason City, Iowa; longtime member of Westwood Hills Congregational, Los Angeles.
- Andrew Young — Civil rights leader, ordained UCC pastor, and former member of Congress, UN ambassador, and mayor of Atlanta, Georgia