Rev. Fred M. Cornell

Dr. Fred M. Cornell III was born Sunday, May 6, 1923, in St. Louis, MO

Prior to his time at Concordia, Rev. Cornell served:

- Mountainberg Presbyterian Church, Mountainberg, Ark.
- Owensville Presbyterian Church, Owensville, Mo.
- Boeffe Presbyterian Church, Jerald, Mo.
- First United Presbyterian Church of Belleville, Ill., (1959 to 1988)

Reverend Cornell was called to be pastor of Concordia UCC in 1988. He served the congregation for sixteen years before his health required him to retire permanently. One of his proud moments as pastor was when he was able to confirm his grandson, Josh.

He was a member of First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville, Ill., Belleville Optimist Club, Moderator of the Alton Presbytery, Racial Harmony Group, president of Kinder College Board, various boards and offices and a U.S. Navy World War II veteran. He received his degrees from McCormick University, Southern Illinois University and Eden Seminary.

Rev. Cornell had two sons (F. Paul and John) with his wife Audrey. Some time after the death of his first wife he married Barbara Eichenlaub.

Rev. Cornell passed away June 4, 2011 at the age of 88.