



The Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ



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Purpose (from the Gospel of Matthew):

To love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves

Vision:

United in Christ's love, a just world for all

Mission:

United in Spirit and inspired by God's grace, we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all

Weekly E-News Winter Edition

February 23rd, 2023

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Message from the Conference

To the Beloved Community in the Vermont Conference,

As I write this article, it is the evening of Ash Wednesday and therefore the beginning of Lent. I have had several conversations this week where I heard something like, "I feel like I've been living in Lent for a long time and I am not excited to go there again." I think Covid and quarantine and isolation and fear and loss took on a Lenten quality of giving up, of self-denial for many of us. I have had such times in my life when the way seemed long and arduous and unrelenting and Lent seemed too much to bear.



And yet, Lent has also been one of the most profound times of my life with God. I think of Lent as an invitation to return again to the land of my soul. Quiet times of reflection become windows to the sacred and I see the fingerprints of the Divine all around, especially in the ordinary and often overlooked. Like many of us, I add something into my daily life instead of giving something up. It is not the stories of substitutionary atonement, of Jesus dying for my sins that capture me in these days. Rather it is the wonder of a God who loved us so much that God was willing to enter fully into what it is to be human, including suffering and death, including resurrection.

So, if you are resisting observing Lent in the traditional ways, how can you look for and participate in the love of God and identification of Jesus the

Christ and the invitation to renewal born of the Spirit?

Lenten blessings to you!
Lynn

Latest News

**REGISTRATION IS
NOW OPEN!!!!**

REGISTER HERE!!!

***“And Who Is
My Neighbor?”***

228th Annual Meeting of the Vermont Conference



***April 28-29, 2023
Grace Church, Rutland***

The Vermont Conferences 228th Annual Meeting will be connecting the dots between

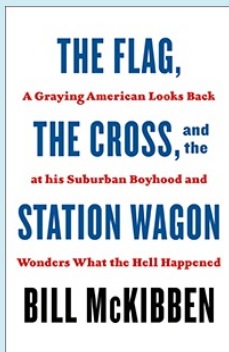
creation justice, economic justice, environmental justice, and LGBTQ justice.

Our workshops this year are so abundant they will happen TWICE. Stay tuned for more information!



Our keynote speaker is Bill McKibben (pictured here) whose new book "The Flag, the Cross, and the Station Wagon" was just released.

"I'm curious about what went so suddenly sour with American patriotism, American faith, and American prosperity."



"Like so many of us, McKibben grew up believing—knowing—that the United States was the greatest country on earth. As a teenager, he cheerfully led American Revolution tours in Lexington, Massachusetts. He sang "Kumbaya" at church. And with the remarkable rise of suburbia, he assumed that all Americans would share in the wealth.

But fifty years later, he finds himself in an increasingly doubtful nation strained by bleak racial and economic inequality, on a planet whose future is in peril.

And he is curious: What the hell happened?"

You can find the book from the sellers below!

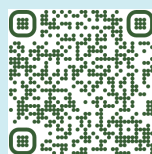
[Indie Bound](#)

[Amazon](#)

[Audible](#)

[Would you like to be a vendor at this years Annual Meeting?](#)

A limited amount of display space is available for this year's meeting. Tables are 8' and may be reserved on a **first come, first served basis**. Displays may be set up Friday morning between 8-10am. A \$30 fee is being charged per table. All organizations, committees, departments, and vendors must pay the fee. Extension cords can be provided.

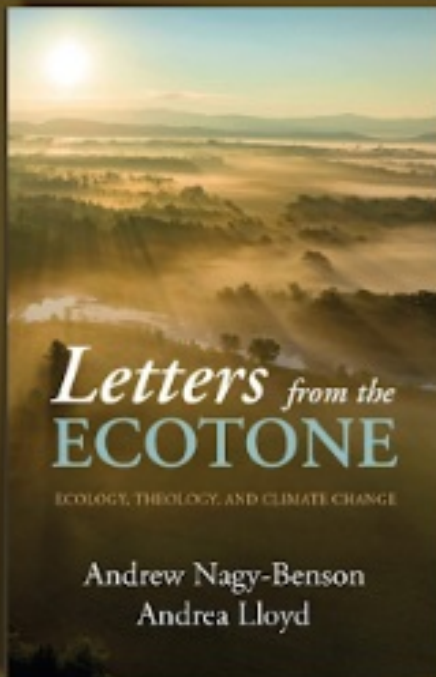


Use this QR code to pay for your table if you are using the fillable online form!

[Fillable Exhibitor Form \(Online\)](#)

[Exhibitor Form \(Print\)](#)

A reading & conversation with
Andy Nagy-Benson and Andi Lloyd
with introductory remarks from **Bill McKibben**



March 4th
4:00 p.m

at the

The Congregational
Church of Middlebury

Copies of the book
will be available
for purchase at the event

The
Vermont



Book Shop



The **Justice & Witness Ministries Team** is looking for full sets of Tinker Toys. If you have a set you are not using or would like to donate for us to use at our Annual Meeting Workshop and at presentations offered through your Association, please contact Rev. Sally May at revsallymbucc@gmail.com or Sally Kruschnek at smwkersch@comcast.net.

You can order send them to Justice & Witness Ministries directly from their

[Amazon wish list here.](#)

Justice Witness Ministries is Back!

Your conference has a robust group of social justice-minded folks working together on several issues. Here's an update on our activities:

Justice "Road Show"

We're putting together a 90-minute workshop to share current activities and brainstorm

ideas around racial, reproductive, and environmental justice, global mission, and gun safety. This workshop will involve videos, discussion, and hands-on activities to get folks excited about our UCC witness to justice in the world!

This “Road Show” will be piloted as a Workshop at Annual Meeting (April 28-29) and will be available to be presented at Association Meetings. Please contact Debbie Ingram at debbie@viavt.org if you would like to feature it as the program at your next Association gathering.

Racial Justice

Our VTCUCC Task Force is sponsoring two workshops in which church choirs and community choruses can learn spiritual music by black composers, to honor them and give them the recognition these composers deserve and have been unfairly denied for decades. The southern workshop is in Guilford on April 15 and the northern one is in Mallett’s Bay on May 13. Contact the Conference office for more information.

Also, Vermont Interfaith Action is looking for congregations that would like to help in their towns advance racial justice initiatives around the Declaration of Inclusion, a statement your Selectboard can sign onto to make your town more hospitable and welcoming to all, and a

Community Engagement Guide with Local Police, to build a meaningful relationship with your police department around racial equity and true public safety for all. If you would like to know more, please contact Debbie at debbie@viavt.org.

Faith Climate Action Day

Wed., March 29, is a day to draw attention to the climate change crisis. There will be a Press Conference in the Statehouse and opportunities to meet with legislators and be present in the Gallery during the session. This event is organized by VT Public Interest Group (VPIRG) and co-sponsored by VT Interfaith Power and Light and VT Interfaith Action. For more information, contact VPIRG.

Gun safety

The issue of gun safety is important to the VTCUCC, but we need a point person to help us stay connected with the efforts of other groups. If you would like to be that person, please let us know by contacting Debbie at debbie@viavt.org.

Global mission

Did you know that Rev. Kim McKerley is our Conference’s liaison to the national setting’s Global Mission? She can help your church connect with visiting Mission Co-Workers to speak at an event, or help your church plan a pilgrimage to another country, and so much more! Contact kmbethanyucc@gmail.com to find out more.

Our JWM group meets regularly the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm for an hour. If you are interested in joining us, let Debbie know at debbie@viavt.org. As people of faith, let us “do justice” together!

Coffee with Joe Andriano

Our new State Representative

Saturday March 4 2 PM

Shoreham Congregational Church

Come . . .

Learn his interests

Express your opinions

VITALITY EVENT

MARCH 11TH, 2023

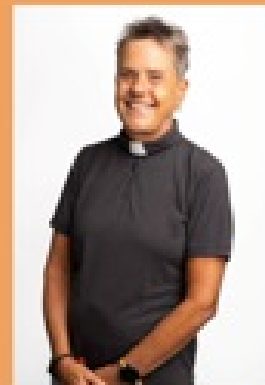
First Congregational Church UCC,
Springfield VT

\$50 per church in person
\$50 per church via Zoom

REGISTER HERE!!



Featured Seminar
: "How to be a Vital
Church in a Post-Pandemic
Age." with Rev. Dr.
Patty Kogut, Associate
Conference Minister
in the Southern New
England Conference



last minute
helps for Lent





Online Resource Center

All of our booklets, webinars, and other resources for Lent and Easter in one handy spot. Go forth and grab what you need!

[Online Resources](#)



40 Hours Together

There's still time to download and distribute our 40 Hours Together for families.

[40 Hours](#)

A promotional banner for 'Celebration XI' with a yellow background. On the right, a woman with curly hair and a surprised expression points towards the text. A grey circle on the left contains the text 'last day to register is Feb. 28!'. At the bottom left is a logo for 'Living in Grace' featuring a rainbow. At the bottom right, a green bar contains the text 'registeronline www.uccwc.org'.

Join the Movement creates Lenten journey for courageous conversations

by [Kayla Berkey](#) | published on Feb 14, 2023

Lent is a season when many people take on a new spiritual discipline. When it begins this year on Wednesday, Feb. 22, [Join the Movement Toward Racial Justice](#) is



inviting people to take up the spiritual practice of courageous conversations.

Each day during Lent, Join the Movement will offer daily prompts that encourage antiracist conversations. These will include a reflection question, a prayer and a reference to a time when Jesus engaged in courageous conversations. Examples of prompts include “When did you discover your race?” and “What about your racial/cultural/ethnic background brings you joy?”

Read more HERE!



**NEW ENGLAND
QUAKERS**

Sponsored by Glover Equity,
VT United Church of Christ,
and the New England Quakers

The Online NonViolence 365 training course offered by the King Center will be held March 8th, 9th, and 10th from noon to 2pm for our Vermont cohort.
Suggested Donation is \$25/person

Register for three two-hour Zoom sessions here: <https://glovrequity.org/category/non-violence/>

Nonviolence365 speaks to a lifestyle that empowers participants to adopt a nonviolent posture in thought, speech, and action. This training aims to transform the way that individuals approach problems, conflict, tension, and differences by providing the knowledge, skills, and tools needed to constructively act in the spirit of nonviolence.



THE KING CENTER

NONVIOLENCE 365
NONVIOLENCE 365®



It's time to share!!

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by

violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

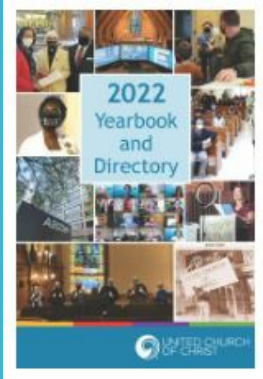
Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of

Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place.

Click here to visit the OGHs webpage on
ucc.org <https://www.ucc.org/giving/ways-to-give/our-churchs-wider-mission/one-great-hour-of-sharing/>
Suggested offering date: **March 19, 2023**

DataHub is Open for Yearbook Info!

Access DataHub!!!



It's that time again for the UCC to begin preparing the Yearbook & Directory for the coming year. We are deeply grateful for your continued efforts to help us maintain up-to-date and accurate data, especially as 2022 has continued to be a year of pandemic challenges and uncertainty. To best help us prepare for the upcoming Yearbook & Directory, please consider the important items in the sections below.

Yearbook Instructions

Do you or your church want to apply for a Hope Fund grant?

HOPE FUND FOR THE FUTURE



**“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for, and certain of what we do not see”
(Hebrews 11:1)**

You can now find the application online [HERE](#) or by clicking the link above!

Please help us thank the wonderful Discernment Team members who helped make this application happen! Those team members are:

Rev. Paul Sangree (Associate Minister, Vermont Conference),
Rev. Dan Haugh (Stowe Community Church),
Rev. Mary Hoadley (Brownington Congregational Church),
Rev. Jessica Moore (First Congregational, St. Albans),
Rev. Lava Mueller (Love Church, Randolph),
Rev. Paul Eyer (Williston Federated Church),
Rev. Caryne Eskridge (Weybridge Congregational Church)

Please send all completed applications to
VermontConference@gmail.com.

PRAYER CONCERNS



All those dealing with the trauma of mass shootings
All those experiencing war and violence
All those dealing with illness and pain
All who are grieving

AROUND THE CONFERENCE

(Please let us know what your Congregation is up to by sending an email to VermontConference@gmail.com .

You may just see yourself or someone you love in the eKit or our Facebook page!)

Farewell, Welcome and Blessings

Pastoral Transitions since the 2021 Vermont Conference Annual Meeting

[For the most up to date information click here](#)

Don't forget to click below in your email to view the entire newsletter



Happy Birthday to our Clergy!

February 6th
James MacIntyre
Darlene Baer

February 7th
John Weatherhogg

February 13th
Margaret Tooker

February 16th
Betsy Miller

February 20th
Gary O'Gorman
Harold Masback

February 26th
Robin Junker-Boyce

Happy Ordination Anniversary to our Clergy!

February 3rd
Janet Langdon

February 4th
Richard Ridgenwald

February 8th
Cynthia Batten

February 13th
Shawn Bracebridge

February 15th
John Bixby

February 24th
Lucia Jackson



Just for fun!!!



**Click here to update your
contact information!!!**



EDEN BOOKSTORE

Progressive theological resources

Welcome to Eden Bookstore Online, the bookstore for progressive Christians. The Eden Seminary Bookstore online shop offers works on theology and religion.

Eden merchandise available at www.eden.edu/shop/

LIFE at Eden: History and Polity of the UCC

Via Zoom and in-person! Free for current Eden students

Dates:

Friday, Feb. 10, 2023 @ 7:00-9:00 PM CST

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023 @ 9:00 AM -2:00 PM CST

This intensive class will provide an overview of the predecessor denominations that shaped the United Church of Christ's style of congregational governance. It will also look at how General Synod functions, explore some theological foundations, discuss how the authorization process works and review educational resources available from the denomination.

About the Instructor:

Dr. Jill Baker is an adjunct faculty member at Eden and Coordinator of Eden's Houses of Study. She regularly teaches UCC History and Polity, among other courses. She has been active at the local, Conference and national levels of the United Church of Christ since 1991. Jill is the current Moderator of Illinois South Conference.

The Future of Co-Vocational Ministry

Date(s) - 02/21/2023

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Annual Bracke Public Lecture on Leadership

Via Zoom

The Future of Co-Vocational Ministry!

Join us to get an update on the latest trends from The Hartford Institute of Religious Research, about the state of the church, and what ministry jobs will look like in the future?

This event is for all. It is also part of the Eden students' Progressive Christian Leadership Seminar

Speakers:

Dr. Allison Norton is the Faculty Associate in Migration Studies and Congregational Life at Hartford International University, where she directs the Pastoral Innovation Network of New England. She teaches courses in sociology of religion, immigration, and multicultural and inter-generational ministry. Her research and publications explore the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on U.S. congregations, the rise of megachurches in West Africa, the transnational dimension of African Pentecostalism, the role of migration on the worldwide expansion of the Christian faith, and the religious identities of the "new" second generation.

The Rev. Aaron Rogers is a passionate preacher, teacher, and nonprofit leader based in St. Louis, MO. He received his B.S. from Bradley University and his M.

Div from Eden Theological Seminary. In his 10+ years of nonprofit leadership, he has served nonprofits, churches, and foundations. Most notably, Aaron served as the Associate Minister of Stewardship and Development at the historic Riverside Church in Harlem NY and as the Associate to the Rector for Trinity Episcopal Church in the Central West End neighborhood of St. Louis. He serves as chair of the board for East Side Aligned, a collective impact organization for children and youth in East Saint Louis and for Faith for Justice, a coalition of Christian activists in the St. Louis area. Currently, Aaron is a candidate for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church and is completing a Diploma of Anglican Studies at Virginia Theological Seminary. He is passionate about racial equity, social justice, and creating thriving organizations.

Affectionately known as “Rev. Raquel,” the Reverend Raquel S. Lettsome, Ph.D. informs and inspires congregants and classes through her preaching, teaching, writing, and online course and webinar experiences. To this end, she founded Raquel S. Lettsome, LLC. (www.raquelslettsome.com) to use these gifts in the service of churches and educational institutions to help them advance their missions. She is also the Founder & President of the not-for-profit corporation, RSL Ministries, Inc., (www.rslministries.com) where she works with faith leaders and lay people to interpret Scripture more effectively for preaching, teaching, and living. Dr. Lettsome is currently the Distinguished Visiting Scholar of the New Testament at Eden Theological Seminary (St. Louis, MO) and has been an invited lecturer and instructor for classes at Princeton Theological, Payne Theological, United Lutheran seminaries as well as national conferences, and denominational meetings. Dr. Lettsome is also a published author in the fields of homiletics, biblical studies, womanist biblical interpretation and theology, and Christian spirituality. Her latest publication, Breakthrough You! 30 Daily Devotions to Move You Forward, was a #1 New Release in Religion & Spirituality Short Reads on Amazon.com. Dr. Lettsome holds a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies (Yale University), a Master of Divinity (Princeton Theological Seminary) and is the first African American to earn a Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from Princeton Theological Seminary (2005).

Stavenger Social Justice Symposium (Peace UCC, Eden, Metropolitan Congregations United)

Date(s) - 03/11/2023

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Theme- *Citizenship: Belonging and Participating:
The Realities and the Possibilities*

Speakers/Panelists:

- Ms. Ana Garcia Ashley, Director, Gamaliel Network
 - Rev. Angel Luis Rivera-Agosto, Area Executive Latin America and the Caribbean, Global Ministries (UCC/Disciples)
- Rev. Rebecca Turner, Pastor of Christ Church United Church of Christ, Maplewood, Missouri

Stepping Out: Re-Imagining your Elderhood In Person Retreat

In person retreat.

Dates: March 14-16, 2023. Tuesday evening-Thursday lunch

Location: La Salle Retreat Center, St. Louis, MO

Description:

Stepping Out It is an in person gathering for adults contemplating, or currently

retired.

This open enrollment retreat will explore new material that is explored in the NEXT Steps semester course.

No prior experience with the NEXT Steps program is required, all are welcome and encouraged to attend. (For those that have attended the full semester course this retreat will be presenting new material with time for deep reflection and action planning.)

All program activities are designed to stimulate your individual self-discovery as you delve deeply into your personal plan and truth and discover meaning and purpose in elderhood.

Cost: \$275.00
Meals included.

On January 12, 2023, a coalition of concerned community members from across Northfield and the State of Vermont submitted the attached statement/complaint to Northfield's Town Manager and Select Board. The attached list of links, though not part of the statement itself, provides additional context and background information. If you are inclined to do so, now is the time to contact the [Town of Northfield](#) to voice your individual support, experiences, and/or concerns.

"Northfield Needs a New Chief of Police"

January 12th, 2023

*A Joint Statement by Northfield Middle High School's Gender & Sexuality Alliance; the United Church of Northfield; Outright Vermont; Rights & Democracy of Vermont; Education Justice Coalition of Vermont; Vermont Student Anti-Racism Network; **Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ**; TeachOut Vermont; Concerned Parents, Educators, and Students of Northfield*

Northfield's current chief of police has revealed himself (1) to have a feeble grasp on what the laws and constitution actually mean and (2) to be willing to misinterpret and misapply the laws in order to advance his own ideological agenda.

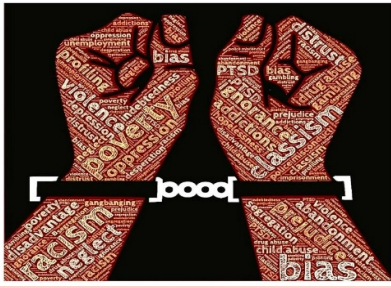
In 2020, the district attorney of Washington County issued a Brady letter, which called into question Chief John Helfant's ability to faithfully execute his duties. An investigation revealed evidence of Fourth Amendment violations and potential on-duty racist practices, including disparately worse treatment of Hispanic and African American men. It was also revealed that Officer Helfant omitted exculpatory evidence from his statements and failed to activate his body camera when this disparate treatment is alleged to have occurred. Although criminal charges were not brought against him at the time, he nonetheless has become a less effective officer because his standing in the community was eroded and the DA's office no longer accepts his referrals of non-listed and non-violent crimes."

[READ MORE HERE](#)

[NPD Chief Problem Links for Context](#)

THE TALK, VERMONT

The Talk, Vermont



Thank you so much for your support and participation in what was formerly The Racism in America Forum and, starting this fall, will be known as The Talk, Vermont. While our focus will be on Vermont, one of the whitest states in the nation, and its efforts to confront and overcome the challenges of racism and other forms of bigotry, we shall draw upon resources both within and beyond the state in guiding our path to a better place.

[Read more here](#)

VTCUCC CLASSIFIEDS



Stowe Community Church
Director of Youth Ministry Job Description

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION: The Director of Youth Ministry is responsible for developing and delivering a comprehensive program of Christian Education for youth (6th-12th grades). It is important that the Director inspires and excites the youth of SCC to learn and study the faith by communicating and demonstrating a personal passion for Jesus Christ.

[Read more \(including how to apply!\) HERE!](#)

Vergennes is seeking a Sunday School Coordinator.!!!

The Congregational Church of Vergennes, United Church of Christ, is an Open and Affirming congregation of 135 members seeking a Sunday School Coordinator. We are a vibrant, Christian community—full of life, music, and laughter. We have a long history of deeply appreciating the gifts of our staff in supporting an inclusive, loving, and compassionate ministry in the heart of our little city.

The pay rate is \$25 per hour, and the hours range from 8 to 15 hours per week depending upon applicant interest. We seek a person of faith with experience working with children, who will direct a program of stimulating and nourishing faith formation. If this sounds like the way you want to make a big impact in our community, please contact Rev. Elliott Munn at elliott@vergenesucc.org.

For more information, including the Job Description, please go to the church's website:



Middle School Ministries Coordinator:
First Congregational Church UCC of
Burlington Vermont is looking for a team player ready to work with youth in a great location – Burlington, Vermont! The person hired for this new part-time position will work with our great team to oversee

programs and service-learning opportunities, facilitating the spiritual development of youth (6th-12th grade). You'll work with middle school youth on Sunday mornings at FirstChurchBTV and with our collaborative youth program (youth in grades 6 thru 12 from both the College Street Church and FirstChurchBTV) one evening per week and periodically on weekends. Learn more about this opportunity

here: <https://bit.ly/middleschoolcoordinator> Approx. 6 hours per week - \$20/hour.

We are hiring.

If you have a passion for young people, outdoor recreation and building a community of faith, we should talk!

Stowe Community Church is seeking a Director of Youth Ministry who is ready to build on a solid foundation and bring new life to the growing ministries of SOC. Experience in education or leading a youth-based program is preferred, but a love of Christ and passion for our youth group is a must. Duties include developing an inspiring and engaging ministry for students 6th grades and up; including curriculum, programs, music and maybe a trip to the mountain every once in a while.

Any interested applicants should send a resume or a letter of interest to Marylou Durett at info@stowechurch.org. The position is available for the right person to start immediately.

NURSERY

COORDINATOR NEEDED

Stowe Community Church is seeking a Nursery Coordinator, teen or adult, who will provide a dependable, safe, nurturing environment to infants and toddlers, ages three and under. Duties include being silly, giving big hugs, reading stories, cuddling and a diaper change or two.

Any interested applicants should send a resume or a letter of interest to Marylou Durett at info@stowechurch.org. The position is available for the right person to start immediately.

It takes a big heart to help shape little minds and we believe the nursery is the most important room in the Church building. Please help to keep this very important ministry growing!!

VT CONFERENCE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Christian Education:

Administration & Finance:

Music & Other Lay Ministries:

Music Director- North Pomfret Congregational

Church Musician- Tunbridge Church

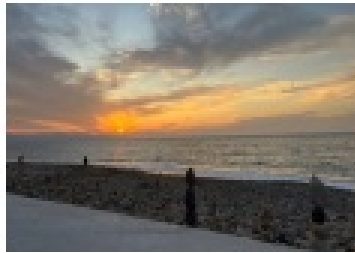
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SAVE THE DATE!

Boundary Training for Authorized Ministers

February 22 & 23
9 am to 12 pm



The sun, the sea, and the sand are each aware of their own boundary and that of the other. This is what allows for the creation of a beautiful sunset.

Facilitator:	Rev. Dr. Diane Weible, Ordained Minister & trained facilitator
Structure:	Six hours divided into two Zoom sessions, three hours each day. For credit, participants must be fully present and participate in all sessions. Each topic will include a case study and be discussed as a group prior to breaking out into small groups for discussion.
Topics Covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Power and Vulnerability• Social Media• Finances• Pastoral Identity and Vocation• Self-Care (burn-out, stress, compassion fatigue)• Receiving Gifts• Boundaries and Church Conflict• When a Minister Leaves/Retires• Ministers as church members/Ministers in Four-Way Covenants• Cultural Boundaries
Cost:	\$60
To Register:	Register by 9 a.m. PT, February 21. Once you register and eligibility for the training is confirmed, you will be emailed the Zoom link.

New Offerings from Practical Resources for Churches!!!

40 Days Together is Cultivate Faith's Lenten initiative for families.

In a nutshell, 40 Days Together is a chance to help equip families *totake on* regular spiritual practices together (rather than giving up something for the season). There will be two parts to it:

- Free on our website: table tents with mealtime prayers for families to use all through Lent and conversation questions for the car, for family group text threads, for the table, or whenever. These will be released on our website for all to freely use
- Fee based packets: more comprehensive materials for families to use, towards the goal of spending 40 Hours Together throughout the Lenten season. Materials will include:
 1. book lists for read-alouds/read-togethers for every developmental

- stage
2. ideas for simple family hikes
 3. lunchbox notes (for parents/caregivers to slip into their kids' bags AND for kids to slip into their parents'/caregivers/ bags)
 4. ideas for midweek simple sabbath rests together (can also be done together virtually)
 5. ideas for family collaborative art prompts using materials found around the home
 6. suggestions for family devotionals/prayers
 7. bedtime blessing ideas for every developmental level
 8. paper tracker of the 40 Hours Spent Together

Click the link below to pay for 40 Days Together with PayPal
40 Days Together: Family price \$10

40 Days Together: Congregations 50 and under in worship \$30

40 Days Together: Congregations 100 and under in worship \$50

40 Days Together: Congregations 200 and under in worship \$70

Thursday February 9
First meeting of the Game Changer Cohort with Kay Kotan

Each workshop will be one hour of content followed by a 30 minutes Cohort coaching session where you will assess your church's current levels of game changing leadership and work towards creating a MAP (ministry action plan) to enact the needed game changing leadership strategies in your local church context. Participants will need to watch the initial webinar and read the book *Being the Church in the Post-Pandemic World*. This work is best engaged by both the clergy and 4-6 leaders from their church.

Click to register for all three Zoom meeting.

There is a fee for this Cohort

Congregations that are members or belong to a Judicatory Member (see list below)
- \$75 for the three sessions (Includes up to 6 registrants from the same church/ministry)

Non-Members

- \$100 for the three sessions (includes up to 6 registrants from the same church/ministry)

When: Feb 9, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

When: Mar 9, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

When: Apr 20, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Participants will need to watch the recording or Eight Game Changers for the Post Pandemic Church and read the book Being the Church in the Post-Pandemic World. This work is best engaged by both the clergy and 4-6 leaders from their church.

NEAUCE 2023

"Beyond Church Walls:
Hearing New Voices"

May 4 - 6 (Th, F, S)

Pilgrim Pines
Swanzey, NH

SAVE
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PATHWAYS

pathwaystheological.org

A new year brings new opportunities to learn and grow in faith! PATHWAYS Theological Education, Inc. is pleased to announce our January term online, asynchronous courses that are accessible and affordable for curious Progressive Christians. All courses are designed with the Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers at their core, and are helpful to anyone who wants to develop spiritual and leadership gifts for use in the church and the world.

- United Church of Christ History and Polity, January 11-April 7; this course is designed according to the content recommendations of the UCC History and Polity Network Teachers group (12 weeks, \$625)
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