

## **The Rev. Leslie Anne Chatfield**

Rev. Leslie Anne Chatfield becomes the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ's Acting Director of Outdoor Ministries from her most recent transitional ministry journey with the Jackson Community Church, U.C.C. Her earlier professional training and work as a Master's degree level educator developed her gifts and talents in ways that have served her well in ministry. After completing her seminary Master of Divinity degree in 1993, she served at-risk children and families through her supervisory and therapeutic work in United Way agencies in northern New England. Most recently, Leslie served and guided a variety of UCC congregations through their journey between settled pastors - during their period of ministerial transition. She has been a committed supporter of the Maine Conference's Pilgrim Lodge serving as chaplain for a number of summers, and as the ministerial staff person for the senior high island adventure wilderness camp.

Leslie's first job was as a camp counselor, and over the decades she has been called to serve many camp and outdoor programs in a variety of positions: as Board member, counselor, waterfront staff, athletic staff, trip camp leader nearby as well as trip leader on journeys from Maine to Florida, to Wyoming, to California. She is delighted to return to a call to God's outdoors- a place she loves so deeply.

Leslie is also a committed outdoor enthusiast; she runs 5K races with her dogs; she is an avid downhill skier and a devoted sailor. She loves the trail, steep or flat, bare or snow covered; she loves the waves, fresh or salt. She loves to be out in God's country with her husband, her adult daughters and their families, with her critters and with old and new friends.