Annual Meeting 2021
Connecting Sessions

All sessions will be held via Zoom. Information on how to connect to each session will be provided upon registration (required). Register now at: https://cvent.me/XnzLve

General Synod 33 Calls Us to Actions “Rooted in Love”

Tuesday, October 05, 2021
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Join our New Hampshire Conference Delegates to General Synod 33, as they provide a brief report of their experience at the first ever online General Synod of the United Church of Christ. Following their report participants will have an opportunity to take part in a breakout session focusing on the actions we may take to implement one of three resolutions passed at General Synod. (Note: during the Annual Meeting registration process you will be asked to select which resolution implementation session you want to join).

Resolution Implementation Sessions:

- The United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent Resolution
- Declaration for a Just Peace Between Israel and Palestine Resolution
- The Rights of Nature Resolution

Discussion on the Resolution

Thursday, October 07, 2021
6:00 – 7:00 pm

Come learn about A Resolution of Christian Witness in support of Educators and encouraging healthy dialogue around elimination of racism

New Hampshire joined a group of states around the country which considered and passed legislation addressing “divisive concepts,” “Critical Race Theory”, and training that might make people feel “uncomfortable.” The language that was signed into law in HB2 and attached
to the state budget was significantly revised, but has left much confusion about how racism should be addressed in educational and employment situations. The law threatens the licenses of teachers if they mis-step, but does not provide clear guidance. The result is that the law claims it is against any discrimination, and yet censors education about historical and current realities in ways that are discriminatory. School systems and employers trying to address how racism has been embedded in our culture will be under increasing risk and will be less likely to address topics critical to the well-being of our culture.

Further, the discussion of racism has become distorted in the public square, particularly with regards to critical race theory. This resolution calls on congregations to educate themselves and to offer community leadership in clarifying language and concepts related to the perpetuation of racism and other forms of prejudice.

Budget Hearing

Tuesday, October 12, 2021
6:00 – 7:00 pm

In preparation for the NH Conference Annual meeting, you are invited to attend an informational meeting on the Mission Income & Spending Plan (MISP) for 2022. We will begin with a general overview, and go over the rationale for the key numbers in the 2022 MISP. Following the presentation, there will be a time for questions and answers. It is planned for this informational session to also be video-recorded and available to be viewed online prior to Annual Meeting.

Conversation with the Conference Minister

Sunday, October 17, 2021 or Wednesday, October 20, 2021
6:00 – 7:00 pm

Join the Rev. Gordon Rankin in conversation about the ministries and missions of our local churches, the New Hampshire Conference and the United Church of Christ as we imagine what it means to collaborate on “Building Beloved Community” during these unprecedented times.