

# Creating and Leading the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church

***“You are a masterpiece in the making.”***

**Archbishop Desmond Tutu**

### Points to Ponder:

- *How does our faith community develop the skills and leadership to create a vision for the future and be able to continually adapt to uncertainty?*
- *How do our laity and clergy support each other and grow not only the faith but also the health of their faith community?*
- *What type of leadership skills and styles are needed for both laity and clergy?*
- *How do we use faith experiences and stories to help define our vision of our churches and as a leadership tool?*

This is how we feel about our faith communities. All of our churches are at various stages along this path, but we know it takes good communication, common vision, ability to change and understand each other, and the desire to be creative. In this class, we hope to give you the tools you need in this journey.



The “A New Thing Task Force” of the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ invites the clergy and laity of our churches to embark on an exciting and challenging journey. Join us in learning and discovering how to lead today’s church and to prepare for the future.

This multiple year, collaborative, and focused series of seminars provides our churches’ clergy and laity hope and leadership skills to bolster and create effective leaders. Inspired by the highly effective UCC Pension Board’s Next Generation Leadership Initiative, we

### Informational Meeting

We welcome all churches that are interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity to attend our **May 5<sup>th</sup> Informational Meeting, 9:30 a.m. to noon** at our Conference office (140 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, NH 03275). At this meeting, you will learn more about our exciting presenters and how we will incorporate both class room setting and practical and independent solution based learning.

There will be no charge for the informational meeting but we need to know you are coming. To register, or with questions, please contact Gayle Murphy at [gaylem121@gmail.com](mailto:gaylem121@gmail.com).

A New Thing Task Force was started to confront the reality of ministering in communities which are primarily unchurched, help churches assess their unique setting to inspire creative responses, and offer support as transformation evolves. We developed this class with these purposes in mind.

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### Don’t Miss Out on this Opportunity!

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