Registration Information Sheet
for
New Hampshire Conference Delegates and Associate Delegates
to the
33rd General Synod of the United Church of Christ

This morning I was able to test out the General Synod registration site by registering myself during a test phase. The good news is I now have some idea of what you will encounter. Of course, there may be some changes as they make improvements.

General Information:

1) The current word is that registration will open in mid-May. We do not yet have a specific date. I would expect we will hear and forward to you the opening date and a link for registration sometime during the week of May 10th.

2) The Conference will be covering all costs for registering for General Synod for our Delegates and Associate Delegates. This includes the costs for any optional events. We have already provided the General Synod Administrator with your names. We are told when you reach the payment screen your costs will zero themselves out. If this does not work correctly for you, please contact myself or Ann Desrochers (adesrochers@nhcucc.org).

3) As we have mentioned before, on-line training on the meet.ucc platform will be required for all Delegates and Associate Delegates. There are several trainings available between June 21 and July 2. Have your calendar handy during registration as you’ll have to register for your training slot at the same time. It has been made clear that those who do not attend the meet.ucc platform training will not be “seated” as Delegates or Associate delegates.

4) In addition to the meet.ucc platform, we will have one more New Hampshire Conference Delegate Orientation. It will take place on Tuesday, June 8th at 6:30 pm. The focus will be on reviewing Resolutions and other Synod business. A Zoom link will be sent at a later time.
5) During General Synod (July 11th to 18th), we will have a few delegation caucus meetings. These will be the only Synod gatherings that will not take place on the meet.ucc platform. We will provide you with the timing of the caucus meetings and a Zoom link for them by mid-June.

6) The generalsynod.org website is being populated with new information day by day. Please check back often.

7) NH specific information can be found our website page:

https://nhcucc.org/conference-ministries/wider-church-relations-ministry/general-synod

Registration Information

1) You will need to register with a unique email address. If others from your family are participating in General Synod (even as visitors or youth/youth adults) they will need to register from a different email address.

2) When I began my registration, it automatically told me I was registering as a member of the United Church of Christ Board (which I was). I don’t know if it will automatically populate that you are New Hampshire Conference Delegates. (UCC Board members may be the only ones testing the system right now, thus the automatic populating of the field.) If this does not populate automatically simply enter that you are a Delegate or Associate Delegate.

3) The one place I had a little difficulty during the registration process was in identifying my home church. When you start to populate the field, a drop down list of options will appear. However, the side controls on my browse would not allow me to scroll. (There were a lot of Dovers all over the country.) I found using the down arrow allowed me to get to my church’s name.

4) During your registration process, you will come to an agenda page. Certain items (plenaries, worship and keynote address) are already checked. You may add checks to any optional events you would like to attend. If you want to know more about the event, clicking on the name will bring you to additional information. You may sign up for any optional events you would like to attend. With one exception. We would discourage you from signing up for the Creation and
Creativity: From Fragment to Narrative. The optional event is being hosted by our own New Hampshire Sacred Ally Quilt Project folk. Because they have limited spaces for the event, they have asked that those of us from New Hampshire abstain from attending. Instead, they have promised that they will invite us to a special test run of the program reserved for us alone.

5) For this Synod, service on a Synod Committee is not mandatory. On one of the last pages, you will have the opportunity to share if you’d like to be assigned to a Committee. What Committee you will serve on still will be assigned randomly. (If this is your first General Synod, I would recommend signing up to serve on a Committee. It is an important component of how Synod conducts its business.)

6) One final thing that happened when I registered was I reached that page that said “your registration is confirmed” but a couple hours later I received an email saying my registration was incomplete. What I learned is that I needed to log out of the program for it to submit my registration and not just exit the browser. I am hoping they resolve this before registration officially opens but if not you now know what to do.

7) Beyond that, I found the registration process to fairly simply and straight forward.

Please let us know if you have any difficulties with registering.

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