

New Hampshire Conference United Church of Christ



November 4, 2020

Dear Friends,

This has been and continues to be an extraordinary year for all of us. It is times like the present when the clear need of our mutual covenant comes to the forefront. Despite having to remain physically distant, the connection between the Conference and the local church and its members has become stronger.

We have been members of local churches as well as in the NH Conference leadership for many years, and we can't help realize the extraordinary length those who support us in our work went to help all of us keep going. Our Conference Minister and staff spent hours learning about the financial impact of Covid-19 on our churches and then communicated with countless treasurers and pastors the most practical ways to navigate the federal requirements for PPP loans and grants. They spent a significant amount of time learning about the best practices to keep worship safe and adapted them to fit the great variety of church spaces throughout our state. They helped numerous churches to learn the best way for each to worship, to do Search and Call, and to meet online, as well as keeping the Conference programs moving forward, all online.

Our Executive Director and Assistant Director of Horton Center designed, produced and implemented very successful HC@Home and HC@Church programs that delighted children, youth and adults both within our conference and beyond its borders.

Thank you for your gifts, for without them, none of what has been accomplished would have been possible. Yet, there is still more work to do. We recognize that this year will continue to have challenges for us. We have confidence that they will be handled with transformational grace. Already this fall, the Clergy Support Ministries sponsored a webinar on how to celebrate Advent and Christmas online, so that your pastor could prepare for this important upcoming season.

In these extraordinary times, we need your financial gift more than ever. Your gift will continue to provide the support our local churches need as they shift to new ways of being and worshiping together. We need each other more than ever, and with the help of your generous support, we will continue to move forward.

Yours in Christ,

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Rev. Carolyn H. Keilig
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