

Board of Directors
September 12, 2020 Meeting Summary

The New Hampshire Conference Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled meeting on September 12, 2020 via zoom.

The Board reviewed the Conference finances and is grateful the Rev. Winthrop and Beryl Nelson had established a Charitable Remainder Unitrust in 1989, naming the NH Conference as the beneficiary. Both of them passed away earlier this year, the trust it was terminated and the remaining amount of \$17,869 was distributed to the Conference. The Board has in place an unrestricted planned gift allocation policy, and by its terms 10% of the gift is shared with our National body; 20% of the gift allocation is determined by the Board and the remaining 70% is to function as endowment. The Board chose to allocate \$500 toward camperships for Horton Center and the remaining \$3000+ for the Immigrant Bond and Support Fund overseen by the Immigrant and Refugee Support Group. You may donate to either of these Conference funds using our [online donation portal](#).

In preparation for the Conference Annual Meeting on October 17, the Board received, reviewed and approved a balanced 2021 Mission, Income and Spending Plan to be presented to the Gathered Conference for a vote. To help with readying the Gathered Conference for the online Annual Meeting, the Board switched to the Zoom Webinar format for the second half of the meeting. This yielded a number of unexpected glitches, important learnings, and much hilarity. Needless to say, those leading the Annual Meeting have 9 hours of practice scheduled for October and expect to have plans in place for any possible circumstance. To learn more about the many online events leading up to Annual Meeting go here: <http://nhcucc.org/conference-ministries/2020-annual-meeting>. To register: <https://www.cvent.com/d/k7qz72>.

The Board was pleased to have our Associate Conference Minister, Rev Richard Slater, along with the Rev. Dr. David Felton join us. David will be acting as the part-time Bridge Associate Conference Minister during Richard's Sabbatical. We went over the scope of work that David will be overseeing. Richard also brought with him a request for the NH Conference to be one of the sponsors for a Prudential Resolution for the Alliance of Associate Conference Ministers of the UCC to be recognized as a formal group with official status within our national organization. After discussing this, the Board voted to sponsor this for General Synod's consideration.

The Board also voted to sponsor, on behalf of the Conference another resolution to go to General Synod, this one entitled *UN Decade for those of African Descent*.

The Racial Justice Mission Group is hosting an Implicit Bias Training for Clergy (on Zoom) on October 28 and members of the BOD are invited to take part.

The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Clergy Support Ministry for the 2021 Clergy Compensation Guidelines. These guidelines reflect the 2021 COLA and an increase to the minimum honorarium for pulpit supply.

We received the report of the New Hampshire Conference Minister, the Rev. Gordon Rankin, which highlighted the very diverse areas of ministry Gordon is addressing. We learned of the road construction and Hope Cabin rehab that happened late this summer at Horton Center as well as a wide variety of Conference business that Gordon is overseeing.

The meeting ended with a heartfelt and fond farewell to Board members Brian Edwards and Paula Gile, both having completed 2 terms. They have been faithful servants of the NH Conference for many years and we thank them for their service.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Conference is November 21.

Rev. Carolyn Keilig
President, NH Conference, UCC