

New Hampshire Conference United Church of Christ



July 9, 2018

Dear Friends:

With great joy and excitement we share the enclosed letter from Neal Cass, Chairperson of the Conference Minister Search Committee, recommending on behalf of the committee that the Reverend Gordon M. Rankin be called as our new Conference Minister.

Since Conference bylaws require election of a Conference Minister at a meeting of the Gathered Conference, and because our Annual Meeting in October contains a full agenda, the Board of Directors has authorized a special meeting for the purpose of calling the Rev. Rankin as Conference Minister.

The special meeting will be held on **Saturday, August 4, 2018, at Laconia Congregational Church, UCC, at 11 AM.** (Directions to the church are included.) The agenda will include time to hear Gordon speak and a brief business meeting with vote. A reception and celebration will follow. Churches are entitled to send the same number of delegates as they would for the Annual Meeting.

Three “Meet & Greet” opportunities have been arranged to meet Gordon before our special meeting:

- Thursday, August 2, 6 to 8 PM, at Gorham Congregational Church, UCC (143 Main Street)
- Friday, August 3, 9 to 11 AM, at N H Conference Center (140 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke)
- Friday, August 3, 6 to 8 PM at United Church of Christ, Keene (23 Central Square)

Since October of last year, the New Hampshire Conference has been led by Transitional Conference Minister, Charles Buck. We are grateful for his outstanding leadership and guidance as he worked closely with our Associate Conference Minister, Richard Slater, many of our churches, the Ministries and Mission Groups, and the Conference staff. He clearly made our transitional time seamless. We didn't seem to miss a beat!

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of the Search Committee, we are now prepared to call a new Conference Minister. Search Committee members included Neal Cass, KellyAnn Donahue, Paulo França, Heidi Heath, Eric Jackson, Stacey Kullgren, Ken McGarry, Evelyn Robbennolt-Jones, Laura Sevigny and Glenn Vodra. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and through many hours of meeting, planning, interviewing, talking, praying and working together, they have recommended an outstanding candidate. Please be sure to thank them for their dedicated service!

We look forward to seeing you at a “Meet & Greet” session and at the special meeting on August 4!

Blessings,

NHCUCC President

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