

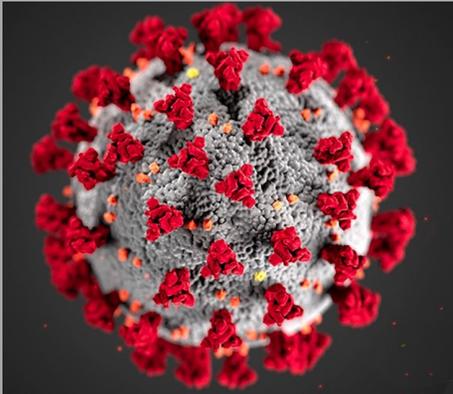
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New England Conference
The United Methodist Church

Connected is a publication of the New England Conference of The United Methodist Church. This monthly insert is designed put Conference news directly into the hands of our local church members.

Find more at www.neumc.org.



Coping with coronavirus

It's hard to get away from talk about COVID-19 (commonly referred to as Coronavirus), but it is vital to have reliable, factual information.

The New England Conference has compiled information, best practices, and other resources – including some specifically for worship communities – on our website. We encourage you to review this information (it will be updated periodically).

In an effort to help stem the spread of the virus, many conference and district gatherings and meetings have been postponed or moved online. You should check the conference or district calendar or e-newsletter or with your meeting leaders before heading out.

We also invite you to share resources that you think might be helpful to the community. You can send that information to community@neumc.org



Registration open now

Register

You can register online for the 2020 Annual Conference session from now until June 1.

Register and pay in full by May 1 and get a \$25 early bird discount. Online registration closes June 1.

Visit www.neumc.org/acsessions to get the link and more.

Hotel accommodations must be booked separately from AC registration. Find the information about hotels offering special Conference pricing at <https://www.neumc.org/acaccommodations>

Nominate episcopal candidates

The [2020 General and Jurisdictional Conference delegations](#) are leading the episcopal endorsement process for the New England Conference. The delegates are seeking to identify potential episcopal nominees through the input of New England clergy and laity.

After all nominations are received, the delegations, through a discernment process, will recommend candidate/s to Annual Conference members. It will be up to members of the 2020 New England



Annual Conference to endorse episcopal candidate/s. All full elders of The United Methodist Church are eligible. Deadline for nominations is April 1. Go to the page below and AC latest news to find the nomination form.

More information about the episcopal nomination process can be found on page 6 of the [New England Conference Policies and Procedures](#). Click the link to access that document. The document as well as our Conference Rules can be found on our website here: <https://www.neumc.org/neacpolicies>



GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AC 2020 ONLINE:
www.neumc.org/acsessions

Annual Conference 2020

Give this year's Laity Address

Guiding scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Enter the Laity Address Challenge, and you may be selected to address the 2020 Annual Conference. Our AC theme is "Vital Conversations: Building Beloved Community." Our guiding scripture is Acts 2:42-47 (CEB); the address must use those as its theme.

The address should be 15-20 minutes long. Entrants must submit a written copy of their entire proposed address along with a video of themselves delivering the first five minutes of the address.

Deadline for submissions is May 3, 2020.



To submit your proposed address and video or for any questions, contact Associate Conference Lay Leader Ruby Blake at msrube65@gmail.com

Also guiding us this Annual Conference is the General Commission on Religion and Race's list of "25 Traits of The Beloved Community" based on the beloved community envisioned by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

All the information on this can be found under the latest news tab on the annual conference page:

www.neumc.org/acsessions

Scholarships

Apply now for an NEAC scholarship

Each year the New England Conference Scholarship Committee seeks applications from adults or recent high school graduates who are pursuing undergraduate education at any accredited two- or four-year college, university or technical school.

Applicants must be United Methodist Church members and are eligible to apply every year until they complete their undergraduate degree.

In 2019-20, there were 50 scholarships totaling \$28,315 granted to students from the New England Conference.

The members of the Conference Scholarship Committee are Rev. Stuart Price, Maine (retired); Trica Waldron, Vermont, and Paul Carlotto, Massachusetts.

The application for scholarship support can only be submitted online.

The application deadline for 2020-21 support is midnight on **Thursday, April 30, 2020.**

Get the forms on our website:

www.neumc.org



Let's Connect

Do you have a story to share? A feature idea? A question to ask? Contact Beth DiCocco, Conference Director of Communications, at communicate@neumc.org or (978) 682-8055 ext. 150