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## Rev. We Chang named DCM

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. We Hyun Chang as Director of Connectional Ministries for the New England Conference effective July 1, 2023.

Rev. Chang, who serves as Superintendent of the Commonwealth East District, will continue to serve the district and as Acting DCM during these next few months.



Rev. Chang

"I am deeply grateful to Rev. Chang for his willingness to accept this new role, which is vital to the life of our Conference," Bishop Johnson said. "He brings the gifts of visionary and collaborative leadership that will help New England embody our connectional vision and mission fully and boldly."

"Steward of the vision" for the Annual Conference is how The Book of Discipline characterizes the work of the Office of Connectional Minis-

tries, ensuring "connections among the local, district, annual conference, and general church ministries."

"We is an experienced leader and strategic thinker who has the deep appreciation for and commitment to our connectional identity that is essential in our Director of Connectional Ministries," the bishop said.

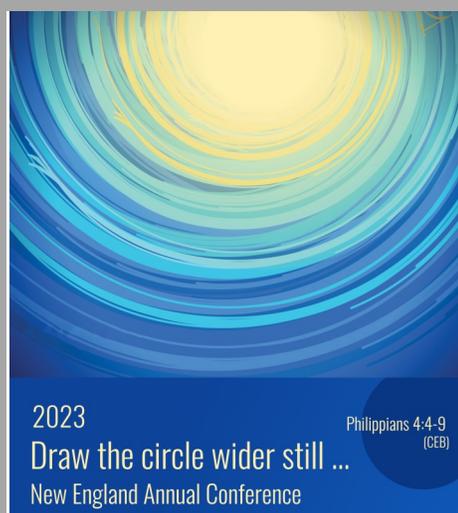
Rev. Chang will succeed Rev. Ashley Johnson, who served as DCM from July 1, 2021 to Dec. 31, 2022.

"On behalf of the Conference, I would like to thank Rev. Johnson for her faithful work and willingness to share her many gifts as DCM," Bishop Johnson said. "She truly has a servant's heart."

Rev. Chang became a district superintendent in 2017. In 2022, he worked on the team to launch New England's [Community Development Corporation](#).

Rev. Chang is married to the Rev. Dr. Yoo-Yun Cho-Chang; they are the grateful parents of Hope Chang.

Contact Rev. Chang at [DCM@neumc.org](mailto:DCM@neumc.org)



### 2023 Annual Conference

The 2023 New England Annual Conference will be a hybrid session taking place June 8-10 via Zoom and in person in Manchester, NH.

The theme for this year's session is "Draw the Circle Wider Still ..."

Our guiding scripture is Philippians 4:4-9, CEB

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## Meet Bishop Johnson

# Bishop Johnson to visit each district



## 2023 District visits

**Saturdays; times vary**

Seacoast District	Feb 11
Commonwealth West District	Feb 25
Granite District	Mar 4
Commonwealth East District	Mar 18
Katahdin District	Apr 1
Many Waters District	Apr 15
Green Mountain District	Apr 22 & 23

Attend any session that's convenient

Check your district calendar for location, registration and other details  
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**Bishop Peggy A. Johnson**

Over the next few months, Bishop Peggy A. Johnson will be making an in-person visit to each district in the New England Conference.

Clergy and laity are invited to Join Bishop Johnson for holy conversation and fellowship.

The visit dates are listed at left. To get details, find the event on our online calendar at [www.neumc.org/events](http://www.neumc.org/events)

Come and greet our new bishop and learn more about her and her vision for the New England Conference.

## 'Intersectionality' theme of training

The Conference Commission on Religion and Race (CCORR) announces the following schedule for the quadrennial anti-racism training in each district. The theme is "Intersectionality."

Training

This in-person training is **REQUIRED** for clergy and lay ministers serving on ministry teams. Laity, especially those in leadership positions, are strongly encouraged to attend. Continuing Education Credit (.5 CEU) is available for completing the training.

Participants are asked to watch two videos in advance of the training session; links to these can be found with the information about each training session on your district calendar.

⇒ [The urgency of Intersectionality by Kimberle Crenshaw](#)

⇒ [Intersectionality 101](#)



Click the links for details or check our online calendar at [www.neumc.org/events](http://www.neumc.org/events)

[Feb. 25](#) Many Waters District

[Feb. 11](#) Commonwealth West District

[Feb. 11](#) Granite District

[March 4](#) Commonwealth East District

[March 4](#) Katahdin District

[March 4 & 11](#) Seacoast District

[March 10 & 11](#) Green Mountain District

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