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Welcome to our new clergy



NEAC moves to seven Districts

As of July 1, the New England Conference moves to its new structure with seven districts rather than nine.

You can find the district map above on our website at www.neumc.org/districts

Speaking of the website, some of the changes to data and webpages has to be made in real time, so the site may have both new and old information on it as we make the transition.

If you see something on the site that needs to be updated, you can email the URL and issue to communicate@neumc.org

We appreciate your patience as we move through the updating process.



The 12-member Clergy Class of 2020 was approved by the Clergy Session on June 11. In this year's class there are 5 ordinands (3 elders, 2 deacons) and 7 provisional members (5 elders, 2 deacons).

A Service of Ordination and Commissioning is being planned with safety as the primary concern. Details to be announced.

Please join us in congratulating the Class of 2020:

Ordinands

Kathleen Mary Decker Szakas

Natalie Louise Hill
Shannon Diana Keeney
SeokCheol Shin
Sheri Lynn Smith

Commissionees

Adama Brown-Hathaway
Hyungsuk Choi
Ashley Renée Johnson
Sooyoun Kim
Sunjae Lee
Adam Paul Randazzo
Alicia Vélez Stewart



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The United Methodist Church

Working to dismantle racism

As United Methodists, we recognize racism as a sin.

We commit to challenging unjust systems of power and access.

We will work for equal and equitable opportunities in employment and promotion, education and training; in voting, access to public accommodations, and housing; to credit, loans, venture capital, and insurance; to positions of leadership and power in all elements of our life together; and to full participation in the Church and society.

What can you do?

Find resources for prayer, discussion and action at UMC.org/EndRacism

On that site you will also find a June 19, 2020 video announce-



ment from members of the Council of Bishops about The UMC's initiative to dismantle racism.

Find resources from the Conference Commission on Religion and Race

On June 13, CCORR hosted a forum titled 'RACISM: WHAT DO WE DO?' A recording of that webinar has or will soon be posted on our website at www.neumc.org/CCORR

This forum addressed ways to assist persons serving in the local church in ways to engage their congregations, communities, and selves in moving from talking to action. CORR is planning additional programming.

The CCORR webpage also offers a number of resources for United Methodists who want more education and ways to take action against racism.

We continue to update our COVID-19 guidance and resources. Find all the latest:

www.neumc.org/COVID19



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