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Registration is now open at our summer camps. Check out the amazing programs being offered at each of our sites or learn how you can volunteer.

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401-568-4350
www.campaldersgate.com

Camp Mechuwana
Winthrop, Maine
207-377-2924
www.mechuwana.org

Wanakee United Methodist Center
Meredith, New Hampshire
603-279-7950
www.wanakee.org



our new structure
Seven Districts

July 1, 2020

Bishop announces 7-district structure

On Feb. 4, 2020, Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar announced the new district structure for the New England Conference.

The 2019 Annual Conference approved reducing the number of districts in the New England Conference from nine to seven. This new structure takes effect July 1, 2020.

We have created a page on our website where you can find information about the new structure and the transition process: www.neumc.org/redistricting.

A transition team has been named to

implement the new structure. You can contact the team with any comments or questions using an online form found on the page above.

The page includes:

- The announcement from Bishop Devadhar
- An FAQ on the new district structure
- The new district map
- A list of churches by district
- The transition team



FIND MORE ABOUT THE NEW STRUCTURE AT
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Get ready for the New England Annual Conference 2020

The 2020 New England Annual Conference session will be Thursday to Saturday, June 11-13 at the Doubletree by Hilton Manchester Downtown, 700 Elm St., Manchester, NH 03101.

This year's theme is "Vital Conversations: Building Beloved Community."

Apply now for display space

Applications for exhibit space at Annual Conference are due May 15, 2020.

The Sessions Committee will review all exhibitor applications and notify applicants of their status by May 19, 2020, at which time successful applicants will receive an invoice for payment.

Find the application on our website www.neumc.org/acsessions, then click latest news. Questions regarding display space should be directed to Rosemary McNulty at rmcnulty@neumc.org or (978) 682-7676 ext. 201

Jewelry sale supports youth programming

Prema Devadhar and Lori McKinley are once again coordinating the collection and sale of gently used jewelry to benefit youth programming in the New England Conference.

The jewelry sale will take place throughout the Annual Conference session.

Here's how you can help:

- Set up collection sites in your local church and/or community.
- Send new and/or gently used jewelry and scarves to the attention of Brenda Borchers at: New England Conference, 411 Merrimack St., Suite 200, Methuen, MA01844.
- Give jewelry and scarf donations to your District Superintendent.
- Purchase donated jewelry at Annual Conference for very reasonable prices.
- Spread the word!

Equalization members, especially under 30, needed for AC 2020

Conference Secretary John Blackadar reports that in addition to the equalization members selected by virtue of their office for the 2020 Annual Conference session, 18 equalization members are needed from each district.



At least two of those must be between ages 12 and 17 and at least two between ages 18 and 30.

The Cabinet is committed to meeting this requirement to include youth and young adults, which is outlined in our Conference Policies and Procedures as well as the *Book of Discipline*. Those interested in being equalization members should contact their pastor or district office.

Get the latest news and info

You can get all the latest news and information about AC 2020 at www.neumc.org/acsessions



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