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Mission of Peace returns for 2024

Mission of Peace will return in 2024 when the Northeastern Jurisdiction CYM sponsors a trip to Puerto Rico.

Youth in grades 9-12 are eligible. Approximate dates are Feb. 14-23, 2024. **Registration deadline is Nov. 15, 2023**

Questions?
Contact Heather Stierheim,
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Find the registration info on our website at www.neumc.org/mop



Advent study features UM missionaries

“Welcome to the Advent Journey with Missionaries through Scripture and Story” features NEAC elders and missionaries the Revs. Dan and Courtney Randall.

They write: “We hope this study will strengthen the connections in the global body of Christ by growing the awareness and support of congregations with Christian siblings in other places through incorporating missionaries into worship and small groups in the reading scripture and the sharing of their stories.”



Revs. Courtney and Dan Randall



FIND THE ADVENT STUDY AT
<https://sites.google.com/view/ummissionaryadventstudy>



Sponsor a missionary

Your church can sponsor a GBGM missionary in Covenant Relationship. Rev. Gil Lee, pictured here with Bishop Peggy Johnson, is our Mission Secretary. He is happy to tell you more about it

Reach him via email at gilpyo.lee@gmail.com

Upcoming webinars

7 pm Monday, Nov. 13

The newly formed Recovery Committee presents this pre-holiday event to help make those of us in the church more aware of alcohol issues that manifest for many people around the holidays and how to support people at this time of the year.

On the panel for this presentation will be a young man who will talk about his personal experience being in recovery from alcoholism and what can be helpful for those in recovery around the holidays.

7 pm Thursday, Nov. 16

Join members of the New England Conference Insurance Committee, who will offer information about the dramatic increase in property and liability insurance rates for our churches and other properties, as well as options for payment plans. Visit the calendar for details/links.



GET DETAILS AND THE LINKS

www.neumc.org/events

Northeastern Jurisdictional news

NEJ Boundaries Task Force considers episcopal areas

The Northeastern Jurisdiction (NEJ) Boundaries Task Force met Sept. 21-22, 2023, and reviewed a survey of members of the NEJ.

The Task Force has been working since last year to study the jurisdiction and come up with possible scenarios for configuring the episcopal areas in the future.

“Our conversations primarily centered on the data collected from the jurisdictional survey. The survey responses provided valuable insights into the demographics and perspectives of the Northeastern Jurisdiction (NEJ) members,” writes Rev. Dr. Lydia E. Muñoz, Chair of Boundaries Committee/NEJ Boundaries Task Force.

While the survey gives an idea of what people across the

NEJ are thinking, the final decision will not be made until the NEJ Conference (July 8-11, 2024). Decisions made by the General Conference, which will take place April 23-May 3, 2024, may also have an impact; that’s where decisions about the denomination’s budget, number of bishops in each jurisdiction, etc., will be made.

According to Dr. Muñoz, the Task Force expects “to compile all findings and present a comprehensive report to the jurisdiction by December.”

“To ensure a more inclusive and equitable approach, additional listening sessions and data collection processes are currently being planned,” Dr. Muñoz writes.

Click to see the [NEJ survey summary report](#) or visit www.neumc.org/news to find this story

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