

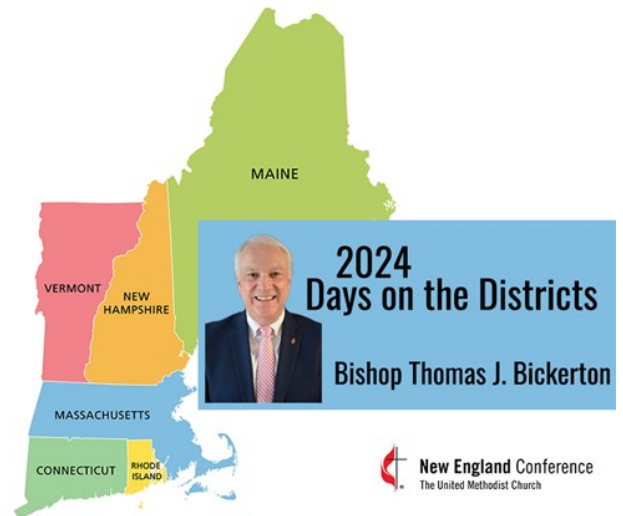
October 2024

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. **For more news and events, visit www.neumc.org.**



Bishop to visit each district

Clergy and laity are invited to gatherings in each district this month for a chance to meet Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton, who began his assignment as the Resident Bishop of the New Hope Area, which includes the New England and New York conferences, on Sept. 1.



Save the date: Installation Service for Bishop Bickerton is Nov. 2

The Installation Service for Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton will be held at **1 pm on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, at Sudbury UMC**, 251 Old Sudbury Road, Sudbury, MA.

We are encouraging clergy and laity to attend in person, both to welcome Bishop Thomas J. and Sally Bickerton and to connect with God and one another as we begin this new chapter of shared ministry.

The worship service will be followed by a reception.

Watch www.neumc.org and our e newsletter for more details.

Oct. 6 Granite District

St. John's UMC, 28 Cataract Ave., Dover, NH

Oct. 7 Many Waters District, Auburn UMC, 439 Park Ave., Auburn, ME

Oct. 8 Katahdin District Old Town UMC, 726 Stillwater Ave., Old Town, ME

Oct. 10 Commonwealth East District, Parkway UMC, 158 Blue Hills Parkway, Milton, MA

Oct. 11 Commonwealth West District, Blackstone Valley UMC, 61 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville, MA

Oct. 12 Seacoast District, Haven UMC, 200 Taunton Ave., East Providence, RI

Oct. 13 Green Mountain District Day, Shelburne United Methodist Church, 30 Church St., Shelburne, VT

District Day schedule (all events)

2-4 pm clergy gathering
4-6 pm dinner with clergy and laity
6-8 pm all are welcome

Please register at least FIVE days in advance of the event date to help those planning and preparing the meals. A link to the registration can be found on the homepage of at www.neumc.org



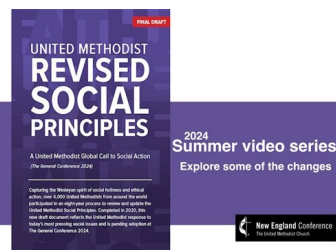
GET THE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION LINK:
www.neumc.org/

In case you missed it ...

Catch up on these webinar/video series

Revised Social Principles video series

General Conference delegates approved the first overhaul of the denomination's Social Principles in nearly 50 years. Contained in both the Book of Discipline and Book of Resolutions, the Social Principles are statements that reflect official United Methodist teachings on a wide range of topics. The NEAC Commission on Religion and Race (CORR), Board of Church and Society, and Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW) have created this eight-part video series exploring the revised Social Principles with an invitation to reflect on and actively engage with these principles.



webinar was designed to walk you through the new processes and answer your questions. Find recordings and materials from the 9/11 & 9/12 sessions.



Sept. 11 or 12 via Zoom

Creation Care series

The New England Conference Creation Care Ministry presented a 4-part series on various environmental topics in September. Recordings will be posted soon. Find all these at www.neumc.org/news or scan the QR code below.



Church Conference Form Training

The 2024 Church Conference reports will be submitted digitally via the Church Dashboard online reporting database for clergy and church leaders (accessed through the People Portal). This training

UWF Fall Gathering is Oct. 26

The New England Conference United Women in Faith Annual Gathering will be Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024.

The hybrid gathering will be held at Hedding United Methodist Church, 40 Washington St., Barre, VT.

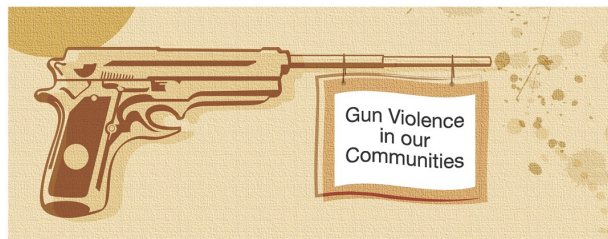
Coffee and registration begin at 9 am. Program ends at 4 pm.

Attendees are invited to wear something orange to honor those affected by gun violence, which will be a topic for the day.

Cost to attend is \$20 in person /\$10 virtual.

Registration deadline is Oct. 20.

Visit www.neucm.org/events to learn more and register.



Get resources to celebrate Laity Sunday on Oct. 20

One Sunday a year, Laity Sunday, we celebrate what United Methodists and many other faith communities understand as a reality every day: the priesthood of all believers. Laity Sunday 2024 is Oct. 20 but can, and should, be celebrated on any Sunday in October.

Laity Sunday gives others who typically don't lead or preach the opportunity to do so. I encourage you to use this opportunity to invite someone new to participate in or help with the preparation of worship. It's also a great opportunity to celebrate the gifts the laity offer to God and to encourage others in their journey.

Laity, what better way to try something new than in your own Church where you are known, loved, and supported?

Get resources for Laity Sunday 2024 at www.resourceumc.org, search for 2024 Laity Sunday.

Let's Connect

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