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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 New England Annual Conference



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Deadline to Submit

Monday at 5 p.m. to
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Early bird registration closes April 28

Register for Annual Conference and make your payment by April 28 to get the early bird discount (save \$45). Registration closes May 16.

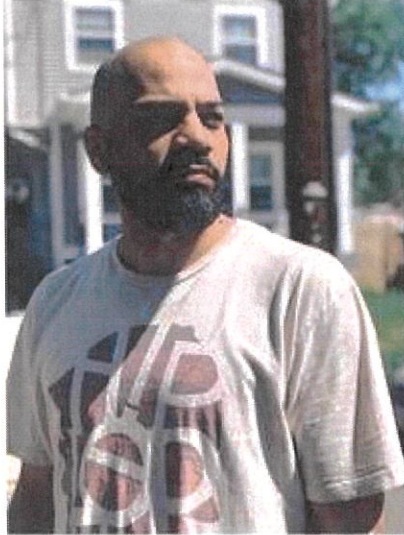
EVENTS

April 2025

[Register now](#)

Other deadlines coming up:

- April 30 – [Nominations for Ziegler Preaching Award and Bryant Award for lay social justice work](#)
- May 5 – [Enter Laity Address Challenge](#)
- May 16 – [Reserve display space at Annual Conference](#)



Annual Conference will feature ‘A Long Talk’ leaders

In February 2025, the Conference Commission on Religion and Race offered a special opportunity to participate in [A Long Talk About the Uncomfortable Truth](#), a 21-day anti-racism activation experience. A Long Talk’s President Kamal Carter and Chief Empowerment Officer Kyle R. Williams will be guest speakers at the 2025 Annual Conference session. [Read more about them](#)

Find all the AC news and info [here](#)



Bishop names Green Mountain District Superintendent

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton is pleased to announce that he has named Rev. Dr. Songbok “Bob” Jon as Green Mountain District Superintendent. Rev. Jon currently serves Aldersgate UMC in Chelmsford, MA. His new appointment will begin on July 1,



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April 17



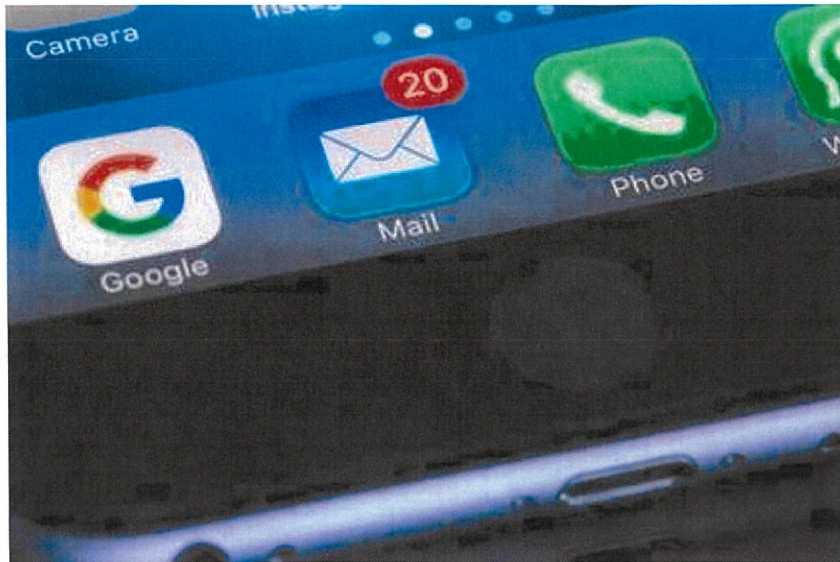
Bishop Moore-Koikoi to preach at Rhode Island church

Shepherd of the Valley along with Arnold’s Mills, Cornerstone of Faith, N. Kingstown, and Wesley United Methodist churches and other ecumenical friends are pleased to welcome Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi as our Holy Thursday preacher and presider for worship at **Shepherd of the Valley, 604 Seven Mile Road, Hope, RI, on at 7 pm, Thursday, April 17, 2025**. All are welcome to join us! To stream the service, just go to Shepherd of the Valley’s website <https://www.sovumc.org/> and click on the “Live Stream” box.

[Find more details here](#)

2025.

[Read the full announcement](#)



Is this email fake? How to avoid phishing scams

We have recently gotten some reports of fake emails purporting to be from Bishop Bickerton. It is impossible to stop these completely, but there are some things you can do to make sure you don't get scammed. See these tips from UM Communications.

[Learn more](#)



Apply now for GCORR Action Fund grant

The General Commission on Religion and Race (GCORR) has opened applications for the CORR Action Fund (CAF), a grant initiative that supports bold and creative projects working to dismantle racism and promote equity and inclusion in The United Methodist Church and beyond. This opportunity is open to United Methodist churches, annual

July 31 to Aug. 3, 2025



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[Check out our Local Church Events calendar and add your upcoming events](#)

DON'T FORGET



Training for Leadership Nominations Committees

Training: Church Committees on Nominations and Leadership
7 pm, Thursday, April 10, 2025.
Online via Zoom



Register now for a 2025 Appointment Transition Workshop
9 am to noon Saturday, April 26, 2025
6-9 pm Wednesday, May 7, 2025

conferences, seminaries, and other affiliated organizations. The deadline to apply is May 31, 2025.

[Learn more](#)

UMC NEWS

Death doula helps navigate end-of-life care

DENVER (UM News) — A new Iliff School of Theology course aims to give pastors and others the foundation they need to support the dying and their families. Iliff, one of 13 United Methodist seminaries in the U.S., also has started a certificate program on the topic. Thirteen students signed up for the first Foundations of Death Care course. Jim Patterson reports.

Holy Week devotionals: Remember Jesus' journey

This collection of daily devotionals helps you journey with Jesus from his entrance into Jerusalem to the tomb. Spending time in prayerful preparation will enrich your celebration of Jesus' resurrection. [Learn More](#)

UMC News

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Engaging Mercy and Justice in Challenging Times:

UNITED METHODIST
**REVISED
SOCIAL
PRINCIPLES**

May 10
Aug. 2
Aug. 16
Sept. 27
2025

Understanding & Applying the New Social Principles

Hosted by NEAC Board of Church & Society

Training on the new Social Principles

May 10 at Carter Memorial UMC in Needham, MA.

Click the link for more dates/locations

Apply now for Equitable Compensation

All grant applications are submitted electronically via the Church Dashboard. **The deadline for submitting applications for Equitable Compensation Grants is May 1** for grants beginning July 1, 2025.



AC2025 Youth Fellowship Program

– Learn more & sign up



Liturgy for Earth Day

The NEAC Green Church Network has created an Earth Day worship liturgy, written and collected by members across the New England Conference.

Full and Provisional Membership application for 2025-2026 now available

[Find our newsletter archives here](#)

CLASSIFIEDS

We're hiring: NEAC Director of Communications

Admin Assistant Wanted - Eliot, ME

Organist Wanted - Eliot, ME

Church Administrator - Springfield, MA

Church organist/pianist - Salisbury, MA

Equity Justice Coordinator - The General Commission on Religion and Race

Director of Family Ministries - Manchester, CT

Feasting on the Word Commentary, Year A Set

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion (Years A, B, C full set)

Music Director/Organist - West Boylston, MA

General Commission on Archives and History - Admin Assistant, part-time

Director of Children & Youth Ministries - Dowington, PA

Sunday School Teacher - Newton, MA

Vacation Rental - South Yarmouth, MA

Intended Appointment Changes

2025 Clear Openings

Updated March 27, 2025



NEW HOPE EPISCOPAL AREA

THE NEW ENGLAND AND NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCES

◀ THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH