September 10, 2026

2026 Church Conference season is here!

Everything that you need to know to get started is posted on the updated 2026 Church Conference webpage.

Many Waters: Churches received information from the district office about SPRC meetings.

The Church Conferences location and times HERE!!

2026 Church Conferences Drop-In Sessions

It's Church Conference form time! Need help? Drop-in sessions with the Regional Administrators and Information Systems Manager begin this coming week.

- Tuesday, September 15, 12:00-1:00 PM
- Wednesday, September 16, 7-8 PM

The Zoom link is the same for both sessions.

You can also find helpful information on our website at www.neumc.org/church-conference

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New England Conference
The United Methodist Church

Quick Links

Click on the links to learn more on these topics on the NEAC website & beyond.

In Case You Missed It

Board of Discipleship Videos:

- The Board of Discipleship has been faithfully offering resources for worship in 2026. **Watch videos of past presentations**

GBGM Offers Help for Solar Installation Incentives

The General Board of Global Ministries hosts monthly calls on the ***second Monday of each month at 3 PM ET*** to help United Methodist congregations or organizations who are in the process of or planning to file for the federal incentive (Direct Pay, sometimes called Elective Pay) to help pay for solar installations?

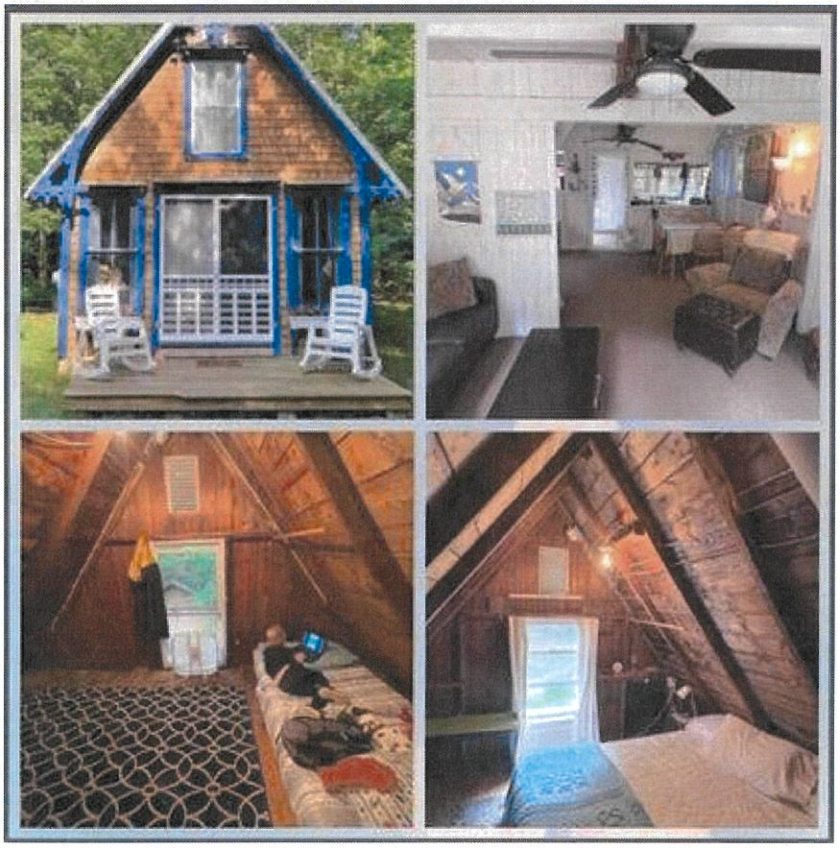
- Oct 12, 2026

Register in advance for the date of your choice to join.

Board of Discipleship Worship Webinars:

Cottage for Sale at Empire Grove United Methodist Campground

Empire Grove United Methodist Campground in Poland, Maine. The owners are seeking fellow United Methodists for this purchase.
The cost is: $25,000
The contact person is Jonathan Pape. Phone: 617-501-3810.



TONIGHT! Introduction to Safer Sanctuaries and Best Practices

As we prepare for the beginning of ministry programs for our children, youth and vulnerable adults, NYAC Connectional Ministries invites all pastors and ministry area leaders in the New Hope Episcopal Area to join us for a virtual introduction to Safer Sanctuaries policies and best practices. **This free 90-minute virtual workshop at 6:30 pm Thursday, Sept. 10,** will offer your leaders an introduction to Safer Sanctuaries policies and practices that you can begin to apply in your church's ministries.
Learn more and register

REGISTRATION CLOSES TODAY! Ministry Exploration Summit

Save ***September 19*** to learn about the paths of ministry in New England. This event will benefit those in the early stages of candidacy or discerning their call to ministry. Participation in a summit is required to become a certified candidate or certified lay minister. For more info, contact BOM Registrar, Deborah Venator, at bomregistrar@yahoo.com Online Registration or download form to mail.

- *Increasing Involvement with Baptism with Mark Stamm – **11/10, 7 pm***

Creation Care

Save the dates for the Virtual Creation Care Café. The Café convenes every fourth Tuesday with a different topic at each gathering.

September 22, 2026, 7:00 pm
October 27, 2026, 12:00 pm
November 24, 2026, 7:00 pm
December 22, 2026, 12:00 pm

For more information, email Grace Pugh Hubbard, Climate Care Coordinator.

Save the Date

GCSRW hosts virtual conference: 'Do No Harm'

The General Commission on Status and Role of Women, GCSRW, invites the whole connection to Do No Harm — a virtual conference equipping individuals and the Church to prevent sexual harm and foster trauma-informed care from ***November 12-14, 2026***

For the first time since its inception in 2006, the gathering is fully online. Thursday and Friday offer professional development for those who lead prevention, response, and training; Saturday is a public witness for everyone, centered on truth-telling, healing, and solidarity, offered on a sliding scale. Ashley Judd and Rachael Denhollander headline.
Learn more and register

Camping and Retreat Ministries

Solar Incentives Make Installation Possible for Churches

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Board of Discipleship Offering

Seeing the Sacred: Creating Effective Visuals

You are invited to a Zoom session with **Todd Pick** to learn about how to enhance the visual aspect of worship for your congregation!
Thursday, September 24 at 7 PM
JOIN

New Hope Area-wide workshop: Turning Ministry Ideas into Ministry Reality

Turning Ministry Ideas into Ministry Reality brings church leaders together to build real, actionable ministry plans. Clergy and laity from across the New Hope Episcopal Area are invited to this hands-on learning clinic.

Saturday, September 26, 2026 from **9 AM to 3 PM** at the DoubleTree, Stamford, CT. Continental breakfast and lunch included.

The learning clinic will be led by Rev. Trey Wince and Rev. Kerwin Webb of Ministry Incubators, which offers coaching, consulting, online courses, project management, launch events and more to help hatch your most wonderful and spirt-filled ideas.

Learn more and register ***Registration closes September 16, 2026.***

Webinar: The Moral Urgency of Voting Rights

As we enter the midterm general election season, the NEAC Board of Church & Society invites you to join us at 7 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026, for a special webinar featuring Chavis Jones, Counsel at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Chavis will share with us the current threats to voting rights in our country and how we are called to work for change as people of faith. Click here to register for this event. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Rev. Nicholas Perez at ndperez040592@gmail.com

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We are blessed to have vibrant camping and retreat ministries in New England! Check out the latest happenings at each of their websites.

Rolling Ridge
Aldersgate Camp & Retreat Center
Wanakee

Camp Mechuwana

Registration continues for popular fall events.

In Every Issue

Connect on Social Media

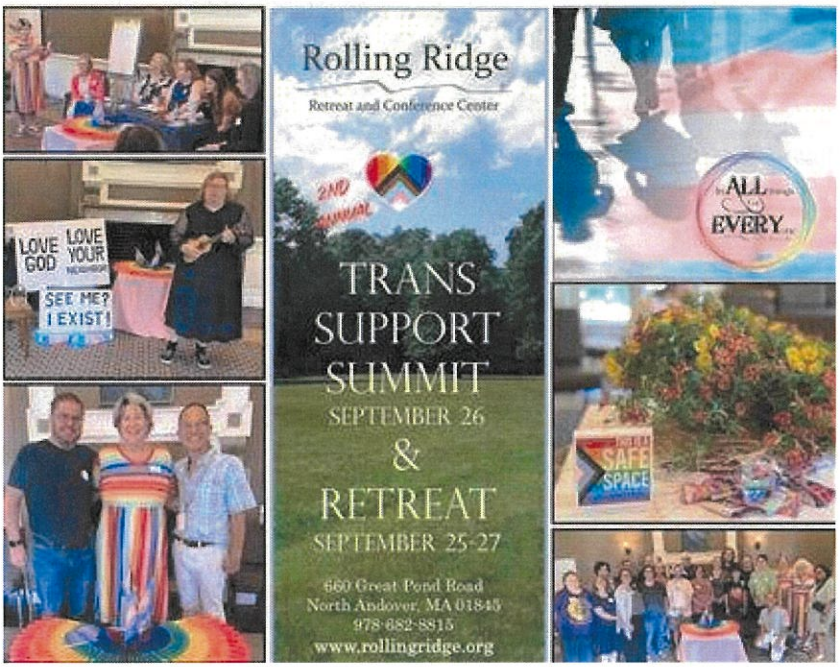
- Many Waters District Facebook
- NEAC Facebook
- NEAC Instagram
- NEAC Bluesky
- NEAC YouTube
- NEAC TikTok
- NEAC LinkedIn

Helpful NEAC Links

- Cooperative Parish Page
- Classifieds
- Resources for Immigrants and Allies
- Lay Servant Ministry Course Offerings
- See and Post Local Church Events
- Donations to UMCOR
- Creation Care Page
- United Methodist Foundation of New

Trans Support Summit and Retreat

Click the image to learn more and register.



Resources to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

In the United States, Hispanic Heritage Month is observed Sept. 15 – Oct. 15. Explore GCORR's infographic of "Do's and Don'ts" for celebrating Hispanic and Latino/a people and their diverse cultures in respectful and meaningful ways. You can also watch a webinar from United Methodist Communications offering practical guidance for local churches seeking to connect with Hispanic communities in their area.
Download the Infographic
Watch the Webinar on Reaching the Hispanic Community
See All Hispanic Heritage Resources

Join conversation about accessibility, future

The Association of Ministers with Disabilities invites United Methodists with disabilities to a virtual Community Conversation at 1 p.m. Sept. 19 to discuss the Leadership Gathering in October and hopes for the future United Methodist Church. The association wants to hear about ways the church can become more accessible, welcoming and supportive of people with disabilities and their leadership.
Learn more
Register for webinar

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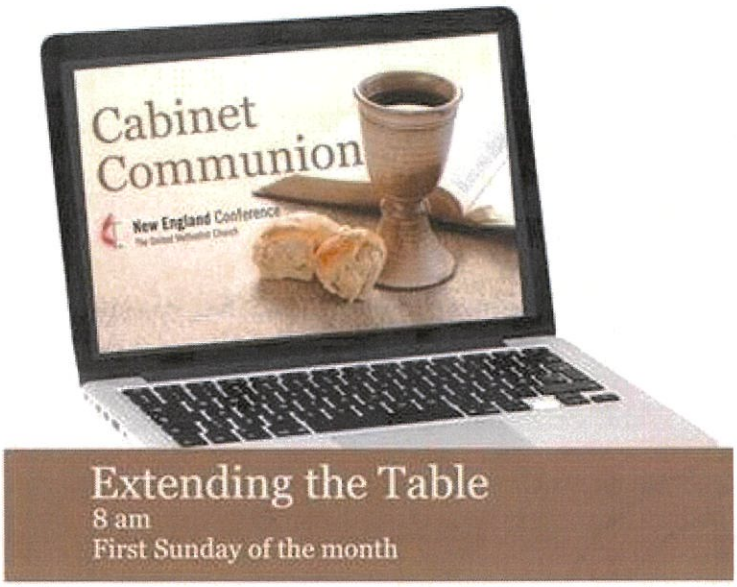
United Methodist Resources

- NEAC Commission on Religion and Race Resources
- ResourceUMC Religion and Race
- GCORR Resources for Summer and Fall 2026
- Disability Ministries Committee
- General Board of Church and Society Faith and Fact cards - print your own or order.
- Link to all the language versions of the 2024 Social Principles (most current)
- Apply for your tax exemption letter from GCFA
- Discipleship Ministries Equipping Disciples Newsletter



Extending the Table Online Communion

Extending the Table is an online Communion Service led by members of the Extended Cabinet held at 8 am on the first Sunday of each month. Participants do not need to register in advance. The Zoom link for the service and more information can be found at www.neumc.org/communion

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Fall 2026 In-Person EarthKeepers Training!

Applications are now open! Deadline: August 1.

In honor of the 10th anniversary of the Global Ministries EarthKeepers program, we're excited to share that commissioned EarthKeepers are welcome to apply again for the 2026 in-person fall training taking place in Atlanta, GA from October 1-4, 2026.

Training will begin at 4:00 PM ET on Thursday, October 1, and conclude on Sunday, October 4, at 1:00 PM, with lunch provided. The program will include a field trip on Saturday, October 3, to the Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design.

CARING Lay Servant Ministries COMMUNICATING LEADING

For more information on these courses and to register, visit CLM/LSM Course Offerings on the NEAC website.

United Methodist Foundation of the Northeast

United Methodist Foundation of the Northeast upcoming events

- **September 15:** Putting Your House In Order Next Steps & Investment Options
- **September 30:** Stewardship Preaching Institute Bishop Tracy Smith Malone

Looking for answers around stewardship?
Have we got a great FORMULA for you!

[Giving[[Jesus]]Generosity]

Stewardship is the outward and visible sign of our inner and personal relationship with God

When you think about stewardship (as individuals and as a church) do these statements sound familiar?

- *What I give is just between God and me*

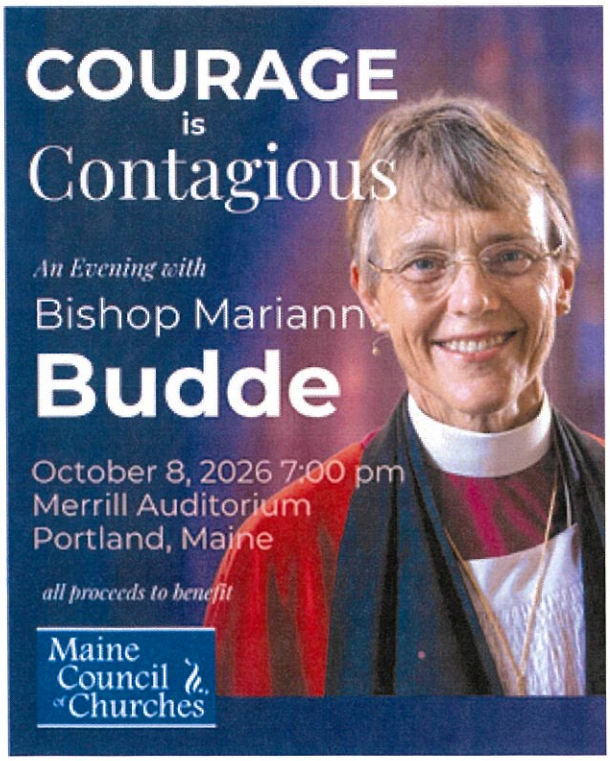
- *We don't talk about stewardship because it's private business*
- *We're a rural church with just a few members, why should we talk about stewardship*
- *Stewardship is my least favorite 4 weeks at church*
- *We don't need to do stewardship because we know what to give*

Over these three webinars, we will celebrate why stewardship draws us **closer to Christ**, explore how **everything we do** is stewardship (not just what we put in the offering plate), and how living a **generous life brings joy** to one's life.

- **October 6:** Making Jesus the Center of all we do (or at least trying)
- **October 13:** Ensuring what we do as individuals and churches re?ects our love for Jesus
- **October 20:** Sharing God's abundant love through our daily lives

All sessions begin at 6:30pm via Zoom.
Bring your questions, concerns, doubts, fears, and excitement about stewardship with you!

All events and registration are here...



October 8, 2026 7:00 pm
Merrill Auditorium
Portland, Maine

All seats $56 (includes service fee)/ proceeds to benefit Maine Council of Churches

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE

Her sermon during the 2025 inauguration lasted only minutes. But Bishop Mariann Budde's example of bravery in speaking truth to power endures. "Let me make one final plea, Mr. President. In the name of our God, I ask you to have mercy upon the people in our country who are scared now." Read More and Register Here

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