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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.

Find more at www.neumc.org.



Bishop's District visits continue

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson is making in-person visits to each district to share her vision and hear your thoughts and questions.

Attend any session; many are hybrid.

March 4 Granite District

March 18 Commonwealth East

April 1 Katahdin District

April 15 Many Waters District

April 22 Green Mountain District

Check the calendar for details www.neumc.org/events



Still time to attend Anti-Racism Training

In New England, creating and conducting mandatory quadrennial anti-racism training for those serving local churches is the responsibility of the Conference Commission on Religion and Race (CCORR). While this is mandatory clergy, laity are also encouraged to attend. The sessions continue through Mid-March.

CCORR Chair Rev. Effie McAvoy said it's important for people to understand why this training is needed, and it goes beyond the NEJ requirement.

"[We're] trying to get members of the conference to understand that we all are affected by bias, prejudice, and discrimination," said Rev.

McAvoy, who serves Shepherd of the Valley UMC in Hope, RI. "It's not a Black/White issue, it's an 'all-of-us issue,' and how do we then engage in that and work to make justice happen?"

Visit the Conference calendar to get details for a particular session.

March 4
Commonwealth East District

March 4
Katahdin District

March 4 & 11
Seacoast District

March 10 & 11
Green Mountain District

Camping & Retreat Ministries

Time to register for summer camp

New England Conference's summer camps are now accepting registrations. Click the links below to learn about the great programs being offered this year.

Our three sites are also seeking staffers for a number of roles – learn more about that on their websites; links can be found at www.neumc.org/CRM



Aldersgate Camp & Retreat Center

1043 Snake Hill Road, North Scituate, Rhode Island

Registration site:

<https://aldersgatene.campbrainregistration.com/>

Families can find more information on:

Day Camp: <https://www.campaldersgate.com/day-camp>

Overnight:

<https://www.campaldersgate.com/copy-of-overnight-camp>

Camp Mechuwana

Mechuwana Lane

Winthrop, Maine

<https://www.mechuwana.org/summer-camps>

Wanakee United Methodist Center

75 Upper New Hampton Road

Meredith, New Hampshire

If you are looking for information about summer camp

See the schedule: <http://bit.ly/wanakee2023>

Sign up for camp: <https://bit.ly/signupforwanakee>

Coming up ...



Fresh Expression UM Imagine Lab



Rev. Dr. Michael Beck



Rev. Heather Jallad

When Fresh Expression congregations commit to reaching new people, in new places, and in new ways, revitalization and transformation take place.

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Training online and in person Concord, NH



Register now

This training is offered through the Office of Congregational Development. Attend online or in person.

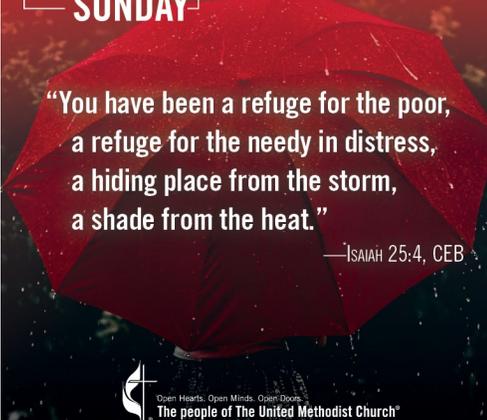
Get details and register by scanning the QR code or visit our website and find the event on our website calendar.



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—ISAIAH 25:4, CEB




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UMCOR Sunday is March 19

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Special Sunday

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