

New Hampshire Conference United Church of Christ



October 2018

Dear Friend,

We are excited to announce our plans for the 2019 **Prepared to Serve** event which will be held on February 23, 2019 at Pembroke Academy. This year's theme is rooted in the scripture passage: ***"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."*** John 15:5 (NRSV)

As we look forward to this year's event, we would like to ask you to consider sharing your gifts and being a presenter. 2018 was another banner year with our attendance at 500. We believe this is due in large part to the wonderful selection of workshops offered. Prepared to Serve Workshops are either 60 or 75 minutes in length and, although interactive, are intended to serve primarily as an educational session for the dissemination of information. It is highly recommended that workshops provide content and materials that relate to practical implementation in a local church setting.

General topic areas include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Christian Formation:** topics related to the spiritual or educational development of persons of all ages
- **Clergy Support:** topics related to the education and support of clergy
- **Finance:** topics related to strengthening generosity and serving as stewards of church assets
- **Local Church Support:** topics related to strengthening and enriching a local congregation, including worship and music
- **Justice and Witness:** topics related to doing God's work for peace, justice, and environmental stewardship.
- **Wider Church Relations:** topics related to engaging the needs and opportunities of the world

Lunch will be provided without charge **for up to two presenters per workshop**. A half-price registration fee will be offered to presenters interested in attending other workshops throughout the day. No registration fee is charged to those who are only attending to present a workshop.

Please return the attached Presenter Registration Form by November 30, 2018 to NHCUCC, 140 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, NH 03275 – Attn. PTS Presenter. If you have questions or wish to return the form electronically, please email them to events@nhcucc.org.

We look forward to hearing from you.
The 2019 Prepared To Serve Planning Committee