

Annual Meeting 2017

Focus Group Sessions

Focus Group – Session 1 (12:00 – 12:45 PM)

1A - Conversation with The Transitional Conference Minister (Rev. Dr. Charles C. Buck)

Join the Rev. Dr. Charles C. Buck in conversation about embracing this time of transition. Also hear his thoughts about working with the Board of Directors on strategic planning and visioning for the future.

1B - Back Bay Mission

Back Bay Mission has a simple mission: to strengthen neighborhoods, seek justice, and transform lives. Come learn more about how Back Bay Mission meets the urgent needs of those suffering from poverty and its effects while building pathways to social justice. They lead the way in delivering services, creating collaborative solutions and transforming lives through mission immersion experiences.

1C - Capital Campaign Conversation (NHCUCC BOD)

The NHCUCC is proposing a Capital Campaign that will invigorate some of our most important ministries. Come and learn more about the initiatives which will be supported by a Conference-wide fundraising effort:

- Funding for Small Church Vitality through Pastoral Compensation
- Building Funds for Horton Center
- Funding for Expanded Justice and Witness Ministries
- Funding for Strengthening Children, Youth & Young Adult Ministries
- Funding for Solar Panels at the Conference Center
- Funding for Technology Upgrades.

1D - Discussion on the Resolution

Resolutions have historically enabled the church to listen to the concerns of those pushed to the margins of society, to consider opinions that are distinct from our own, and – most importantly – to make changes that encourage (to paraphrase the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.) the ‘arc of history to bend toward justice.’ Come and learn more about the proposed resolution and how it may continue to be an effective instrument in the United Church of Christ for speaking to one another, and for speaking to society.

Focus Group – Session 2 (12:45 – 1:30 PM)

2A - Conversation with The Transitional Conference Minister (Rev. Dr. Charles C. Buck) (see description above)

2B - Back Bay Mission (see description above)

2D - The River Cried: “Mni W’Coni!”(Environmental Stewardship Mission Group)

This is a documentary film written, directed, and co-produced by Dr. Jehann El-Bisi and US Army Veteran and NH Peace Activist, Art Desmarais. It tells their very personal story about three trips to Standing Rock to act in solidarity with the water protectors, and is a moving invitation for us all to join in the struggle for environmental justice and liberation.

The producers will be with us for this presentation as they were last year at the film’s debut at Prepared To Serve. The film has been shown at multiple venues since, and is co-sponsored by our Environmental Stewardship and Peace With Justice Advocates mission groups.

2E - Conversation with Bishop Dwayne Royster

This session will provide an opportunity for further reflection and discussion on Bishop Royster's keynote address. Come share your observations, hear other insights, and ask your questions!