



**46th Annual NEAUCE Conference
Toward Common Ground
Living Faithfully in a Diverse World Community**

Then Peter began to speak to them:

"I truly understand that God shows no partiality" Acts 10:34

Pilgrim Pines, 220 West Shore Road, Swanzey, New Hampshire

May 2-4, 2017

Racial Justice Keynote Address Tuesday, May 2 7:15 PM - The Rev. Da Vita D. McCallister



The Rev. Da Vita D. McCallister is the Associate Conference Minister for Leadership and Vitality in the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ. She is a mother, ordained minister, entrepreneur, philanthropist, writer and advocate for youth and young adults. She has served the Fund for Theological Education, the national setting of the United Church of Christ, and the United Methodist Church.

Interfaith Keynote Address Wednesday, May 3 10:30 AM - Dr. Heidi Hadsell

Heidi Hadsell, Ph.D., is President of Hartford Seminary and Professor of Social Ethics. She has a deep commitment to interfaith dialogue and engagement, believing that in today's religiously plural world, it is essential to understand and work with religions beyond one's own.

Dr. Hadsell serves on a variety of boards that reflect her service in the community and experience in theological education. The boards include Arigatou International, where she is on the council for the World Day of Prayer and Action for Children; Globethics.net; the Advisory Committee to the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion; the Association of Theological Schools in North America and Canada, including the ATS Presidential Leadership Education Advisory Committee; and Plowshares Institute.

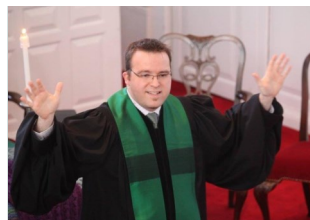


Faith Formation/Practical Theology Keynote Address Thursday, May 4 10:30 AM - Dr. Courtney T. Goto



Dr. Courtney T. Goto is an Assistant Professor of Religious Education and a co-Director of the Center for Practical Theology at BU School of Theology. Her research interests include aesthetic teaching and learning; imagination, creativity, and embodied knowing in adult religious education; and intersections of power, privilege, and culture in practical theology. Her most recent book is *The Grace of Playing: Pedagogies for Leaning into God's New Creation* (2016). Her current book (in progress) is a moral project on dynamics of power and oppression in discourse, research, and teaching in practical theology.

Worship Leadership - The Rev. Matthew C. Emery and Musician, The Rev. Greg Gray



Opening Worship	Tuesday, May 3	4:15 PM
Worship with Communion	Wednesday, May 4	7:45 PM
Closing Worship	Thursday, May 4	12:00 Noon



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Workshops



W-1: An Open-Hearted Christianity- Resources for shaping faith in a justice seeking, interfaith world, Karen Ziel

This workshop will be an opportunity to explore resources and share ideas and suggestions for engaging justice and interfaith work with all ages. The content covered will include: meeting your group where they are, discerning what's next, resources for creating engagements to explore a variety of topics, opening a space-creating safe spaces for exploring and activities and seize the day suggestions, ways to weave an approach to justice throughout many types of congregational activities and programs.

W-2: CE 101, Laurie Chipman

Are you new to a CE position? A couple of years or just a few months. Feeling over whelmed? Looking for tips, help or just a listening ear. Wondering where you find information? Come join the circle!

W-3: Broadening the Welcome: including the LGBTQ community in Youth Ministry, Rev. Bryan S. Breault

Thankfully, more young people are feeling able to come out as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer. Questions about sexuality and gender are pivotal to these brave youth. Others may need a safe place and person to begin the coming out process. And everyone can work to be more understanding and inclusive. We'll explore these matters as well as issues of privacy and controversy as we seek to extend God's extravagant welcome to all people.

W-4: Understanding How Cultural Values Shape Behavior, Phoebe Milliken

Participants will learn concepts and vocabulary that help them assess how culture shapes our understanding of time, identity, relationships, and trust. That in turn will allow participants to understand how culture influences their own behavior and the behavior of others. For example, time can be seen as linear or cyclic, something which is measured mechanically with a clock or is more felt in the rhythms of the body. Differing views of time manifest as different interpretations of what it means to be on-time, and the degree to which deadlines are seen as flexible or hard-and-fast. Understanding this and other differences could help churches be truly welcoming to diverse populations, and help congregants engage with other cultures locally and abroad in culturally sensitive ways.

W-5: The \$35 Mini- Mission Trip! , Sheri Anderson

In this workshop Sheri will share how to create a affordable weekend long mini-mission trip for Jr and /or Sr High youth, or a Confirmation class, utilizing wider church connections and local agencies. She will share the benefits of offering this kind of service experience in addition to, or instead of, or as a warm up to a week long mission trip. She will provide a retreat planning worksheet and template as well as other resources.

Wednesday Afternoon—Racial Justice Training, Rev. Da Vita McCallister

In lieu of Wednesday afternoon workshops, everyone is invited to attend a two-hour racial justice training led by Day McCallister. Even as we seek to equip our young people to live in a diverse world community, we must be equipped ourselves. Rev. Day has traveled the country leading similar sessions throughout the UCC.

TH-1: Witnessing: UCC Style, Rev. Nicholas Davis

What language shall we borrow to share our own personal faith with integrity? In this workshop we will sample some faith sharing from the Psalms and Gospels, as well as some contemporary writers such as Anne Lamott, as a way of learning old and new ways to witness to our experiences of the God revealed in Jesus Christ. The goal is to be true to our experience and avoiding formulaic language which no longer communicates. (Intermediate Level Workshop)

TH-2: Living in a World of Difference: An Invitation to Interfaith Engagement, Rev. Karen Nell Smith

Our world is diverse. As people of faith, understanding the perspectives of our brothers and sisters from other cultures, traditions and religions is essential. This workshop introduces the skills and sensitivities of interfaith dialogue that lead to listening, learning, greater understanding, stronger relationships, and living peacefully together. Basic components of interfaith education and engagement are explored through examples from programs for youth and adults including storytelling, scripture study, sharing worship and service projects.

TH-3: Nurturing Leadership in Children and Youth, Georgette Huie

One of the callings we as Christians have is to produce new generations of leaders for both church and society whose lives and decisions are guided by the Holy Spirit, informed by the Word of God, and modeled after Jesus Christ. We will examine and claim our own images of "good" leadership, identify various leadership styles (including our own), discuss how to help young people discern their gifts, passions, and calling, and then consider age-appropriate activities and approaches to help nurture leadership in children and youth who may be so gifted and called.

TH-4: The Bible: Choosing, Celebrating, Conversing, Rev. Carolyn Keilig

While we are familiar with this beloved best seller, sometimes the depth of the Bible can be overwhelming. We'll explore choosing the best translation based on reader age and purpose; design some multi-generational worship experiences for presenting bibles to third graders; and learn of online resources that will engage adults in both group and individual bible study.

TH-5: Praying in Color with Children, Kristin Putney

This workshop will help Christian Educators explore creative ways to pray with Children using color with clay, beads, string and other materials. This is a hands-on workshop that will provide handouts and opportunity to create praying in color items: prayer stone & prayer stick.

*"I do not want the peace which passeth understanding,
I want the understanding which bringeth peace."*

Helen Keller

Conference Leadership



Presenters

Sheri Anderson has served as an Associate Pastor and Youth Minister. She has over 20 years of experience in Youth Ministry in church and outdoor ministry settings. She enjoys creative programming, youth ministry building and involving youth in meaningful service.

Rev. Bryan S. Breault has been the Director of Pilgrim Lodge, the UCC camp in Maine, since 1997. He is active in the LGBTQ community and passionate about inclusivity and bridge building in the church.

Laurie Chipman is in her 20th year of being a Christian Education Director, first in a UMC setting and for the past 11 years in the UCC. She has watched programs change and gain new life as well as experienced the role of a CED change through the years. She is a Community of Practice leader, has been on the NEAUCE planning team, sits on the VT UCC Outdoor Ministry Team, has directed pageants, plays, youth group, leads Faith Formation classes, organized potluck suppers and led training events for area churches and her church team of volunteers.

Rev. Nicholas (Nick) Davis has served as a Pastor for 38 years in churches in the Maine Conference and Connecticut Conferences. Nick received a D. Min. from BTS in 1994, focusing on congregational studies, in particular, the ministry of the laity. He currently serves as Pastor and Teacher of one of the UCC churches in Ellsworth, Maine and is part of the Maine School of Ministry Resource Team.

Georgette Huie has served on the governing boards of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation, the New Covenant Trust Company, the National Council of Churches of Christ, and the San Francisco Food Bank, among other community and religious organizations. She was the first person of color to serve as Chair of the PC(USA) Foundation Board of Directors, and the first woman of color to serve as Moderator of San Francisco Presbytery. She is happy to be now serving those whose self-esteem is not tied to fame or political power. She has an M.Div., is a certified Math teacher, and has worked with children and youth for over 40 years.

Rev. Carolyn Keilig attended The Defiance College (in Ohio) where she received her B.A. in religious education and in sociology, and Andover-Newton Theological School for her M.Div. Her first call as a settled pastor was to the First Congregational Church of Kittery Point, Maine. After serving once more as a settled pastor, Carolyn followed a long-felt call to be part of the joys and challenges of interim ministry. As an interim, Carolyn has served churches in both rural and urban areas, with memberships of 60-600. She currently serves as the interim pastor at North Church of Portsmouth, UCC in Portsmouth, NH and as Vice-Chair of the national Association of United Church Educators. She is a former Chair of NEAUCE.

Phoebe Milliken leads the International Peacemaking Program at Hartford Seminary, where she teaches mediation and organizes other skill-building workshops for students from various faith traditions engaged in the study of interfaith dialogue. Phoebe's background is in experiential education and peace building. She spent four years living in Southern Africa, studying in South Africa and Zimbabwe, working for a literacy program in Zimbabwe, and then directing Augsburg College's study abroad program in Namibia. From 2009-2015, she worked for Plowshares Institute, a small NGO in Connecticut that taught conflict

transformation skills internationally, and led travel seminars to the Global South. Phoebe holds a master's degree in International Education from George Washington University.

Kristin Putney is the RI Conference Resource Consultant and also serves as the Director of Christian Education at her local church. She has been involved with Christian Education for 30 years and is also a mural artist and decorative painter.

Rev. Karen Nell Smith is a UCC pastor, who assists congregations transforming conflict and strengthening peacemaking skills. Committed to growing resilient communities, she has been part of Hartford Seminary's Building Abrahamic Partnerships facilitation team; teaches dialogue at Becker College, Worcester, MA; and serves as interfaith Engagement Program Director of the Brookfield Institute, Brookfield, MA.

Karen Ziel is the Commissioned Minister of Faith Formation and Leadership for the Connecticut Conference United Church of Christ. With more than 25 years of experience in the teaching ministries of the church, Karen has worked in faith formation with children, youth and adults in a variety of settings. Karen has served on local and regional councils for Christian Educators, CAUCE and NEAUCE and as a National Consultant in Education for the United Church of Christ. She is a seasoned speaker and workshop leader on a variety of topics.

Worship Leaders

"Pastor Matt" is the Senior Minister at Storrs Congregational Church UCC in Storrs, Connecticut, and also serves as the primary pastoral liaison to the student group UCC UConn. He is active in wider settings of the United Church of Christ, and recently finished chairing the Nominating Committee for the Connecticut Conference. Matt is a member of the inaugural class of the United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance's *Next Generation Leadership Initiative* program for local church clergy leadership development. He has previously been active with the UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns, including service as the lead worship coordinator for its 2007 national gathering.

Rev. Greg Gray is pursuing a Doctor of Ministry also from Boston University School of Theology focusing on the worship practices of the church and how we can make them inclusive of all people through our diverse expressions of liturgy and music. Most recently Greg has worked as the Designated Senior Pastor at South Congregational Church, UCC in East Hartford, CT. He is also serving the Connecticut Conference as the chair of the Conference Open and Affirming Ministry Team.

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Workshop Selections:

Wednesday Morning :

W- ___ Title _____

Thursday Morning:

TH- ___ Title _____

Tentative Schedule of Events

Tuesday

1:00 to 3:00 PM Registration
2:00 PM Guided Site Tours begin
2:30 PM New to NEAUCE (Orientation)
4:00 PM Welcome
4:15 PM Worship
5:15 PM State Meetings
6:00 PM Dinner
7:15 PM Opening Keynote: Rev. Da Vita McCallister
8:45 PM Hospitality

Wednesday

8:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Workshops (W-#)
10:30 AM Keynote Address: Dr. Heidi Hadsell
12:30 PM Lunch
1:30 PM Racial Justice Training Session
3:30 PM Free Time
6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Business Meeting and Commissioning
7:45 PM Worship with Communion
8:45 PM Hospitality

Thursday

8:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM Thursday Morning Workshops (TH-#)
10:30 AM Keynote Address: Dr. Courtney Goto
12:00 PM Closing Worship
12:45 PM Lunch To Go