

## ***Gerri Cannon***

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### **Short Biography:**

Gerri has spoken at numerous industry conferences for Digital, Compaq and Hewlett Packard for over 30 years. She has also presented Transgender topics for Speak Out Boston, a PFLAG National Conference in Washington D.C. as well as to NH House and Senate committees, while advocating for Transgender Rights and Same Sex Marriage. Gerri has been a member of the United Church of Christ for the past ten years. First at Nashua's UCC Pilgrim Church and now at Somersworth's First Parish Church where she is a member of the NHCUCC ONA Concerns Committee. She has recently shared her story with many church gatherings who were either in the process of becoming Open and Affirming or during educational moments. She has also been a participant on various speaker panels.

### **Presentation Description:**

#### **Learning to live truthfully to one's self and with others.**

Transgender people face many obstacles and challenges as they grow through life. It is helpful to understand their social interaction with others as well as the inner turmoil they face as they move through the educational systems and workplaces. Finding safe spiritual homes and compassionate congregations is yet another challenge. The complexity of being a Transgender adult and finding a place to worship can be very frustrating. During this session Gerri will share a part of her journey to become confident in herself as well as an active participant in the UCC community.

Gerri has also worked with Church pastors to deliver a sermon or an entire service focused on Loving One's Self and others.

### **When and Where:**

Gerri is able to give Mission moment messages or work with the church pastor to deliver a complete worship service. She is available for ONA panel discussions or other educational and informational gatherings. She has spoken at Prepared to Serve using a PowerPoint presentation and is comfortable with this type of presentation if the equipment is available.