



51st Annual NEAUCE Conference

May 3 & May 4, 2022

Revival!

Virtual Retreat

“Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in You?” — Psalm 85:

Join us for a two-day virtual event for all faith formation leaders and pastors—young and old, new and experienced!

It's been a long two years!

Prepare your heart and mind for **REVIVAL!**

- **Soul Revival!** This year, we will offer a unique artistic experience as artist, author, and spiritual leader **Bronwen Mayer Henry** guides us through a hands-on creative process.
- **Justice Revival!** Featuring **Emma Brewer-Wallin**, Minister for Environmental and Economic Justice at the Southern New England Conference, and special workshops led by NEAUCE Team members.
- **Worship Revival!** Experience an intergenerational workshop called “L.I.F.T” (Learning in Faith Together) with **Rev Julie Emery** and **Karen Hammond**.
- **Spirit Revival!** Participate in interactive worship on both days with **Rev. René Rouse** and musician **Amizael Castro**.

New this year: “Memorial Quilt Mural” presentation. Please submit the names of faith formation NEAUCE friends you would like to have remembered.

Please register by April 11 to receive a special GIFT PACKET with worship items and workshop supplies.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

SOUL REVIVAL

Bronwen Mayer Henry

Bronwen Mayer Henry is a self-taught contemporary painter specializing in nature inspired themes on large scale canvases with acrylic paints. She lives outside Philadelphia, PA with her husband, two children, and her King Charles Cavalier Spaniel.

It was an unexpected path through illness that led Bronwen to commit time to painting. Her art is an expression of prayer, meditation, courage, hope and joy. Her story has been featured in *Real Woman* magazine, and in her first book, “Radioactive Painting” published by Shanti Arts LLC in 2020.

Bronwen has worked for 20 years in the faith sector, developing curriculum, building community, event planning and offering pastoral care. Today in addition to her studio work, she is engaged part-time as Director of Curricular Innovation for Interfaith Philadelphia.



JUSTICE REVIVAL

Emma Brewer-Wallin

Minister for Environmental and Economic Justice, Southern New England Conference, UCC

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The Rev. Emma Brewer-Wallin supports congregations in making God's love real through engagement in environmental and economic justice. Brewer-Wallin grew up in UCC churches in Oregon, and has lived in the Boston area since 2014, attending Wellesley College and Harvard Divinity School. Most recently, she has served as Student Minister at First Congregational Church of Milton, MA.



WORSHIP REVIVAL

L.I.F.T with Rev. Julie Emery and Karen Hammond

Learning in Faith Together is a model for worship combined with creative programming. LIFT is an all-ages opportunity to worship and practice our Christian faith in a new and exciting way.

Rev. Julie Emery

Julie Emery is the Pastor/Head of Staff at Westminster Presbyterian in West Hartford, CT. She is highly creative and has a passion for inclusive worship and preaching and a heart for social justice.

Julie grew up in Michigan and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion from the University of Michigan. She received her Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2004. Before coming to Westminster, Julie has served congregations in New Hampshire and New York, as well as serving as a chaplain for Hospice Care.

Julie lives in West Hartford with her husband Jason, her two boys, Aiden and Chase, and her labrador, Juneau. In her free time, Julie enjoys yoga, meditation, road biking, camping and hiking, reading, knitting and cooking. She is a self-described "hockey mom" and throughout the fall and winter is found quite often at the ice rink watching her boys play.



Karen Hammond

Karen Hammond is the Director of Faith Formation at Westminster Presbyterian Church in West Hartford, CT. Karen has a BA from Smith College and started her career as an elementary school teacher. Her background in elementary education has grown into a passion for intergenerational faith formation. Karen was raised at Westminster Church and enjoys the serendipity of coming full circle and once again making a home at this church. She and her husband Greg have two adult daughters. Karen loves talking with others to share ideas about how best help the church to intersect with people's lives.



SPIRIT REVIVAL

Worship & Music Leaders:

Rev. Reneé Rouse

Setting captives free from a life of racism and empowering all who will listen and learn with Divine tools to stay awake in our journey toward anti racism is a lifelong goal of hers. Reneé is a Repairer of the Breach.

She has been involved with the Haitian Community Center of Manchester, NH since 1998. She is a member of the NH Black women's Health Project. She has led workshops at Prepared to Serve as well as led workshops in the marketplace on race. She is currently serving as the Co-Chair of the Racial Justice Mission Group of the New Hampshire Conference of the UCC. She is the Pastor and Teacher of the Northwood Congregational Church, Northwood, NH.

Reneé enjoys bringing healing to others through her teaching, preaching and her singing and praying. She believes all of God's children are called to a higher purpose and true freedom is a gift available for all of God's children. Just open your hands and receive it by the Holy Spirit, then use it to help free someone.

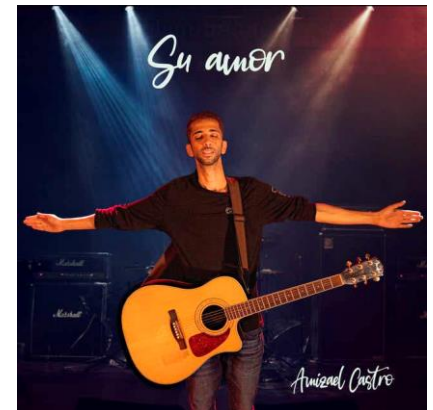
Rev. Reneé Rouse
Dojolo, Cherokee, European, African American, Black



Amizael Castro

Amizael Castro is a dynamic young musician living in Framingham, MA and serving as the worship leader and music director of Abba Church in Marlborough, MA.

As a song writer, producer and music teacher, Amizael shares his love of God from deep within. His Brazilian roots are engaging and rich with flavor, especially in his collection of over 40 songs written for his church. He feels blessed to be a part of the kingdom of God and worship with our NEAUCE friends!



NEAUCE Information

The New England Association of United Church Educators (NEAUCE) is a regional chapter of the national Association of United Church Educators (AUCE). NEAUCE is endorsed by the Lay Development Ministry Council. www.auce-ucc.org



Schedule

Tuesday, May 3: Justice & Worship Revival

5:00 - 9:15pm

4:45 Sign-on

5:00 Welcome & Blessing of Meals for State Meetings

5:30 **Justice Revival: Emma Brewer-Wallin** *Creation Care with Children and Youth*

Breakout Room Sessions choose one

- Organic Ministry in a Diverse Neighborhood with Rose Parker Stansfield (Maine)
- Teaching youth about restorative justice. What is it and why is it a Christian imperative? with Jennifer Cummings (Vermont)
- Creating an Anti-Racist Sunday School with Kristin Forselius (New Hampshire)

7:15 **Worship Revival: LIFT PROGRAM**

8:15 Revival Worship & Communion with Rev. Renee' Rouse & Amizael Castro

9:15 Optional Hospitality "Theme" Breakout Rooms

Wednesday, May 4: Soul Revival

8:30am – 1:45pm

8:15 Sign-on

8:30 Welcome & Body Prayer with Nancy Murray

8:50 Business Meeting & Silly Awards

9:15 **Soul Revival: Bronwen Mayer Henry**

12:40 - 1:00 Break

1:00 Memorial Presentation & **Spirit Revival Worship** with Rev. Renee' Rouse & Amizael Castro

1:45 End

Registration Form*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Alternate phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Church Name: _____

Faith Formation Role: _____

In which state? _____

AUCE Member? Yes/No

Full Event cost: _____

Costs: AUCE members \$50; non-AUCE members \$55;

Scholarship -Yes/No- Where is scholarship coming from? ____

Subtract Scholarship Amount \$ ____

Total: \$ ____

Justice Workshops Circle one

- **Organic Ministry in a Diverse Neighborhood**
- **Teaching Youth About Restorative Justice**
- **Creating an Anti-Racist Sunday School**

Make checks payable to "NEAUCE."

Make a copy of your registration form for your records and mail completed registration form and payment to:

Rev. Jessica Moore
First Congregational Church of St. Albans
27 Church St
St. Albans, VT 05478

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Justice Workshop Presenters

Jenny Cummings has led the youth fellowship at the Williamstown United Church for 30 years. She is a long-time volunteer with the Orange County Restorative Justice Center and currently serves on their board of trustees. She lives in Williamstown, Vermont with her husband, Robert, where they have a dairy equipment dealership.

Kristin Forselius Kristin is the Director of Education and Faith Formation at the Community Church of Durham, New Hampshire where she leads Changemaker programs for all ages that encourage folks to explore their faith foundation through service work and social justice. She also volunteers time with local schools and non-profits, collaborating on ways to build a more compassionate and equitable community.

Rose Parker Stansfield: is the director of Faith Formation and Community Outreach at High Street Congregational Church, UCC in Auburn, Maine. She loves to do things just a little different from the norm, often coloring outside of the lines. Most of her best work is done playing trucks on the floor with the children of English Language Learners while their parents attend their class, sitting with a giant bucket of Perler beads having conversations with six-year-olds, or sharing popsicles in the parking lot with the kids who ride their bikes there on hot summer days. She believes firmly that ministry with children happens in the ordinary, day-to-day occurrences, not just on Sunday morning. Join Rose in this brainstorming session on how you can identify the diverse needs in your neighborhood.

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