

September 30, 2019

Call to the Tri-Conference Annual Meeting
(the 152nd Annual Meeting of the CT Conference)
DCU Center
50 Foster St, Worcester, MA 01608
Friday & Saturday: November 1-2, 2019

To: Lay & Youth Delegates from Local Churches
All Authorized Ministers of the Conference
All Officers of the Conference
Moderators of Associations
Former Moderators of the Annual Meetings
Board of Directors and Committees Named in The Bylaws

This comes to you as the Call and Invitation to the Tri-Conference Annual Meeting (the 152nd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference) <https://www.ctucc.org/eventdetail/12011650>

Remember that all sessions are open to registered visitors as well as delegates, so be sure to tell others about this historic meeting!

Registration

Registration is available on-line at <https://www.ctucc.org/eventdetail/12011650>

Please register and pay by Sunday, October 28, 2019. *Walk-in registrations will be available however, we cannot guarantee that Saturday lunch tickets will be available as a walk-in registrant.* Registration will begin at 2:30 PM on Friday and again at 7:30 AM on Saturday morning.

Keynote speaker for the Annual Meeting-Valarie Kaur

In addition to the business to be conducted at the meeting, there will be dynamic worship and a keynote address by founder of the Revolutionary Love Project. Kaur is a Sikh racial justice activist, civil rights lawyer, award-winning filmmaker, educator and author of Revolutionary Love.

Friday, November 1, 2019

- **New Delegate Orientation**
- **Workshops: God's Love Alive! Stories from our New Conference**
 - Making Disciples*
 - Making God's Love and Justice Real*
 - Bringing New Life as Agents of Change*
 - Building Covenant Partnerships (local church stories)*
 - Building Covenant Partnerships (Conference partnerships with churches in Korea and Haiti)*
- **Dinner on your own**
- **Opening Worship**
- **Plenary actions by historic conferences, together**
- **Reception**

Saturday, November 2, 2019

- **Welcome and Worship including communion**
- **Keynote Presentation and Q&A**
- **Informal Community-building Lunch**
- **Networking Lunch**
- **Southern NE Conferences Plenary Session**
- **Closing Worship**

Hospitality

Please check our website for more information about hospitality, childcare, hotel reservations, special needs and directions at, <https://www.ctucc.org/eventdetail/12011650>

The following business will be discussed and acted upon:

Southern New England Conferences, UCC
Annual Meeting
Proposed Votes

A. Behavioral Covenant and Rules of Procedure: The Boards of Directors of the Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Southern New England Conferences recommend: “The Annual Meeting approves the Behavioral Covenant and Rules of Procedure for the 2019 Annual Meeting as presented.

B. Schedule of events for the Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting Steering Committee recommends: “The 2019 Annual Meeting adopts the Schedule of Events for the Annual Meeting as listed in the delegate materials

C. Proposed name for the new Conference Name: The Board of Directors of the Southern New England Conference recommends: “The 2019 Annual Meeting determines that the proposed new conference provisionally named “Together, As One” will be officially named the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ”.

D. Proposed Foundational Justice Commitments for the new conference: The Board of Directors of the Southern New England Conference recommends: “The 2019 Annual Meeting approves the Foundational Justice Commitments for the Southern New England Conference as presented.

F. Proposed Revisions to the Bylaws of the new Conference: The Boards of Directors of the Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island Conferences recommend:

“The 2019 Annual Meeting ratifies the expanded corporate purpose statement of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc. for conformity with the vote of the General Synod of the United Church of Christ approving the regional conference”; and

“The 2019 Annual Meeting ratifies the revision to Article III, Section 1.a. of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc. Bylaws defining Voting Membership.”.

G. Election of Southern New England Conference Board Members and Officers: The Boards of Directors of the Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Southern New England Conferences recommend: “The 2019 Annual Meeting elects the slate of Officers and Directors for the Southern New England Conference as presented.”

Actions Recommended by the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Conference

A. Consent Agenda

Our Board of Directors uses a method in their meetings called the “Consent Agenda.” Attached to this Call are the items on the Consent Agenda with an explanation about a Consent Agenda.

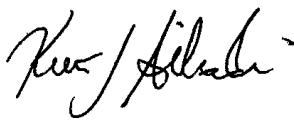
B. Vote on dissolution of the CT Conference: The CT Conference Board of Directors has voted to ask delegates at their Annual Meetings in November 2019, taking into account the formation of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc., to dissolve the CT Conference United Church of Christ ecclesiastical body. And that the Missionary Society of Connecticut shall be the successor to any and all property, rights, functions and obligations of the Conference.

C. Vote on the new MSC/TFM Bylaws: In contemplation of the formation of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ, Inc. the CT Conference Board of Directors has voted to ask delegates at their Annual Meetings in November 2019 to adopt the amended MSC & TFM bylaws as presented.

Find links to the business items here: <https://www.ctucc.org/eventdetail/12011650>

When we assemble at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA, we will be the Body of Christ worshipping, praying, deliberating, and making a witness to Jesus Christ. Come prayerfully, thoughtfully, and enthusiastically to seek God’s wisdom for our common mission as the United Church of Christ in Connecticut.

Sincerely in Christ,



The Rev. Kent J. Siladi
Conference Minister