

Weaving our fabric

With your help,
each strand
strengthens
the whole

The United Church of Christ is the church the world needs today.

The world needs a church that proclaims, “No matter who you are, wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.” The world needs a church bold enough to say, *God is still speaking.*

We believe the UCC is such a church.

In Christ we are invited to be transformed and to work with God to make a more peaceful, just, and loving world. Our Still-Speaking God invites us to be bold, to think creatively, and to be innovative in our ministries.

The call of Christ undergirds the covenant we share with one another as the United Church of Christ. We are guided by the principle of Christian connectedness — “one Lord, one faith, one baptism.” We are 235 churches working together to be a faith-forming, multi-racial and multicultural, open and affirming, globally minded movement to transform ourselves and our world.

In isolation, no single UCC congregation can be the church the world needs today. To be that world-changing church, congregations must join together to support and inspire each other.

We live reliant upon a fabric woven of mutual interdependencies

God calls us to the work of strengthening the interconnected threads.

As the *United* Church of Christ, we know that it is *together* that we learn, grow, and love. Relying on God and with a spirit of mutuality, the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ strives to build faithful leaders and vital communities of churches in Connecticut, each and all proclaiming a radical welcome that embraces all of God’s children.

Our mission is, quite simply, to strengthen churches by empowering faith leaders to have creative and effective ministries. We help local congregations realize their missional identity and become justice-seeking, peacemaking communities of compassion. The Conference’s central focus is on leadership development and congregational vitality, while the scope of our vision and impact is much wider.

Through a variety of initiatives, the Connecticut Conference promotes unity within our denominational family by focusing on core values, shared mission, and common vision. As a voice for progressive Christianity in our society, we help the wider church nurture ministries that proclaim a radical welcome. We help churches articulate their vision and accomplish their mission and articulate and realize God’s unique plan for them in their unique setting. We help foster a wider community in which local churches share best practices, encourage experimentation, and offer innovative responses to the collective and individual challenges we face.



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We need each other if we are to be the church the world needs

And *God needs us* to support each other. Jesus calls us to be one.

At the Connecticut Conference, we are empowering and uniting churches in common mission and ministry because God is calling us all to do new things in new ways. Our distinctive witness is urgent in the world in which we live, and our capacity to make a difference is greater when we work together.

Please continue to share and invest in this work. Through your financial support for the Conference's community-building and capacity-building mission, and for Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), you help us strengthen and sustain a movement of people and churches working together to answer God's call and spread God's love.

Your gifts to the Connecticut Conference:

- bolster connections
- facilitate the distribution of ideas and concepts
- bring successful local programs and ministries from one end of the state to the other
- form and foster leadership to guide vital communities of faith
- enable care and comfort for congregations suffering from loss
- provide educational opportunities for lay and ordained leaders
- help congregations during pastoral transitions
- support ministries that gather young people to deepen their spiritual lives in fellowship, worship and service
- magnify our united and collective voice in the public sphere as an advocate on behalf of the marginalized and as a champion of environmental justice
- help local churches feed the souls of their parishioners
- help local congregations work to eradicate racism and violence in their communities

