



## *Changing Lives: Fearless Discipleship in Action*

**Vermont Conference,  
United Church of Christ  
215<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Lyndon State College  
June 3-5, 2010**

### *Annual Meeting Notes*

#### *What's happening this year:*

Our focus is Changing Lives. We will consider through prayer, worship, workshops, fellowship and plenaries how our relationship with God, Jesus Christ and the church changes lives...ours and those around us. Our guest leaders will be Rev. Dr. Matthew Boulton, keynote speaker and Rev. Elizabeth Boulton, worship leader. Matt is a professor at Harvard Divinity School and Liz is the Minister of Discipleship at Old South Church in Boston. They will also be bringing their band *Butterflyfish*. We will also recognize a decade of work by the Uprooting Racism Task Force, listen to a dialog concerning racism, and of course conduct Conference business. Come and change your life!

#### *Worship*

Throughout the gathering worship will offer a multi-sensory experience that will weave old and new, familiarity and innovation, centering and grounding us for our business and learning. Our Annual Meeting worship band is *Butterflyfish* and they will lead us in traditional hymns to contemporary worship songs. Look for more information about this year's worship in upcoming postings and E-KIT!

#### *Choir*

We will have a choir this year. If you are interested in being part of the choir, please email Rev. Carra Bradt at [revcarra@centrechurchvt.org](mailto:revcarra@centrechurchvt.org) with your name, address, best contact information and part you sing.

#### *Workshops*

We will be offering 2 sets of 40 minute workshops this year. Workshop requests are due to John Weatherhogg by March 31. Descriptions and sign ups will be posted to the website by April 15.

#### *Lettered Documents*

Please download and read all lettered documents and bring copies with you to Annual Meeting. In an effort to reduce waste and be more considerate of our environment, we will not be providing printed materials this year.

#### *Registration Information*

Please see the "Registration Instructions" for information about rooms, meals, childcare, and registration.

### *Other Accommodations*

For those who do not wish to stay in a college dormitory, there are a few motels and hotels in nearby Lyndon and a few more in St. Johnsbury, which is about 15 minutes away. Please plan accordingly for the weather. The college dorms do not have heat at this time of year.

### *Peacemakers Breakfasts*

There will be Peacemaker's Breakfast both Friday and Saturday morning. You do not need to indicate your plan to attend these ahead of time. If you wish to participate, we ask that you please arrive at the Dining Hall promptly at 7 am, pick up your breakfast, and proceed to the designated area. Prompt arrival means less disruption of the program. If you do not wish to attend the Peacemaker's Breakfast, you may wish to arrive for breakfast a few moments later to give attendees a chance to get through the line first.

### *Red Vesters*

Volunteers wearing bright red vests will be available throughout the Annual Meeting with maps, information and a desire to provide cheerful help as it relates to the Annual Meeting schedule and other details. They are there to help you with questions about rooms, meals and locations. So, if you need help, just ask! This year's volunteers are from Northeast Association.

### *Lost and Found*

Please turn in any lost or found items to the registration desk. We will make announcements as necessary. Anything left will be brought back to the Conference Office and you may contact Lynn at 728-4999.

### *Nurse*

A nurse will be available throughout the weekend. If you have medical needs, be sure to introduce yourself and make them aware of your needs.

### *On Campus Transportation*

Parking will be designated by the college – please follow their instructions. Special “Parking Cards” will be provided at registration to those needing handicapped parking. If other transportation questions arise, ask a Red Vester.

### *Cookies and Other Goodies*

Churches and individuals are invited to bring cookies, fruit, and other treats (including ones for people on restricted diets) to the Annual Meeting to share. This year, if you don't feel like baking, we are also inviting you to bring cases of bottled water. Bring your donation when you register. Goodies will be available during break periods as well as the Thursday evening reception.

### *Parking and Directions*

A map and parking information will be posted to the website. You can print this out for your convenience. You can also go to the College website for directions at [www.lyndonstate.edu](http://www.lyndonstate.edu). There will be signs, Red Vesters, and college staff to provide guidance around the campus.

### *Communications*

If you bring a cell phone to Annual Meeting, please turn it off or turn the ringer off during sessions of the Annual Meeting. There will be a bulletin board near the registration desk for posting messages. Local and credit card outgoing calls may be made from in-room telephones. The 24 hour emergency number for Lyndon State College is: **802-626-6452**.