

A Call to the 217th Annual Meeting

of the Vermont Conference,
United Church of Christ



“GO OUT IN JOY”

“For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.” (Isaiah 55:12)

WHO:	Friends; Visitors; Lay Delegates; Students-In-Discernment; Licensed, Commissioned & Ordained Ministers; Officers, Directors, Members of Departments/Committees; Association Moderators; all past Presidents/Moderators of the Conference; and current Delegates to General Synod
WHEN:	Saturday, June 2 nd through Sunday, June 3 rd , 2012
WHERE:	Vermont Technical College, Randolph Center, VT

WHAT TO EXPECT FOR 2012:

- **NEW Location:** In the recent past, Vermont Conference Annual Meetings have alternated between Lyndon State College and Castleton State College. For a variety of reasons, in 2012 we will meet at the centrally located Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center.
- **NEW Length:** Responding to the changing needs of our delegates, Annual Meeting will move from a **3** day event to a **2** day event.
- **NEW Sunday Worship:** Since Annual Meeting will be in session for most of the day on Sunday, the Annual Meeting Planning team is doing two things: **1)** warmly inviting members of local congregations to join us in Randolph Center for Sunday afternoon worship, and **2)** in April will supply local congregations with resources (based on worship at Annual Meeting) that the laity can use to lead their regular Sunday morning worship services (allowing pastors to attend Annual Meeting on Sunday).
- **NEW Keynote Speaker:** We will be blessed by the presence and gifts of **Rev. Da Vita D. McCallister**, *Associate Conference Minister for Youth and Young Adult Ministries of the Connecticut Conference*. Da Vita is charged with supporting youth and young adult ministries throughout the Conference, supporting and equipping youth workers and ministers, building a youth leadership movement that is multicultural and multiracial, and challenging local churches and Conferences to awaken to the ways God calls young people to leadership in the Church. Da Vita, known as "Day," has over twenty years' experience working in youth and young adult ministries. She was ordained in the Southeast Conference in 2004, and has served in local churches, the Southeast Conference, and as Minister for Youth, Young Adult and Outdoor Ministries at the national setting of the United Church of Christ.
- **Old Favorites:** Along with all that is **NEW**, there will still be Spirit-filled worship, Conference business, Peacemakers' Breakfasts, Workshops (with an emphasis on the arts), Displays, and many opportunities for reflection, renewal, fellowship and celebration.

**JOIN US AS WE GATHER, WORSHIP, DISCERN, CELEBRATE, FELLOWSHIP
AND “GO OUT IN JOY!!”**

With you,
Rev. Kevin Goldenbogen
Moderator, Vermont Conference, United Church of Christ

