

Vermont Conference Annual Meeting
Outline of 2016
Sixth Draft, March 25, 2016

NB: Required business is in bold and italics

Exercise as people are arriving; 9:00 am

Different topics on butcher paper or whiteboards; people write “graffiti” on issues that interest them

8:00 – 9:45 am Continental Breakfast (105 min)

Plenary 1, Friday morning; 10:00 to 12:00 (120 min)

30 minutes: Welcome

Hymn of Invocation, led by Peter Amidon

***Plenary Business –
Call to order
Introduction of guests
Confirm quorum,
Adopt definitions and procedures
Adopt “Covenant for Dialogue”
Elect Scribes***

10 minutes Global Ministries

10 minutes Outdoor Ministry

10 minutes Musical interlude (to allow for arranging for the communion service)

1 hour **Theme of Worship: Explain, with Hope for Rejoicing**

Communion Service, including:

**Offertory and Sermon (Dwayne Royster #1) = what are the injustices in our world today?
Environmental, racial, poverty, spiritual—how are they interrelated?**

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm Lunch (60 minutes)

Plenary 2, Friday Afternoon; 1:15 pm to 3:00 pm (105 min)

10 minutes Devotions with singing by Peter Amidon

10 minutes ***Speakouts – Debbie Ingram***

25 minutes ***Treasurer’s Report – Hal Drury***
Financial Resolutions report - Jim Thomas

30 minutes ***Resolutions – present and discuss***

30 min **Theme of Plenary: Proclaim**

Presentation by Dwayne Royster #2 = what do we do about the injustices?

Workshops, 3:15 to 4:30 pm (75 min)

Be the Church: Real Good Church

Protect the Environment: Laudato Si

Care for the Poor/Share Earthly and Spiritual Resources: The Greatest Prayer

Forgive often: The Book of Forgiving

Reject Racism: Fruitvale Station (film)

Fight for the Powerless: Chasing the Scream

Embrace diversity: The Faith Club

Love God: Chasing Francis

Enjoy this life: Sabbath as Resistance

4:30 to 5:30 Free Time (60 min)5:30 to 6:45 Dinner (75 min)

Conversation Tables on workshop topics will be arranged; participation is optional

Plenary 3, Friday Evening; 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm (105 min)

15 minutes Devotions and singing led by Peter Amidon

10 minutes ***Speakouts – Debbie Ingram***

25 minutes ***Recognition of OCWM and 5 for 5 Churches – Jim Thomas***
Ministerial Compensation Report
Nominating Report (NB this year we hope to do these two reports by reference only)
Recognition of pastors' different lengths of service and new pastors
In Memoriam

35 minutes ***State of the Conference – Lynn Bujnak***

20 min ***Q&A; discussion***

7:00 – 8:30 am Breakfast available (90 min)

7:30 – 8:30 am Peacemakers Breakfast (60 min)

Plenary 4, 8:45 to 10:15 am (90 min)

10 min Devotions and singing led by Peter Amidon

10 minutes *Speakouts – Debbie Ingram*

20 minutes *Financial Resolutions vote – Jim Thomas*

20 minutes *Resolutions vote*

30 minutes Theme of Plenary: Rejoice

Presentation by Dwayne Royster #3 = if we work together, we can change the world; rejoice!

Workshops, Saturday morning; 10:30 to 11:45 am (75 min)

Meditative walk

Choir

Cornerstone Fund

Global Ministries

Mission-oriented youth group

Worship Well

Refugee crisis

Moral Economy

Faith Formation

Lunch and Check-out; 11:45 am to 1:00 pm (75 min)

Plenary 5, Saturday afternoon; 1:15-3:15 (120 min)

10 minutes ***Speakouts – Debbie Ingram***

40 minutes ***Elections and Commissioning
Presentation of Gifts
Presentation of Gavel to New Moderator
Thank-yous***

10 min Break

1 hour ***Closing Worship Service, singing with Peter Amidon, and Message by Dwayne Royster
#4 to inspire us as we leave***