

Committee on the Healing Ministry

Rev. Bob Boutwell, Chair

The Committee on the Healing Ministry is active in promoting the Healing Ministry among the churches of the Conference. We held a healing retreat/workshop on January 26, 2008 at Bethany Church in Randolph to help churches address the needs of persons affected by Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and TBI and to offer healing for other hurtful memories. We take our Healing Prayer display to various Health Fairs to promote prayer as a complement to other healing and medical procedures. Our committee members are skilled at various aspects of healing ministry. Mrs. Jean Britt is a Parish Nurse and encourages churches to develop a Parish Nurse Program. Rev. Sue Church is a Hospice chaplain and has received special training for the healing of grief and loss. Ms Linda Corey is a resource person in Mental Health. Rev. Bob Boutwell offers healing of hurtful memories. Rev. Jan Chilek has special training in healing touch and is skilled in healing relationships. Ms Karen Glade, RN is a resource person in community health care. We can help local churches to offer services of anointing with oil, laying on hands, and healing prayers. We provide many resources on the healing ministry at the Vermont Conference Resource Center and have a link to Healing Ministry on the Conference website. We promote the "Healthy Connections" program of the Justice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ. We provide oil and sample prayers for pastors at their installations and ordinations. We invited the Rev. Nigel Mumford to be the guest leader for an ecumenical Healing Retreat at Grace Congregational UCC in Rutland on January 24, 2009. Please contact us if we can be of assistance to your church, or provide training for your church's healing ministry.