



E-Kit March 18, 2020

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Dear Beloved Community in the Vermont Conference,

I remember being at a Conference gathering back in the late 80s and hearing the speaker proclaim: "We are the Body of Christ and the Body has AIDS. It was a startling pronouncement that I have never forgotten. In 2020 we are the Body of Christ and the Body has COVID-19.

**COVID - 19
Information &
Resources**

First a reminder - we are the Body of Christ. We belong to one another and to Christ. We have gifts and graces to share as each of us is called upon to use those gifts and graces to offer hope in a time of anxiety and even despair. We are hands and feet, hearts and minds to carry calm in the midst of the storm. Help where needed. Seeing and reaching out to those most vulnerable. Worshiping in new ways when we cannot be physically together. We lift up all things in prayer, always prayer.

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Vermont Conference COVID-19 office protocol

The Vermont Conference office is closed to visitors and groups until further notice.

Staff are able to check their voicemail and are available on email.

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225th Annual Meeting - CANCELLED

[Read the full cancellation statement](#)

[Support the staff at Lake Morey](#)



Resort!

[Click here to learn more about refund processing](#)

Pastoral Transitions

- Rev. Elissa Johnk was installed as Pastor and Teacher at First Congregational Church in Burlington.
- Lava Mueller was granted the status of Ordination Pending Call by the Windsor-Orange Association following an ecclesiastical council.
- Rev. WendyJane Summers has been called as Pastor of Second Congregational Church of Hyde Park.

[Click here for full list of transitions](#)

Prayers and Thanksgivings

Please hold health care workers and first responders in your prayers as they stand on the front lines responding to COVID-19.

Please hold Rev. Lucia Jackson in your prayers as she cares for her husband Michael Heaney who is facing a health crisis. Lucia and Michael are not able to accept visitors but are grateful for prayers and well wishes.

Useful Links

- [UCC Newsfeeds](#)
- [UCC Weekly Seeds](#)
- [2020 Tax preparation resources](#)
- [Pension Boards rate calculator](#)
- [UCC Yearbook](#)
- [Stewardship blog](#)

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2020 Census has begun

The numbers that are returned in the 2020 Census - which began on March 12 - will determine the amount of federal funding that Vermont receives for programs that help the most vulnerable among us: Medicare and Medicaid, school lunch programs, emergency housing assistance, SNAP, WIC, special

New Podcast Available

Rev. Josh Simon (First Congregational Church of Essex Junction) and Rev. Sally May (Malletts Bay UCC, Colchester) are proud to present the podcast *Faith in Vermont: Conversations with LGBTQ Religious and Spiritual Leaders*.

On this week's episode of Faith in

education, and more. Every person counts!

The Vermont Conference calls upon our local churches to help spread the word about the Census with the downloadable bulletin insert and flyer. Responding to the Census will help ensure funds for vital services to Vermonters are not threatened by an inaccurate population count.

Thank you!

[Census flyer](#)

[Bulletin insert](#)

Vermont: Conversations with LGBTQ Religious and Spiritual Leaders:

In this episode, Sally interviews Pastor Josh on his experience coming out and being a pastor who is gay and how he understands Jesus to be. He serves as associate pastor at First Congregational church of Essex Junction.

[Click here for the latest podcast](#)

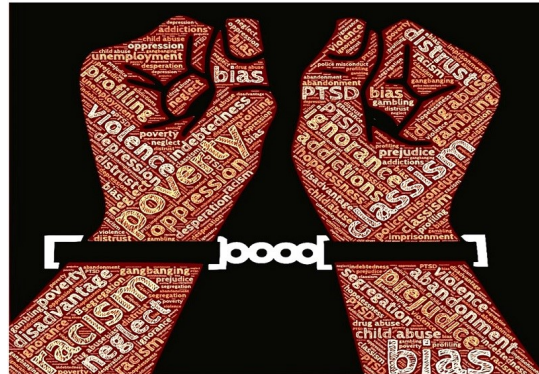


Our Faith, Our Vote, Our Voice: A call to the Church to be a place of civil dialogue that builds community

[Our Faith, Our Vote resources](#)

[Read more from the UCC officers: Our Faith, Our Vote, Our Voice](#)

Racism in America symposiums



[Watch the videos of Racism in America series](#)

[Download the Racism in America symposium series flyer here](#)

It's Tax Season - Beware of Scams!

*This is something that happens to other people.....
And it happened to me..*

It is Monday, March ninth. Like a lot of us, I am sitting here at my desk in my home office, working away. There are not enough hours in the day - and my phone rings. I did not pick up, so they left this message:

Seminar to help eradicate Human Trafficking

Join us at the Waterbury Congregational Church on May 9 from 10 AM to 3 PM for a free seminar to learn how the faith community can help and become part of the initiative to eradicate human trafficking in Vermont. More than 4 million people across the globe have experienced the horrors of human trafficking, many right here in Vermont. Learn about the intersections with addiction, the use of force, fraud and coercion tactics that traffickers use, as

...Security number for fraudulent activities. So when you get this message kindly call back at the earliest possible on our number before we begin with the legal proceedings, that is dead 470-276-7965. I repeat 460-276-7965. Thank you and have a nice day.

Voice transcription being what it is, what most caught my attention was “legal proceedings.” What?! When I call the individual back, he says he is with the Social Security administration and that there have been a lot of complaints filed on my social security number. Have I heard from the police yet? While one part of my brain goes on “Spidey - alert” there is, in limbic system, a reflexive fission of fear. What could this be?

well as the signs and red flags to be aware of in your own community. This will be a broad overview of Human Trafficking the training will be presented by a multi-disciplinary team led by Ms. Kira Krier, the Human Trafficking Victim Services Director for the state and will include representatives from the areas of Law Enforcement, the Department of Children and Families, Disability Rights and Victim Services.

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to peter@waterburyucc.com if you'd like to attend.

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AVOID PHONE SCAMS

Outdoor Ministries



Learn more about @ the Lake Camp

@ the Lake Camp week at Rock Point
July 26 - July 31

Registration is open

[Register for camp here](#)

Resources from the Vermont Conference website (click the buttons below)

Click here for local church events

Vermont Conference Annual Meeting - April 24 & 25 at Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, VT - [CANCELLED](#)

Eradicate Human Trafficking seminar - May 9 at Waterbury Congregational Church - [Click here to register](#)

Save the date! *Our Clergy Convocation this year will be Sept. 14th-16th at the Bishop Booth Conference Center in Burlington.* We will be talking about "How to stay Centered in a Time of Deep Change" with noted retreat leader and pastor Barbara Lemmel. Hope we can all gather by then, and that we will see you there.

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