

2017 Boundary Awareness Training Opportunities Sponsored by the Maine Conference UCC

1. **“Boundary Awareness in the Digital Age”** with Rev. Darren Morgan – This training will equip clergy in understanding the importance of healthy digital boundaries in ministry and to critically discern the complexities of boundaries in pastoral relationships. Church lay-leaders are welcome to attend. **RESCHEDULED/NEW DATE: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at Alfred Parish Church UCC, Alfred. \$25.**
2. **“Boundary Basics”** with Rev. Darren Morgan – This workshop will explore basic professional boundaries in ministerial situations and when crossing those boundaries becomes a betrayal of sacred trust. Topics include: Power and Vulnerability, Dating, Friendships, Dual Relationships, Gifts, The Pulpit, Transference, Hugging & Touch, Intimacy, and Personal Needs & Self-Care. This program is the basic Boundary Awareness Training 101 – first timers as well as seasoned clergy are welcome. Members of Pastoral Relations Committees or Diaconate are also invited to attend. **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at the Maine Conference Center, Augusta. \$25.**
3. **“From Pulpit to Pew...”** with Rev. Karl Andersen – If you are thinking of retiring or changing ministry settings in the near future, or if you have just retired/changed ministry settings, this Boundary Awareness Training event is for you. We will process the unique concerns, challenges, and questions that arise for clergy and their spouses as they enter a new ministry setting or “the 3rd third” of life. As our relationships with parishes and parishioners change, how do we manage this transition in healthy ways? What can we learn from one another? How can we support one another? **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 4, 2017 at Day’s Ferry Congregational Church UCC, Woolwich. \$25.**
4. **“The Oxymoron of Boundaries in Rural Communities”** with Kim-Anne Perkins – Helping professions in rural communities have particular challenges when it comes to confidentiality, boundary issues, and maintaining multiple roles in the places in which we live and work. This workshop is designed to discuss these issues from both the personal and professional perspective. Along with a presentation that outlines professional standards, opportunities for problem-solving and sharing of concerns will be made available. **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, October 14, 2017 at First Congregational Church UCC, Brewer. \$25.**
5. **“Clergy Boundary Awareness Training for Laity”** with Rev. Darren Morgan – Authorized Ministers in the United Church of Christ are required to attend triennial Boundary Awareness Training in order to maintain ministerial standing, but this information is not specifically delivered to laity. This training is expressly geared for church leaders of congregations who are in pastoral transition. Integrating current clergy boundary awareness information, particularly with regard to the issues of boundaries during pastoral transitions, the goal of this training is to help laity better understand clergy boundaries. Leadership development and knowledge of the ethics of ministry is essential, especially during times of pastoral transition. This training is the framework for a conversation with laity so that healthy/healthier relationships will occur, not only with the departing pastor, but also with new pastoral leadership. **10:00 a.m. to Noon, Saturday, June 10, 2017, at the Maine Conference Center, Augusta. Free (Clergy do not receive BAT credit).**

For more information, contact the Maine Conference office at 207-622-3100 or conference@maineucc.org.
To register for a training, go to: <http://maineucc.org/boundary-awareness-training/>