

Annual Meeting Workshops 2017

Walking A Labyrinth

Walking a labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice that offers an opportunity to clear the mind, bringing healing and insight into the spiritual journey through silent meditation and prayer. Join us to learn the history of the labyrinth and how you can use it in your personal life, in your congregation and community.

Come with Us to Italy in April 2018!

Workshop Session Description: In April 2018 the Maine Conference will sponsor a trip to Italy. The trip is open to anyone who would like to travel to this remarkable country. We will visit Venice, Florence, Rome, Assisi and Pisa. We will see slides of the locations and hear about the itinerary. There is no commitment, just a chance to ask questions. Brochures for the trip will be available.

Anti-Racism Action Around Maine

What concerns you right now? What resources do you or your church need to dismantle racism? Come to a workshop where you can hear ideas from other churches and listen for the Spirit for the next steps you can take! Together we'll work toward the Beloved Community.

Embracing Pride – A Camp Pride Panel Discussion and Q & A

As a first of its kind camp, Camp Pride at Pilgrim Lodge stands as a beacon of hope and acceptance for LGBTQ youth in Maine and beyond. There are many stories to share, lessons to learn, and practices to consider within our local churches that come forth from this groundbreaking camp. Bring your questions, curiosities, and openness to embracing pride in all the aspects of our life together as church.

Pilgrim Lodge – It looks like so much fun? Is it hard?

Workshop Session Description: For those who have been part of an Outdoor Ministries camp session there is nothing else like it in the world. Lots of energy, exhaustion, amazing campers, centering are present BUT it is not for the faint of heart. Come share your love of PL or check in to see what opportunities are available either as a counselor or just as a supporter.

Where the Spirit Lives – At H.O.M.E. Co-op

In Orland, Maine there is a community who come together to “serve first those who suffer most”. Begun in 1970, H.O.M.E. (Homeworkers Organized for More Employment) Coop has sought to serve those in need. Their mission is one that feeds, shelters, and meets the need of those who find their way to H.O.M.E.’s door. A Craft Store, 7 Shelters, a Bargain Barn, Daycare, a Hot Lunch Program, gardens, a lumber mill and much more have been put to use to meet human need across Hancock County. Churches, colleges, adults, and youth groups, have all found the opportunity to serve – and in so doing been gifted as they encountered the spirit come alive. Our State Youth Council has spent mission weekends there. Come and learn about this amazing project and how you and your church might be able to lend a hand...

Faith in Action: Mission and Ministry in Honduras

A trip to provide medical help and needed repairs to the clinic in Subirana, Honduras is planned for January 31 to February 8, 2018. Come and learn about this trip and our partnership with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Earth Care & Spirituality Resource Team Workshop

Wherever you are coming from, hopefully we can all agree that to do nothing about the ecological crisis in climate, water, land, and biodiversity is not an option. The slow pace of progress in changing the harmful status quo is hardly adequate, and now even that is threatened by efforts to completely undermine the environmental programs and laws of our nation and world.

The Earth Care and Spirituality Resource Team of the Maine Conference UCC invites you to its workshop at the 2017 Annual Meeting. We will have a series of short presentations and conversations about environmental issues, the creation story and eco-spirituality, communion as a whole-Earth sacrament, ecological ethics, and opportunities for faith-based ecological activism.

“Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life.” – the Earth Charter