

Introducing...

Ministry21: Equipping 21st Century Leaders for Ministry in a Changing World
A partnership of the Vermont and New Hampshire Conferences of the United Church of Christ

If you've attended Conference events lately, you'll have noticed that many of our churches are lively and joyful regardless of the size of the congregation. We have so much spirit, joy, and courage to offer the communities in which we serve! We are actively engaged in the ministry Jesus did, feeding bodies and souls, working for justice and safety for marginalized peoples, resisting the powers of war and divisive hatred, and worshiping faithfully.

To support the needs of these amazing churches for skilled leadership, our Conference is joining with our UCC neighbors in Vermont to develop **Ministry21...**

The Vision:

Ministry21 aims to break down barriers and expand opportunities for discernment and learning for ministry across our two Conferences. Our collaborative effort seeks to:

- develop a holistic program of discernment and learning for the whole church.
- address the social and cultural realities of being faith-filled people in communities that are increasingly secular.
- foster a community of learning and collegial connections beyond "classroom and coursework" engagement.

Courses will be offered with a combination of in-person and online, asynchronous engagement, designed to meet diverse learning styles and entry points.

Informational Sessions to be held on May 15th and June 3rd at 7pm

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Whether You're a Seasoned Leader or New to Your Role, We're Here to Support You in Strengthening Your Church Community **MINISTRY21 is for You!**

...for Lay Leaders of Local Churches:

Empower yourself with the skills and knowledge needed to lead your congregation effectively. Our courses cover worship leadership, administrative best practices, financial management, and more.

...for Members in Discernment:

Immerse yourself in a supportive environment for your discernment journey. Explore your calling and develop the skills needed for ministry. Prepare for ordained ministry with confidence and clarity. Our course offerings will compliment those of other partners in discernment, and be identified with your Formation and Preparation Plans in mind.

...for Licensed Clergy:

Advance your professional development and deepen your ministry skills with our three-year track designed to support you in developing the foundational competency necessary for licensed leadership in the setting that has called or will call you. Engage in courses offered by **Ministry21** beyond these to continue your development and discernment. From pastoral care to innovative ministry models, we have courses to inspire and equip you for effective leadership.

...for Ordained Clergy:

Reignite your passion and vision for ministry with our transformative courses. Explore new possibilities for revitalizing your ministry, developing entrepreneurial skill sets, and establishing vital ministerial programs for the church and the world.

JOIN US FOR OUR 2024/25 COURSE LAUNCH

Worship Leadership and Preaching

In-person classes: Sept. 14, Oct. 19,
Nov. 6, and Dec. 14
Course Instructor: Rev. Andrew Nagy-Benson

Dynamic Church:

The Art of Ministry in a New Age

In-person classes: Feb. 1, Apr. 5,
May 3, and June 1
Course Instructor: Rev. Cynthia Bagley

Registration will soon be LIVE on the NH Conference Website!

One of the very life-giving opportunities for the local church is to take note of the gifts that are evident within the church family and encourage their development. If you are clergy or a lay-leader who has noticed the gifts of someone in your worshiping community, and you suspect they are being called to deeper learning and service within the church, please encourage them to contact:

Rev. Stacey Kullgren New Hampshire Conference Dean of **Ministry21**.
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