

May 2, 2024

Hello NH Conference! Your Board of Directors met on April 13, 2024, and here are some highlights of that meeting:

- The biggest news is: The Conference administrates the Consolidated Investment Fund (CIF). This fund offers our congregations a church-based option for growing their investments, while also providing the same service for Conference investments. Together these investments total nearly \$30 million. Since 2016 we have partnered with the Missionary Society of Connecticut's Consolidated Trust Fund (CTF) as our investment manager. In the past year, the CTF has made the decision to close.

Over the past nine months, our CIF Oversight Committee has met to explore options for a new investment partner. Several options were considered and vetted. At our April 13th meeting, the Board voted to select United Church Funds (UCF) as our new investment partner. This transition will happen over the next few months, and participating congregations are being notified of their options as we move forward. UCF has competitive fees, a long record of excellent performance, and is an affiliated ministry of our United Church of Christ. The Board wishes to thank the members of the CIF Oversight Committee for all their efforts to help this transition, and to the CTF for being excellent stewards of our investment assets over the past 8 years.

- The work of the Association Task Force continues, with ongoing 'listening sessions' on Zoom to listen to member's questions and concerns. Next up is forming a transition plan, timeline, and finances. The hope is to have a fully formed plan for the Associations to vote on in November 2024.
- Camper registrations for Horton Center are up compared to this same time last year. We're looking forward to a busy, full, fun time this summer. The Board will be visiting Horton Center on July 5th to get some time on top of the mountain.
- This summer we anticipate having a delegation of 9 people visiting Zimbabwe as part of our Ukama partnership, led by our Associate Conference Minister Rev. Sara Marean.
- Planning is underway for part one of Conference Minister's sabbatical, which will occur between November 4 2024 and January 6, 2025.

- We welcome Sam Juliano to our Conference staff! Sam will be serving as our Communication and Programs Coordinator.

There is lots of great stuff happening in our Conference! How can you participate?

Peace,

Jim

Rev. Jim Thomas

Conference President