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Youth Leader,
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Worship,
Music,
Workshops,
Fellowship,
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NEAUCE
New England
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"...like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" NRSV. "...



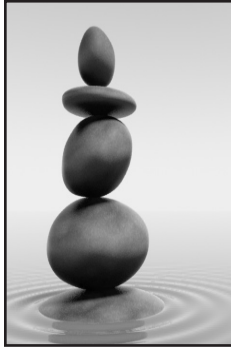
Keynote Speaker Rev. Dr. David Greenhaw
The Future in Faith Formation -
Looking Forward Fifty Years

"It is well past the time when religious education needs to break out of the anemic 'Sunday School hour'...to accomplish a broadening and deepening of religious education, a radically new sociality of instruction and pedagogy needs to be found."

David Greenhaw is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ serving as President and Professor of Preaching and Worship at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Greenhaw lectures and publishes on the revitalization of mainline Protestantism. He is a featured keynote speaker around the world at universities, national, ecumenical and UCC conferences, as well as, being a frequent contributor to many professional theological publications, such as *Homiletics*, *Journal for Preachers* and *Pulpit Digest*.

MUSIC LEADER ---JACK DAVIDSON

Jack Davidson is the Associate Minister at First Church of Christ, Congregational in Redding, CT. He graduated from Colby College in Maine where he majored in religious studies with a minor in music. He went on to receive his MDiv at Harvard Divinity in a program that specializes in theology and education. Jack is passionate about outdoor ministry and music. While interning at Old South Church in Boston, he helped lead a weekly jazz worship.



CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Some scholarship funds are available through your NEAUCE state representative. For safety and security reasons, participants and workshop leaders must be formally registered in order to attend any part of the event.

Registration confirmations will be emailed to you with directions and other important information.

Join AUCE or renew your membership to get the reduced NEAUCE rate by visiting www.auce-ucc.org or use the attached application.

Meals included in the registration fees for the entire event are Tuesday dinner, Wednesday breakfast, lunch, & dinner, and Thursday breakfast & lunch.

NEAUCE event updates may be found at www.auce-ucc.org (click on “Regions.”) and on facebook. The NEAUCE event opens at 1:00 on Tuesday and closes on Thursday with a box lunch. Hopkins Bookshop from Burlington, Vermont will be offering books at discounted prices.

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2012 NEAUCE PLANNING TEAM

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Typical schedule:

Tuesday: 1:00 Registration, Welcome, Opening Worship, State meetings, dinner, Keynote and evening Hospitality

Wednesday: 7:30 Breakfast, Workshop Options, Lunch, Flex time* (planned activities to choose from or time for you to enjoy the Cape), Dinner, Keynote, Worship and evening Hospitality

Thursday: 7:30 Breakfast, Workshop Options, Keynote, Closing Worship, Box lunches to go!

NEAUCE offers meditation walks, beach walks, quiet places for prayer and meditation, a Labyrinth, Hopkins bookstore, friends and so much more! During Wednesday Flex* time will offer creative and hands on activities and possible sharing groups for you to choose to participate in that day, preregistration not necessary.

Wednesday Workshops

W-1 Open and Affirming (ONA) - Be the Living Stones that Build God's Extravagant Welcome, Kathie Carpenter

Who is welcomed and affirmed in your church? Are all people safe to be whoever they are? Is affirmation a part of the Christian Education experience? Whether your church is ONA or not, come discuss what it is like to live an Open and Affirming ministry. We will look at the basics of ONA education process, ways to include youth and children in the ONA process and ONA ministry, good practices for affirming individuals and groups in your CE programs, and ideas for educating the church on differences. Come share ideas and get new ones.

W-2 Be a Praying "Stone" in Living Color!", Rev. Mary Angela Davis

Inspired by the book *Praying in Color* by Sybil McBeth this will be an opportunity to express our prayers through art. You will have the chance to add your creative expression to a group mural and also to offer personal prayers. No art background is necessary.

W-3 Stepping Stones of Faith Formation Across the Life Span, Elsa Marshall

This workshop will be focusing on practices and disciplines that equip people to recognize and celebrate the presence of God in their lives and to live in grateful response to God's gracious presence through worship and service. This workshop will discuss spiritual and faith practices which disciple members of the Body of Christ to hear the call of God in their lives and to live joyfully as faithful followers of Jesus Christ. The Faith Practices UCC resource will be explored.

W-4 A Contemplative Practice: Living Stones in Silence, Kelly Luetkemeyer

An introduction to a contemplative practice, meditation and silent prayer, that fosters a deep connection to the spirit within.

W-5 Belonging and Becoming Living Stones, Karen Ziel

Creating intentional and authentic pathways of affirming faith with young disciples. Our churches engage and prepare young disciples in many ways in preparation for the ritual of Confirmation. This workshop will look at concepts, strategies, and curricula for creating a meaningful and authentic pathway for the youth of your congregation in preparation for this ritual of affirmation, a ritual of "completing the sacrament of Baptism".

W-6 Will New Generations Become Living Stones, Belief-filled Disciples? Rev. David Schoen

This workshop will be an exploration and discussion of this question based on Dave's research and involvement as our Minister and Team Leader for Congregational Vitality and Discipleship ministries on our UCC national staff.

Thursday Workshops

T-1 Transitional Ministry: Between a Rock and a Hard Place, Rev. Mary Angela Davis

This workshop will focus on how one can discover creative Bible Studies and worship ideas to guide and inspire you and the congregation during the “In between times.”

T-2 “Without stones there is no arch” (Marco Polo), Carl McDonald

It is said that through mission and service, we put our faith into action. Come learn how you can help people of all ages become living stones, building the arch that will connect them to others. Mission and service is for all ages and at this workshop, you will learn practical ideas on how to provide mission opportunities for intergenerational groups. This workshop is appropriate for anyone looking to lead others to discover the joys of mission.

T-3 Six Rock Solid Components of a Balanced Youth Program, Daniel Schlorff

Christian Educators often take the lead in developing and maintaining youth programs, but youth group is not a Christian Ed “class” like the rest of what we do. It is a part of a holistic ministry, which has the potential to grow our youth into lifelong worshippers and followers of Jesus. Yes, there’s more to youth ministry than pizza and Bible study! Find out how youth programming can make a connection to the heart through regular practice of these six components: worship, leadership, justice and service, learning, community building, and youth-adult relations.

T-4 Becoming Living Stones of the Church and Disciples that Tomorrow Requires.

Rev. Dave Shoen

As our UCC national Minister and Team Leader for Congregational Vitality and Discipleship Ministries, Dave will discuss ways for the formation of the church and disciples in new ways.

T-5 “Living Stories for Living Stones”, Rev. Annette Mott

Participants in this workshop will learn how to make biblical stories come alive for children, youth, and adults by experiencing the storytelling art, exploring together what makes for good storytelling, and honing their own storytelling skills by preparing and telling stories to one another.

T-6 Social Networking: Stepping Stones or Stumbling Blocks?”, Rev Eric Anderson

Social networking services like Facebook and Twitter have gained a following at an astonishing rate. Some use it casually, but for others it serves as a critical means to communicate with the world. How will we in the Church use this new medium to share the grace of God and strengthen our communities?

Workshop Presenters

Rev. Eric Anderson is the Minister of Communications and Technology at the CT Conference. You can follow him on twitter or on facebook and he is always willing to help solve any technological questions.

Kathie Carpenter spent her career as an elementary special educator. For the past several years, she has been the National ONA (Open and Affirming) Consultant and Listing Administrator for the ONA Program and chair of the MA Conference ONA Ministry Team. She is a member of the Congregational Church of Needham MA, UCC (an ONA church), where she married her partner, Barbara, in 2004. Kathie is committed to active anti-bias and anti-racism. She is a “lay poet,” a Boston sports fan, a golfer and the mommy of two golden retrievers.

Rev. Mary Angela Davis is a resident of Ellsworth, Maine and married to Rev. Nick Davis and is currently serving as an interim minister. Mary Angela loves reading, painting, dancing and playing with her cat Susie.

Kelly Luetkemeyer grew up as a Catholic in Missouri; traveled throughout the U.S. Became exposed to and practiced various forms of meditation including Centering Prayer, Celtic meditations and Tai Chi.

Carl McDonald is the Director of Boston Urban Outreach, a program of City Mission Society. Carl has over 30 years of experience in Christian Education and Youth Ministry. He is passionate about mission and serving the least of these. He has led dozens of mission trips and is always looking for creative ways to guide people on their faith journey.

Elsa Marshall is a National Education Consultant for the UCC and is active in the Association for Christian Education in Massachusetts. Elsa is also a Commissioned Minister of Christian Faith Formation as well as a Commissioned Minister of Youth Ministry. She is presently at the Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC in Danvers, MA.

Rev. Annette Mott worked in the field of Christian Education for over thirty years in local churches and in Conference work before switching to pastoral ministry in 2008. Biblical storytelling continues to play an important role in her current ministry as an interim pastor.

Rev. Dave Schoen is on our UCC national staff as Minister and Leader of the Congregational Vitality and Discipleship Ministry Team. He comes to the Evangelism Ministry Team after serving his whole ministry in local churches of large and small membership congregations in urban and suburban settings. Most recently Dave was involved in restructuring a congregation’s organizational life for mission in the 21st Century and creating a team ministry that engaged in planning new worship opportunities through contemporary technology, multi-cultural music and generational outreach. Dave is a graduate of Eden Theological Seminary and says, “My mission statement is to work with conferences and churches to strengthen local congregations and transform lives and the world. My ministry goal is to advocate evangelism as a core value of the United Church of Christ.”

Daniel Schlorff directs Christian Ed at First Congregational Church of Stamford (CT). He completed seminary at Meadville-Lombard Theological School in 2005 and has worked professionally in Christian Ed and Youth Ministry since 1998. For spiritual nourishment, Dan sings in Yale Camerata and its chamber chorus, Pro Musica, and plays double bass for the Hamden Symphony Orchestra.

Karen Ziel is the Commissioned Minister of Christian Education for the Connecticut Conference United Church of Christ and the Ruth Dudley Resource Center. With more than 20 years of experience in the teaching ministries of the local church, Karen has worked in faith formation with all ages in a variety of settings. Karen has served on local and regional councils for Christian Educators, CAUCE and NEAUCE and is a Partner in Education. She is a seasoned speaker and workshop leader on a variety of topics. She and her husband have two grown daughters. She enjoys drumming, reading, and long walks.

Registration Form for NEAUCE 2012

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E-mail: _____ @ _____
(required for registration confirmation)
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Have you attended NEAUCE before? Yes ____ No ____
Roommate(s) _____
Food restrictions _____

Workshop Choices

Wednesday Morning : Write the title of workshop _____

Thursday Morning: Write the title of the workshop _____

AUCE Member – Yes / No

Full Event cost for AUCE members (includes 2 nights and 6 meals)	\$245 _____
Full Event cost for non-AUCE members	\$280 _____
Full Event Commuter Rate for AUCE members with meals	\$155 _____
Commuter Rate for For Non-AUCE Members -	\$175 _____
<i>Become an AUCE member before 3/1/12 and save.</i>	
Single room - add \$50 per night-\$100 for 2 nights	\$ _____
Monday night lodging – Yes / No - add \$60	\$ _____
Registering after 4/1/12 – add \$25 late fee	\$ _____
Scholarship -Yes/No- Where is scholarship coming from? _____	
Subtract Scholarship Amount	\$ _____

Subtotal: \$ _____

Total due upon arrival: \$ _____

Minimum non-refundable deposit required: \$50.00

Make checks payable to “NEAUCE.” No Credit Cards Accepted

Make a copy of your registration form for your records and mail completed registration form and payment to:

Nancy Fowler, NEAUCE Registrar Barre Congregational Church 35 Church St Barre, VT 05641

Questions can be emailed to the registrar Nancy Fowler at fowler5vt@myfairpoint.net

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AUCE Membership & Renewal Form

What You Get When You Become A Member:

- ✓ Access to articles written by nationally recognized authors, professors, and practioners in the field of Christian education;
- ✓ Access to education resources created by qualified and experienced members of AUCE;
- ✓ *Prayers From the Basement*: a complimentary copy of AUCE's prayer resource;
- ✓ **AUCE-Members-Idea-Exchange E-group**: share and request ideas from other experienced AUCE members;
- ✓ **Discounts** on on supplies at stores that give teacher discounts;
- ✓ **Up-to-date job listings** on the AUCE website;
- ✓ **10% off registration** at regional and national AUCE events;
- ✓ **You become a part of a national voice** and program in support of Christian education.

Fill out the form below, make a copy for your records, and mail this **entire page to the Membership Secretary with a check made out to "AUCE:"**

Lisa Hart, *Membership Secretary*
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(Required in order to receive member access link to AUCE website and AUCE news & updates.)

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Pastors' signature, if Volunteer Member: _____

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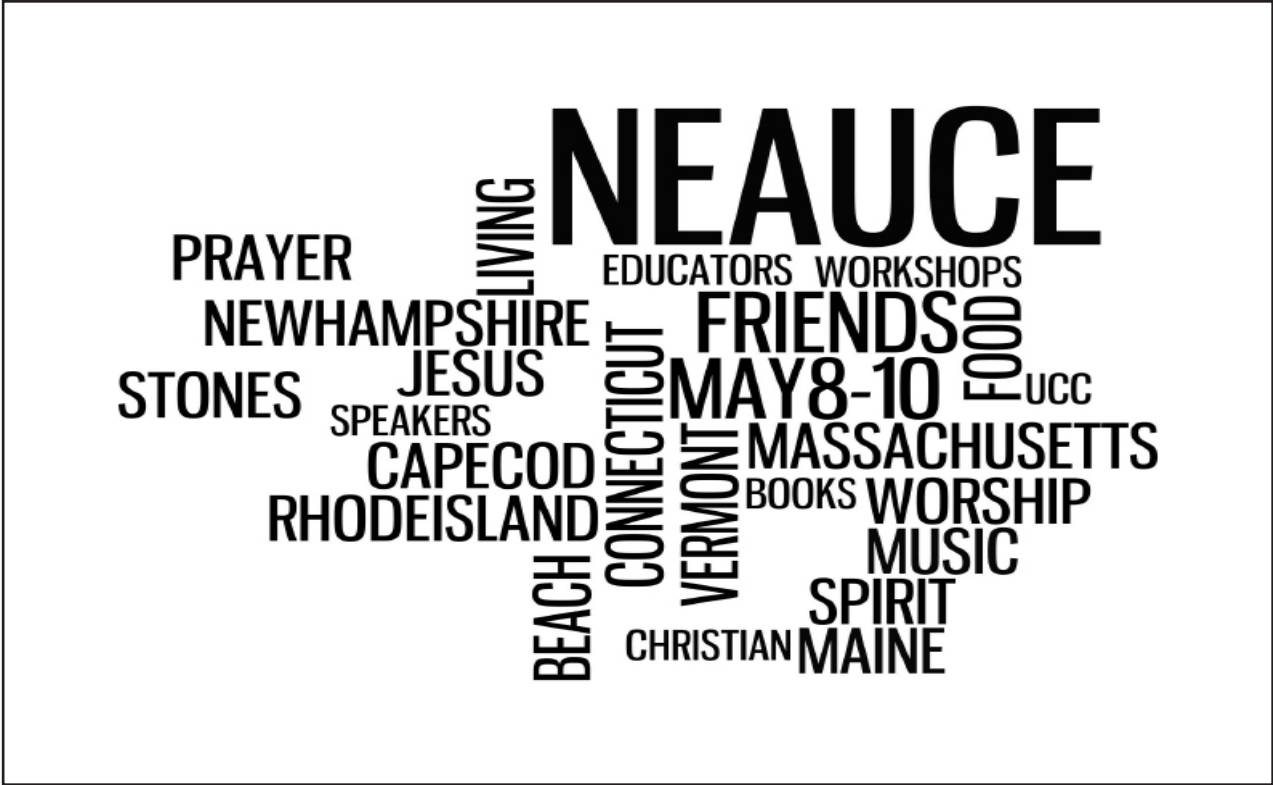
Membership Categories

- ___ Basic Member \$ 75.00
- ___ Sustaining Member \$100.00
(Those wishing to support AUCE further)
- ___ Educator Couple \$100.00
- ___ Retired Educator \$ 35.00
- ___ Full-time Student \$ 35.00
- ___ Volunteer \$ 35.00
- ___ Group Membership \$175.00
(See description below)

Group Membership

For up to 5 people from one church, institution, or school. Save up to \$200!

Please include church information at the left and write members' names, titles, and e-mail addresses on reverse.



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