

ANNUAL REPORTS  
of the  
Cumberland Association of Churches and Ministers  
Maine Conference  
United Church of Christ

202nd Annual Meeting  
October 6, 2024  
2:00 – 4:00 pm

Hosted by  
Woodfords Congregational Church United Church of Christ  
202 Woodford St, Portland, ME 04103

Rev. Alyssa Lodewick  
Pastor



Rev. Diane Bennekamper  
Moderator

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## **CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION of Churches and Ministers**

**MAINE CONFERENCE ~ UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

The Churches and Ministers of the Cumberland Association  
are hereby called to the

202<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Cumberland Association  
at the

Woodfords Congregational Church  
202 Woodford St. Portland, ME 04103  
Rev. Alyssa Lodewick, Pastor

Sunday, October 6, 2:00-4:00 pm

We will gather in person and via Zoom and for worship and Association business, which will include annual reports, budget, elections.

The business meeting will be followed by a discussion led by The Rev. Dr. Marvin Ellison on the topic, "A Fear Not Gospel for a Fearful World: Being Faithful in a Challenging Social and Political Climate." Rev. Dr. Ellison is a member of South Portland's First Congregational Church UCC, and served as Willard S. Bass Professor of Christian Ethics at Bangor Theological Seminary from 1981 until it closed in 2013.

Delegates, clergy, officers, MIDs, licensed and commissioned pastors will need to check in with the Clerk upon arrival to receive voting materials.

The agenda, the Annual Report, and ZOOM link will be sent in the coming weeks.

Kelli Whitman, clerk, [cumberlandassocclerk@gmail.com](mailto:cumberlandassocclerk@gmail.com) September 3, 2024

Cumberland Association of Churches and Ministers  
of the Maine Conference United Church of Christ

Annual Meeting Agenda – October 6, 2024  
Woodfords Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Welcome and Call to Order	Rev. Diane Bennekamper, Moderator
Worship	Led by host pastor, Rev. Alyssa Lodewick Paul Schnell, Music Director
Establishment of Quorum	Rev. Kelli Whitman, Clerk
Greetings from the Maine Conference	Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola, Conference Minister
Review of Minutes from November 5, 2023 Annual Meeting	
Report of the Treasurer	Deb Delong, Treasurer
Proposed Budget for 2025	
Motion to increase Association dues by 15 cents per member	
Motion to adopt the 2025 Association Budget	
Report of the Church and Ministry Committee	Rev. Marcia Charles, Chair
Nominating Committee Report	Rev. Linda Gard, Chair
Motion to elect the slate of nominees	
Motion to Adopt Annual Reports	
Recognition, Announcements and Remarks	
Vote to Adjourn at the conclusion of the Program	

PROGRAM:

“A Fear Not Gospel for a Fearful World:  
Being Faithful in a Challenging Social and Political Climate”  
Rev. Dr. Marvin Ellison

*Refreshments following the program provided by:*  
Blue Point Congregational Church UCC, Scarborough  
Casco Village UCC, Casco  
First Congregational Church, Scarborough

## Report from the Moderator

*Rev. Diane Bennekamper*

This report is on behalf of the Executive Council which, according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Cumberland Association of Churches and Ministers of the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ, has "...general oversight of the affairs of the Association..." In other words, we keep the organizational ship afloat while the churches and ministers (and several committees) do the work of living out our covenantal relationship and common ministry. The Executive Council meets by zoom monthly 10 times per year (excepting December and July.)

Realizing that since the beginning of Covid in 2020, a large majority of our churches experienced a change in pastoral leadership, we offered several opportunities in the spring for clergy to gather to help them get to know each other. The first was a conversation about children's programming, led by Rev. Amelia Edson and Lydia Hoffman; the second was a discussion about pastoring in a challenging social and political climate, led by the Rev. Dr. Marvin Ellison; the last was a no-agenda social gathering at the Flight Deck Brewery in Brunswick.

After several problematic attempts to gather the retired clergy in the spring, a luncheon will *finally* be held on October 14 at the Stevens Avenue Church. We appreciate their offer to host this event.

The Association had several opportunities to gather for happy events: the Installation of the Rev. Alison Patton at the First Congregational Church UCC in South Portland and the Installation of the Rev. Becky Walker, serving both Pride's Corner Community UCC in Westbrook and Stevens Avenue UCC in Portland; plus the Ordination of the Rev. Danielle Keller at the First Parish Church in Brunswick. Rev. Keller remains in the Association, serving at the Congregational Church in Cumberland UCC as Minister for Youth and Families. One sad occasion was the unexpected death of long time Licensed Minister Jeremy Young, who served at South Freeport and also provided pulpit supply at many of our churches.

The Annual Report includes information about the responsibilities and activities of the various committees of the Association. The work is never-ending (thank God) and the devotion of members of the Association to accomplish all that is needed deserves everyone's appreciation. I am deeply grateful to all for their contribution to the wellbeing of the Cumberland Association.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION  
201st ANNUAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 5, 2023  
MINUTES

*Recorded by Kathy Whittier, clerk*

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER: JUDENE DYER, MODERATOR.

QUORUM ANNOUNCEMENT: KATHY WHITTIER, CLERK. Total churches 17, Clergy 22, Delegates 13, Association officers 12.

CONSTITUTING PRAYER: JUDENE DYER, MODERATOR.

GREETINGS FROM MAINE CONFERENCE: REV. DR. MARISA LAVIOLA. Trying to meet all the churches – about a 75% completion rate. For her second year, why are we a conference: We are here to be sure that our churches are taken care of and that their pastors will be taken care of and to find out what our future will be. How we can be the conference that supports its churches. Asks that the association will continue to support its pastors and congregations.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: REBECCA BROWN, TREASURER. Budget printed in the annual report.

Update: As of the end of October checking account:14045.85, MM 13104.29, including MID scholarship 104766.67, Min training \_\_\_\_\_ 1093.62 new CD maturing 11/30, will be renewed at highest interest available and includes our savings account.

**MOTION TO ADOPT BUDGET FOR 2023-2024: REBECCA BROWN, TREASURER. Karl Andersen/Judene Dyer. VOTED.**

REPORT OF CHURCH AND MINISTRY COMMITTEE: REV. MARCIA CHARLES, CHAIR.

Prayers for local churches daily. The association is grateful for the ministries beyond the churches. Grateful for the 60 retired clergy and for the clergy in transition who remain active; those who are serving on boards, those who are supply pastors, and those who constitute communities of practice. Pray for MIDs. Pray for local churches and lay people. Pray for Committee of Church and Ministry. This is the Cumberland Association.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: ALYSSA LODEWICK.**

The Slate of officers and committee members to be elected at this meeting:

**Officers:**

For a single 2-year term expiring December 31, 2025:

Rev. Diane Bennekamper (Cumberland) as Moderator

John Terison (New Gloucester) as Vice-Moderator

For a 3-year term expiring December 31, 2026:

Rev. Kelli Whitman (New Gloucester) as Clerk (first term)

For a 2-year term expiring December 31, 2025:

Deb DeLong (Windham Hill) as Treasurer (first term)

**Church & Ministry Committee:**

For 3-year terms expiring December 31, 2026:

Rev. Joseph Connolly (Brunswick) as a clergy member (second term)

Rev. Debbie Rogers Duval (Auburn, High Street) as a clergy member (first term)

Rev. Christine Dyke (Gorham) as a clergy member (second term)

Greg Moulton (Standish) as a lay member (first term)

Barbara Stevens (Yarmouth) as a lay member (second term)

For a partial term expiring December 31, 2025:

Rev. Sharon Rankin (Windham Hill) as a clergy member (partial term)

**Nominating Committee:**

For a partial term, and as Chair, expiring December 31, 2024:

Rev. Linda Gard (New Gloucester)

For a 3-year term expiring December 31, 2026:

Rev. Alyssa Lodewick

Correction – Kelli Whitman: Membership at Foreside Community Church.

**MOTION TO ELECT COMMITTEE MEMBERS: ALYSSA LODEWICK.** No second needed. VOTED.

COMMISSIONING OF OFFICERS: REV. DR. MARISA LAVIOLA. Officers: Diane Bennekamper, Moderator; John Terison, Vice Moderator; Kelli Whitman, Clerk; Deb DeLong, Treasurer.

**MOTION TO ADOPT ANNUAL REPORTS: JUDENE DYER, MODERATOR.** Leslie Foley/Bec Brown. VOTED.

NEWS OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES: JUDENE DYER, MODERATOR. None reported.

RECOGNITION OF CHURCHES AND PASTORS: JUDENE DYER, MODERATOR.

List in report. Special recognition for those going off the Executive Council and C&M; produced balanced budget, filled all the association slots. Thanks to Bec Brown, going off as treasurer; Kathy Whittier, going off as clerk; Judene Dyer, going off as Moderator. Words from Diane over Zoom, especially expressing thanks to Judene. Looking forward to working with a new team and listening to new ideas – also available for supply. Thank to Leslie for her time on C&M and for opening her church and for all of her actions. Thanks to Mark Terison, for serving as chair of nominating. Thanks for Karen Day for her work on C&M, to Kathy for Clerk, and for Bec as Treasurer.

COMMENTS, ADJOURNMENT, AND BENEDICTION: Judene Dyer.

PROGRAM: ANDREW WARNER, Generosity officer from the national UCC. “Doing More Than Getting By.” UCC provides a meaningful way of life. Church leaders worry that their congregations may close. Do more than keep the lights on. Be partners with God in keeping churches going. St. Francis helped rebuild the church as a beloved community. Church waxes and wanes. Call comes to recreate and build communities; to rebuild and renew. Current church landscape: difficult trends – decreasing membership, decreasing revenues, and decreasing mission giving in congregations. Top trends: Less people, less giving, less missions. Asked folks to identify their net worth. God sees our net worth coming from being God’s beloved children. Generosity is one way of discovering how we matter to God. Giving as spiritual practice. Sense of urgency. Can leave people overwhelmed. Agency – framing questions in these terms can change the outcome of situation. Shifts conversation from balance sheet to person’s own actions, speaks of capacity, what we can do together. Most actions require cultural shifts. Agency, empowered by our ability to make changes. Lotus eaters: Forgot the outside world. Churches becoming more insular. Financial urgency: cuts to mission (people stop coming), cuts to program (more people stop coming), cuts to staff (no one around) – all to support the building, but that’s all that’s left. White lotus stumble. God calls us to transform lives in beloved communities. “We can’t sacrifice the faith of the next generation on the altar of our preferences.” “Has everyone been fed?” “How do people see you?” Mission clarity means the ability to say in everyday language why your church matters. Name with clarity the meaning of your church. Nostalgia infects churches – used-to-be-attitudes. Rising loneliness as an epidemic. Community in churches is cure for this. “Six Flags Over Jesus.” – large evangelical churches. Money always follows mission. The spirit goes with those who serve.



## **Update from the Maine Conference Social Action Committee**

*Submitted by John Brookings, Cumberland Association Representative to the Social Action Cmt*

Greetings to the Cumberland Association of the Maine UCC, from your Maine Conference Social Action Committee (SAC)!

Following last fall's tragic events in Lewiston, the Social Action Committee focused over the winter and spring of 2024 on the issue of gun violence. Together with our Conference Minister, Marisa Laviola, members of SAC held three "sacred conversation" workshops in February to address our grief and how we might respond as faithful members of our communities. These workshops were hosted by our partners in faith at High Street Congregational Church UCC in Auburn, Waterville Congregational Church UCC and Hammond Street Congregational Church UCC in Bangor.

Discussions at these three sessions were primarily focused on both personal and collective grief after the Lewiston shooting. Many churches reported what actions they are taking to address gun safety in Maine. Participants also provided feedback with many pointing to a desire for action steps by the Maine Conference and the Social Action Committee. Such action is also supported by a 2013 Conference resolution "An Urgent Call for the Prevention of Gun Violence". Subsequently, several members of SAC testified in writing and in person to several bills introduced to the Maine Legislature around this issue.

Following a relatively quiet summer, we are making plans to lead a workshop at this fall's Annual Meeting: **We Need Better Laws, for God's Sake: Faith in Advocacy**. Our goal is to lead you in exploring and using tools that enable participation in legislative advocacy. Members of the SAC will share with you their experiences; orient you to the Maine Legislature website for submitting testimony; help you practice drafting a statement in response to actual proposed legislation; and talk about how to do this kind of advocacy as both your own faith in action and on behalf of a religious organization.

We hope you will be able to join us at the Maine Conference Annual Meeting and at our workshop on Saturday morning October 19, and we thank you for your support and interest in our work.

### **The Social Action Committee for the Maine Conference UCC**

- Stephen Hastings (C) – Katahdin Association, (Chair) At-Large Member
- John Brooking – Cumberland Association            --Linda Depew – Katahdin Association
- Alice Duston – Sunrise Association, At-Large Member
- Debbie Duval – Cumberland Association - At-Large Member
- John Fiscus – jfiscus@maineucc.org – MEUCC Staff Rep.
- Dianne Morse-Leonard– Oxford Union Association
- Ian Lynch (C) – Living Water Association / MEUCC Board Rep.
- Hannah Mondrach - Sunrise Association
- Kathy Woodside – Sunrise Association - At-Large Member

## **Cumberland Association Church and Ministry Committee Annual Report**

*Submitted by Rev. Marcia Charles, Chair, Church and Ministry Committee*

Our Annual Meeting provides an opportunity to celebrate the covenant that binds the Cumberland Association together – its 33 churches (11 of these churches are in some phase of transition or are served by “temporary” (long-term pulpit supply); its 30 active church pastors, including four licensed pastors; its three ordained clergy serving in 4=Way Covenants (in non-church settings); its clergy serving as chaplains, its 66 retired clergy; its one commissioned minister; and its four Members in Discernment. The Church and Ministry Committee works hard to provide resources to strengthen each one of these expressions of God’s call to serve.

Since our Fall Association Meeting in 2023, we have celebrated the following:

- the ordination of Rev. David Farrington who serves as pastor and teacher of the UCC at North Gorham
- the ordination of Danielle Keller, who serves as Youth and Family Minister with the Cumberland Church
- Rev. Linda Huff has been called to serve the Highland Lake Congregational Church
- Rev. Paul Shupe has been called to serve the Blue Point Congregational Church of Scarborough as Worship Minister
- Rev. Brian Donovan has been called to serve the North Windham Union and Raymond Village Churches that are coming together as a trial unified church
- the North Yarmouth Church voted to call Zeb Green as their settled licensed pastor
- the Installation of Rev. Alison Patton as pastor and teacher of the Congregational Church of South Portland
- the installation of Rev. Becky Walker as pastor and teacher of the Prides Corner and Stevens Avenue Congregational Churches
- the retirement of Rev. Debra Girard who served North Windham Union Church

At the very heart of the holy work of the CMC are our Members in Discernment. This work is full of the Holy Spirit. We are blessed to be on the path toward ordination with four MIDs: David Heath is a student with the Maine School of Ministry (MESOM), serving as licensed pastor at Standish Congregational Church; Zeb Green is serving as licensed pastor at North Yarmouth, Lee Edelblut (living and working in NC) is working on final “steps”, and Rose Stansfield is also a MESOM student.

The Church and Ministry Committee works hard to build positive, covenantal relationships of care and support with our covenant “partners.” Due, in part, to Covid, it has been several years since the CMC has met with our active clergy for their Periodic Support Consultations (required every three years). In 2025 we will begin the process of scheduling these consultations. We provided two gatherings for our active clergy to come together, a luncheon for our retirees this fall, and our annual MIDs Day in May.

In covenant we celebrate together, and we come together when those among us need our prayers. Most recently, it was with deep sadness that we learned of the death of Jeremy Young, former MID and Pastoral Resident at the South Freeport Congregational Church. Many churches have been well acquainted with Jeremy as he provided pulpit supply throughout the Cumberland Association area; but his church “home” was the SFCC alongside Rev. Sean-Patrick Coady.

This annual report provides an opportunity to say a huge thank you to all those who share in the holy work of covenant keeping.

The Church and Ministry Committee wishes to thank:

- all you churches – for your steadfast support of one another, for your willingness to support the often cumbersome work of the CMC, and for your trust and patience, especially when it’s challenging
- all our “active” clergy – you who serve your congregations and in your non-parish settings of ministry with faithfulness, energy, creativity, and sometimes downright dogged determination
- the many retired clergy who are “failing” at retirement – for providing pulpit supply, for serving on Association committees and volunteering your time, for your prayers, and for being such a reliable resource when and where we need you
- to all you local church pastors, mentors, advisors, and local church discernment teams – you who are sojourning and guiding our Members in Discernment – they are in such good hands with each and every one of you
- Rev. Samantha Houser, our former Interim Associate Conference Minister who managed the work of search and call with so many of our churches – always accessible, always helpful, always wise.
- Rev. Malcolm Himschoot, Director of the Maine School of Ministry (MESOM), for his vision and mission with our ministry students and his willingness to listen to and assist our CMC
- Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola – for your tireless and patient guidance in the “tender” work of the CMC

I welcome your questions and concerns. You can email me at [revmcharles@gmail.com](mailto:revmcharles@gmail.com).

This report is respectfully submitted by

Rev. Marcia Charles, Chair

on behalf of the Church & Ministry Committee:

Diane Bennekamper; Bea Brockman, Stephen Carnahan, Joseph Connolly, Debbie Duval, Christine Dyke, Harry Marsters, Greg Moulton, Sharon Rankin, Stephen Savage, Christine Shesler, Barbara Stevens, John Terison, Kelli Whitman.

**Actions of the Committee on Church and Ministry**  
**October 2, 2024 – September 30, 2024**  
*Prepared by Rev. Kelli Whitman, clerk*

**Ecclesiastical Councils:**

David Farrington 10/8/2023  
Danielle Keller 5/5/2024

**Ordinations:**

David Colby Clark 10/26/2023  
David Farrington 11/26/2023  
Danielle Keller 6/16/2024

**Installations:**

Alison Patton (South Portland) 3/10/2024  
Rebecca Walker (Steven's Avenue/Prides Corner) 4/7/2024

**Covenants, 3-way, 4-way**

Ray Cloutier  
Nicole Diroff  
Carol Kerr

**Licensed**

Sarah Whitfield (Westbrook Warren) licensed 7/1/2024-8/31/2024 (sabbatical coverage)  
William (Bill) Hiss (West Auburn) license expires 2/28/2025  
Will Green (New Brackett Church) license expires 3/15/2025  
Zeb Green (North Yarmouth) license expires 10/31/2026

**Members in Discernment**

Lee Edelblut (Woodfords) accepted 8/17/2022  
David Heath (Standish) accepted 2/21/2024  
Rose Stansfield (High Street) accepted 3/20/2024  
Zeb Green (North Yarmouth) accepted 8/21/2024

**Transfer of Standing from Cumberland Association - none**

**Transfer of Standing to Cumberland Association**

Rebecca Walker from Living Waters Association, Maine Conf. 11/15/2023  
Alison Patton from Fairfield Association, Southern New England Conf. 1/17/2024  
Brian Donovan from New Hampshire Conference 4/21/2024

**Deceased**

Jeremy Young 8/12/2024

## Ordination Anniversaries

<b>50+ Years</b>	<b>Year Ordained</b>
Rev. Philip Shearman	1953
Rev. Ronald Kurtz	1957
Rev. John Moyer	1958
Rev. Garvey MacLean	1961
Rev. Karl Andersen	1962
Rev. Robert Witham	1962
Rev. Charles Erb	1964
Rev. Rebecca Erb	1966
Rev. William Imes	1969
Rev. Joanne Painter	1971
Rev. John McCall	1971
Rev. Stephen Gray	1972
Rev. Donald Hodgdon	1972
Rev. Thomas Hunt	1972
Rev. Diane Bennekamper	1974
Rev. William Carter	1974
Rev. Carl Shesler	1974
<b>45 Years</b>	
Rev. Andrea McCall	1979
Rev. Virginia Derr	1979
<b>40 Years</b>	
Rev. Stephen Carnahan	1984
Rev. Dr. Ronald Beard	1984
Rev. Mary Beard	1984
<b>35 Years</b>	
Rev. Bryan Breault	1989
<b>25 Years</b>	
Rev. Joyce Long	1999
<b>20 Years</b>	
Rev. Elaine Armstrong	2004

**Cumberland Association Budget  
Year to Date and Proposed for 2025**

		2024	2025
		Jan-Aug 2024	Budget Proposal
<b>Ordinary Income/ Expense</b>			
	Income		
	2024 Dues	5,584.80	7,880 <sup>1</sup>
	ME Conference 2024 Dues	55,532.92	76,215 <sup>2</sup>
		61,117.72	84,095
	Expenses		
	Paid to Maine Conference 2023	707.4	0
	Paid/Owed to Maine Conference 2024	55,532.92	76,215
	Professional Stipends	1,825.00	3,300
	Association Meetings/Programs	113.25	550
	ZOOM (2 years)	316	160
	MID Day; Ret'd Clergy; Events	616.38	475
	MID Testing	0	2,500 <sup>3</sup>
	Gifts/Ordination gifts	150	450
	Clergy Support/Supervision	0	0
	Rent donation	100	100
	Synod Travel	0	200
	Mileage Reimb @ .14	0	23
	Postage	0	76
	Website fee	20.99	25
	Office Supplies	175.37	100
		59,557.31	84,174
	Net Income (Loss)	1,560.41	-79
<b>Money Market Account Activity</b>			
	Scholarship Funds	2,343.40	1,000
	Scholarship Funds Interest	53.3	72
	Ministerial Training Funds	0	100
	Ministerial Training Funds Interest	52.16	72
		2,448.86	1,244
<b>Large CD Activity</b>			
	Interest	176.59	260
<b>Small CD Activity</b>			
	Interest	36.79	35

## Notes on the Proposed Budget

1 – Budget for 2025 dues assumes a 6.3% decrease in reported membership, and is based on a rate of \$2.10/member. **Association dues in 2024 were \$1.95/member.**

2 – Conference dues are estimated at \$19.90/member for 3,380 members

3 – As of June 2024, we are using Center for Career Development for psychological evaluations for our MIDs. Fees for each evaluation are \$1875 (cost is shared in equal thirds by the Association, the MID, and the MID's home congregation). Cost for this evaluation will increase in 2025. All four current MIDs are working to complete this evaluation in the coming months.

## Nominating Report

**YELLOW/GRAY** -- indicates nominees to be elected at the  
October 6, 2024 Cumberland Association Annual Meeting

### Association Officers

(All Officers, plus chairs of C&M and Nominating, are members of the Executive Council)

Name	Position	Term Ends	Term	Eligible to Re-elect
Rev. Diane Bennekamper (Cumberland)	Moderator (1/1/24 – 12/31/25)	12/31/2025	N/A	No; single 2-YR TERM
John Terison (New Gloucester)	Vice Moderator (2023 - 2025)	12/31/2025	N/A	No; single 2-YR TERM
Rev. Kelli Whitman (Foreside Community)	Clerk	12/31/2026	1st	Yes; limit of 2 consecutive 3-year TERMS
Deb DeLong (Windham Hill)	Treasurer	12/31/2025	1st	Yes; limit of 2 consecutive 2-year TERMS
<b>Karen Day</b> <b>(Cumberland)</b>	<b>At Large</b>	<b>12/31/2027</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Yes; limit of 2 consecutive 3-year TERMS</b>
<b>Rev. Reba Delzell</b> <b>(Portland, Williston-Immanuel)</b>	<b>At Large</b>	<b>12/31/2027</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Yes; limit of 2 consecutive 3-year TERMS</b>
Rev. Alison Curry (Scarborough Black Point)	At Large	12/31/2025	1st	Yes; limit of 2 consecutive 3-year TERMS
Rev. Marcia Charles (Scarborough Blue Point)	Chair, C&M	12/31/2025	1st	Yes; limit of 2 consecutive 3-year TERMS
Rev. Linda Gard (New Gloucester)	Chair, Nominating	12/31/2025		Yes; limit of 2 consecutive 3-year TERMS

### Church and Ministry Committee

(Equal clergy/lay members, if possible; Moderator, Vice Moderator, and Clerk serve *ex officio*)

TERM ENDS 12/31/2026	Term #	TERM ENDS 12/31/2027	Term #	ENDS 12/31/2025	Term #
Barbara Stevens (Yarmouth)	2nd	<b>Christine Shesler</b> <b>(First Parish, Brunswick)</b>	<b>1st</b> <b>full</b>	Bea Brockman (Gorham)	2nd
Gregory Moulton (Standish)	1st	<b>Rev. Stephen Carnahan</b> <b>(Auburn, High Street)</b>	<b>2nd</b>	Rev. Sharon Rankin (Windham Hill)	2nd (partial)
Rev. Christine Dyke (Gorham)	1st			Rev. Steve Savage (South Portland)	2nd
Rev. Joe Connolly (Brunswick)	2nd			Rev. Marcia Charles ( Blue Point)	1st
Rev. Debbie Duval (Auburn, High Street)	1st			Harry Marsters (Stevens Avenue)	1st



## Nominating Committee

Name	Position	Term Ends	Term	Eligible to Reelect
Rev. Alyssa Lodewick (Portland, Woodfords)	Member	12/31/2026	1st	Yes; limit of 2 consecutive 3-year TERMS—serving 1 <sup>st</sup> full term; prior partial term
Rev. Dr. Cynthia Biggar (Scarborough, Blue Point)	Member	12/31/2025	1st	Yes; limit of 2 consecutive 3-year TERMS
<b>Rev. Linda Gard</b> <b>(New Gloucester)</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>12/31/2027</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Yes; limit of 2 consecutive</b> <b>3-year TERMS</b>

## Member Churches, Cumberland Association, United Church of Christ

### AUBURN

#### High Street Congregational Church UCC

106 Pleasant Street

Auburn, ME 04210

**784-1306**

Website: [www.highstreet-ucc.org](http://www.highstreet-ucc.org)

Email: [office@highstreet-ucc.org](mailto:office@highstreet-ucc.org)

Pastor: Rev. Deborah Duval

### AUBURN

#### Sixth Street Congregational UCC

100 Sixth Street

Auburn, ME 04210

**782-7517**

Pastor: Lay Leadership

### AUBURN

#### West Auburn Congregational UCC

P.O. Box 3126 / 811 West Auburn Road

Auburn, ME 04212-3126

Pastor: William Hiss (licensed)

### BRUNSWICK

#### First Parish Church UCC

9 Cleaveland Street

Brunswick, ME 04011

**729-7331**

[www.firstparish.net](http://www.firstparish.net)

Senior Pastor: Rev. John Allen

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Francesco

Marshall

### CASCO

#### Casco Village Church UCC

P.O. Box 367 / 941 Meadow Road

Casco, ME 04015-0367

**627-4282**

[www.cascovillageucc.org](http://www.cascovillageucc.org)

Interim Pastor: Rev. Amy Lignitz-Harken

### CUMBERLAND

#### Congregational Church in Cumberland UCC

P.O. Box 247 / 282 Main Street

Cumberland, ME 04021

**829-3419**

Email: [office@cumberlanducc.org](mailto:office@cumberlanducc.org)

Website: [www.cumberlanducc.org](http://www.cumberlanducc.org)

Pastor: Rev. Allison Smith

Pastor for Youth/Family: Rev. Dainelle

Keller

### DURHAM

#### First Congregational Church UCC

773 Royalsborough Road

Durham, ME 04222

**353-9040**

Supply Pastors: Rev. Gerry Scribner & Rev.

Stephen Carnahan

### FALMOUTH

#### Foreside Community Church UCC

340 Foreside Road

Falmouth, ME 04105

**781-5880**

[www.foresidechurch.org](http://www.foresidechurch.org)

Pastor: Rev. Geoff Parker

### FALMOUTH

#### Falmouth Congregational Church UCC

267 Falmouth Road

Falmouth, ME 04105

**781-3413**

[www.falmouthcongregationalchurch.org](http://www.falmouthcongregationalchurch.org)

Pastor: Rev. Amelia Nugent Edson

### FREEPORT

#### First Parish Church Congregational UCC

40 Main Street

Freeport, ME 04032-1211

**865-6022**

[www.freeportucc.org](http://www.freeportucc.org)

Pastor: Rev. Madelyn Hennessey

### GORHAM

#### First Parish Congregational UCC

One Church Street

Gorham, ME 04038

**839-6751**

[admin@firstparishgorham.org](mailto:admin@firstparishgorham.org)

[www.firstparishgorham.org](http://www.firstparishgorham.org)

Senior Pastor: Rev. Christine Dyke

### GORHAM

#### United Church of Christ at North Gorham

4 Standish Neck Road

Gorham, ME 04038

**892-5363**

[uccngorham@gwi.net](mailto:uccngorham@gwi.net)

Pastor: Rev. David Farrington

### GRAY

#### First Congregational Church UCC

Mail to: P.O. Box 155

Gray, ME 04039

Church Location: 11 Yarmouth Road

Parish Building Location: 5 Brown Street

**657-4279**

[www.grayfirst.org](http://www.grayfirst.org)

Email: [grayfirst@securespeed.us](mailto:grayfirst@securespeed.us)

Interim Pastor:

### NEW GLOUCESTER

#### First Congregational-Christian Church UCC

P.O. Box 114

19 Gloucester Hill Road (no mail here)

New Gloucester, ME 04260

**926-3260**

[www.ngucc.org](http://www.ngucc.org)

Email: [office@ngucc.org](mailto:office@ngucc.org)

Email: [pastor@ngucc.org](mailto:pastor@ngucc.org)

Interim Pastor: Rev. Kelli Whitman

### NORTH YARMOUTH

#### First Congregational Church UCC

3 Gray Road

North Yarmouth, ME 04097

**829-3644**

[www.nycucc.com](http://www.nycucc.com)

Pastor: Rev. Zeb Green (licensed)

### PEAKS ISLAND

New Brackett Church (also UUA)

9 Church Avenue

Peaks Island, ME 04108

**(774) 212-0900**

Pastor: Will Green (licensed)

### PORTLAND

#### State Street Church UCC

159 State Street

Portland, ME 04101

**774-6396**

[www.statestreetchurch.org](http://www.statestreetchurch.org)

Email: [office@statestreetchurch.org](mailto:office@statestreetchurch.org)

Pastor: Rev. Bryan Breault

**PORTLAND****Stevens Avenue Congregational Church UCC**

790 Stevens Avenue  
 Portland, ME 04103  
**536-0242**  
 Email: [saccucc@gmail.com](mailto:saccucc@gmail.com)  
<http://saccucc.blogspot.com>  
 Pastor: Rev. Becky Walker

**PORTLAND****Woodfords Congregational Church UCC**

202 Woodford Street  
 Portland, ME 04103  
**774-8243**  
 Email: [info@woodfordschurch.org](mailto:info@woodfordschurch.org)  
[www.woodfordschurch.org](http://www.woodfordschurch.org)  
 Pastor: Rev. Alyssa Lodewick

**PORTLAND****Williston-Immanuel United Church (UCC-ABC)**

156 High Street  
 Portland, ME 04102  
**775-2301**  
[www.williston-immanuel-church.org](http://www.williston-immanuel-church.org)  
 Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Delzell

**RAYMOND****Raymond Village Community Church UCC**

P.O. Box 285  
 27 Main Street  
 Raymond, ME 04071  
**655-7749**  
 Email: [office@rvccme.org](mailto:office@rvccme.org)  
[www.rvccme.org](http://www.rvccme.org)  
 Interim Pastor: Rev. Brian Donovan

**RAYMOND****East Raymond Chapel UCC**

394 Webbs Mill Road  
 Raymond, ME 04072  
 (July/Aug mailing only)  
**655-2652**  
 Interim Pastor: Rev. Amy Lignitz-Harken

**SCARBOROUGH****Blue Point Congregational Church UCC**

P.O. Box 2055  
 236 Pine Point Road  
 Scarborough, ME 04074  
**883-6540**  
[info@bluepointchurch.org](mailto:info@bluepointchurch.org)  
[www.bluepointchurch.org](http://www.bluepointchurch.org)  
 Pastor: Rev. Paul Shupe

**SCARBOROUGH****First Congregational Church**

Location: 167 Black Point Road  
 Mail: 161 Black Point Road  
 Scarborough, Maine 04074  
**883-2342**  
 Email: [FCCScar@maine.rr.com](mailto:FCCScar@maine.rr.com)  
[www.fcscarborough.com](http://www.fcscarborough.com)  
 Interim Pastor: Rev. Linda Hey

**SOUTH FREEPORT****South Freeport Church UCC**

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 South Freeport, ME 04078  
**865-4012**  
 Email: [southfreeportchurch@gmail.com](mailto:southfreeportchurch@gmail.com)  
[www.southfreeportchurch.com](http://www.southfreeportchurch.com)  
 Pastor: Rev. Sean Patrick Coady

**SOUTH PORTLAND****First Congregational Church UCC**

301 Cottage Road  
 South Portland, ME 04106  
**799-3361**  
 Email: [office@fccucc.org](mailto:office@fccucc.org)  
[www.fccucc.org](http://www.fccucc.org)  
 Senior Pastor: Rev. Alison Patton  
 Associate Pastor: Rev. Stephen Savage

**STANDISH****Standish Congregational UCC**

P.O. Box 68  
 25 Oak Hill Road – no mail here  
 Standish, ME 04084  
**642-3386**  
[www.standishcc.org](http://www.standishcc.org)  
 Pastor: David Heath (licensed)

**WESTBROOK****Highland Lake Church**

1303 Bridgton Road  
 Westbrook, ME 04092  
 Pastor: Rev. Linda Huff

**WESTBROOK****Prides Corner Congregational UCC**

235 Pride Street  
 Westbrook, ME 04092  
**797-4636**  
 Email:  
[churchadmin@pridescornerchurch.org](mailto:churchadmin@pridescornerchurch.org)  
[www.pridescornerchurch.org](http://www.pridescornerchurch.org)  
 Pastor: Rev. Becky Walker

**WESTBROOK****Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church UCC**

810 Main Street  
 Westbrook, ME 04092  
**854-9157**  
 Email: [office@westbrookwarren.org](mailto:office@westbrookwarren.org)  
[www.westbrookwarren.org](http://www.westbrookwarren.org)  
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Leslie Foley

**WINDHAM****North Windham Union Church UCC**

723 Roosevelt Trail  
 Windham, ME 04062  
**892-6142**  
 Email: [joannwuc@roadrunner.com](mailto:joannwuc@roadrunner.com)  
<http://www.northwindhamunionchurch.org>  
 Email:  
 Pastor: Rev. Brian Donovan

**WINDHAM****Windham Hill United Church of Christ**

140 Windham Center Road  
 Windham, ME 04062  
**892-4217**  
 Email: [windhamhillucc@roadrunner.com](mailto:windhamhillucc@roadrunner.com)  
[www.windhamhillucc.org](http://www.windhamhillucc.org)  
 Pastor: Rev. Sharon Rankin

**YARMOUTH****First Parish Congregational UCC**

116 Main Street  
 Yarmouth, ME 04096  
**846-3773**  
 Email: [fpcc@firstparishyarmouth.org](mailto:fpcc@firstparishyarmouth.org)  
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 Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jill Small

