



MA, CT, RI boards call for year of discernment on federating or merging

The Boards of Directors of the Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island Conferences of the United Church of Christ have joined together to consider a future of mutual ministry. In a resolution that hails the benefits of interdependence, the three boards have all voted to call their pastors, leaders, and congregations to a "season of discernment" to consider how God may be calling the three conferences to federate or merge.

By creating and pursuing a robust partnership," reads a portion of the resolution, "we may increase the likelihood that 15 years from now, a vital expression of the progressive church movement will be alive and well in America."

Read the full text of the resolution and find out more at: macucc.org/seasondiscern



Mass. Conference Minister & President Jim Antal, Connecticut Conference Minister Kent Siladi and Rhode Island Interim Conference Minister Barbara Libby serve communion together at the Mass. Conference Annual Meeting in June.

Summer, 2015 This & other versions available at: macucc.org/download.

Minister & President lobbies in DC

Conference Minister & President Jim Antal traveled to Washington DC during the week of Pope Francis' US visit, where he lobbied for a call to action on climate change. He was part of a small coalition of religious climate leaders who had a State Department meeting with Deputy Special envoy for Climate Change Karen Florini and Amy Lillis, of Religion and Global Affairs. They then went to Mitch McConnell's office in the Russell Senate Office Building and met with Daniel Cameron, Senator McConnell's Counsel.

Read Jim Antal's blog post about his visit here:

macucc.org/creationcrossroads

Read a news story about the trip here:

macucc.org/DCtrip



Upcoming Events

**How Would Jesus Celebrate Christmas?
An Advent Retreat for Youth
Dec. 4 - 5, 2015
Craigville Retreat Center, Cape Cod, MA**

This 24 hour retreat is intended for teens from around the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ and their leaders. Led by Matt Carriker (right). Learn more at: macucc.org/adventretreat



Find a complete list of Conference events at: macucc.org/events

Rooted in the grace of God, the mission of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ is to nurture local church vitality and the covenant among our churches to make God's love and justice real.