

## Two-Day Conference At-A-Glance



*"In each heartbeat of life, God reaffirms the covenant. Listen!"*  
-Don Remick



*"The Spirit will empower you, but not do the work for you."*  
-Rev. Tony Robinson



*"You can change the world by buying a cup of coffee."*

-Delegate speaking in favor of the Fair Trade resolution



*"We're always looking for ideas and innovations to stretch our dollars. We came to the conference not only to find out what's happening in the broader church, but to meet people and discover how they found and implemented new ideas in their own congregations."*

-Tina Middleton, in agreement with Marcia Grimes and Charlie Oliver (all first-time delegates from Second Church, Attleboro) about the purpose of their visit.



*"This resolution is part of our history and future."*

-Sharon Wright, Boston, speaking about the same-gender marriage issue

*"Study scripture by looking at it differently. Sing Amazing Grace to the tune of House of the Rising Sun."*

-Rev. Kenneth F. Baily



*"Stick to the theology, not the politics. Each church should decide for itself."*

-Delegate voicing his opinion on the same-gender marriage issue



*"Send students and send money."*

-Rev. Bill Ives, promoting seminaries



*"Being a pastor during these challenging times is like trying to sail a boat while trying to rebuild it ... and most people don't like construction."*

-Rev. Tony Robinson



*"A church having to claim to be open and affirming is appalling. We're a church and it should be automatic."*

-Liz Mahoney, Marlboro, speaking in favor of the same-gender marriage issue

*"I hope to get a better understanding of the issues and how decisions are made."*

-Teri Wilson, South Cong., Springfield

Clockwise from top left: Delegate Janette Robinson of the Second Congregational in Pittsfield picks an apple from the basket sponsored by the Mass ReLeaf Ministry; taking a short break from business; the choir practices for Saturday night worship at Abbey Chapel; Saturday workshop; perusing hardcovers at the bookstore; Rev. Donald H. Remick, liturgist and Chair of the Board of Directors, MACUCC, with Rev. Nancy Taylor, preacher and celebrant, who tells the congregation they are "Living Letters"; delegates supportive of same gender marriage hold a service of celebration on the green; Marion Butland interprets for the hearing-impaired; (middle above) delegates reflect in song every time a motion is approved; (middle below) Mary Wooley Hall, home of the Plenary sessions; Moderator Bonnie Fleming opens the conference; presentations and pitches in the exhibit area; Author's reception and book signing for "Pastor to Pastor: Encouraging Excellence ... Just for the Heaven of it".