



# Vermont Conference United Church of Christ

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### Vermont Conference Announces 230th Annual Meeting: "Resurrection Hope: Rising Above Christian Nationalism"

**To:** All Delegates and Visitors to the 230th Vermont Conference Annual Meeting  
**From:** The Rev. Lynn Bujnak, Conference Minister and Registrar  
**RE:** ANNUAL MEETING 2025

**March 27, 2025**

The Vermont Conference, United Church of Christ, is pleased to announce its 230th Annual Meeting, themed "**Resurrection Hope: Rising Above Christian Nationalism**," to be held **May 2nd-3rd, 2025, at Grace Congregational UCC in Rutland.**

The Conference is honored to welcome **Rev. Marvin Ellison, Ph.D.** as the keynote speaker. Rev. Ellison, a prominent voice in Christian ethics and social justice, will address the gathering on "Embracing the 'Powers of the Weak': A Progressive Christian's Response." Dr. Ellison will help us engage deeply with the values we profess and seek to live as Christians, including the radical, inclusive welcome we proclaim as members of the UCC.

The Annual Meeting Planning Committee has crafted a program that promises to be both inspiring and transformative. Attendees can expect:

- **Creative and Moving Worship:** Uplifting music, liturgy and preaching.
- **Peacemaker's Gathering:** A dedicated time to learn about the justice and peace-making activities of the churches in our Conference and of affiliated organizations.
- **Engaging Workshops:** Find the list on the Annual Meeting page of the Conference website: [vermontucc.org](http://vermontucc.org). Sign up during registration.
- **Online Accessibility:** An online experience of plenary sessions and worship for those unable to attend in person, along with a pre-meeting Zoom workshop with author and theologian, Rev. Carter Heyward.
- **Conference Business:** Draft agenda, proposed resolution, budget, and Board of Directors slate posted on [vermontucc.org](http://vermontucc.org).

We look forward to seeing you on May 2-3rd!