

A Healthy Opportunity

A major strength of this initiative is the wide array of diversity embedded in the program. The NY Conference covers a large and varied geographical landscape and includes a multitude of racial, cultural, theological, and financial backgrounds. As we press forward with our faith journey during these unprecedented times, we firmly believe that everyone benefits when we have healthy, well-connected and confident clergy. We know that healthy ministers create and nurture healthy churches that become beacons of diversity, justice and community.

"I love this theme of Today, Tomorrow Together. I think it is broad enough for us to understand that it is not just about money, but we are looking at the communal nature of what it means to be in faith and in partnership with one another. And so my invitation to us would be that we join in the work of perpetually sharing God's love beyond this moment and into the future."



Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

*Emmanuel Congregational Church
Watertown, NY*

Our Ask of You

Please join our effort in raising funds to develop new and virtual congregations; retrain pastors to support the personal demands of their calling; emphasize ministries' physical and mental health; and empower decisive action by congregations for racial justice and environmental awareness.

The NY Conference and United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance are partners in raising \$2,000,000 with the *Today... Tomorrow... Together.* campaign, which will directly benefit churches and their leaders for years to come.

You can support this campaign through gifts of cash, securities or planned gifts. Should you choose to make a pledge to the campaign, we ask that your gift be paid over no more than three years. If you have questions please contact Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams at mwilliams@uccny.org.

To donate online, scan the QR code:



or visit

<https://uccny.info/TodayTomorrowTogether>

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United Church of Christ
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Today...
Tomorrow...
Together.

New York Conference UCC

Today...

Our mission with the United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance (the Pension Boards' philanthropic arm) continues to provide direct financial assistance and leadership programs to sustain pastors throughout their career, including those serving in the NY Conference.

The current priorities of the NY Conference—helping churches faithfully adapt and respond in a season of great change by empowering leaders and keeping them well—are a local expression of commitments at the core of the UCBMA mission. For this reason, the NY Conference and the UCBMA are working together to tell this shared story of commitment to local congregations and their leaders.



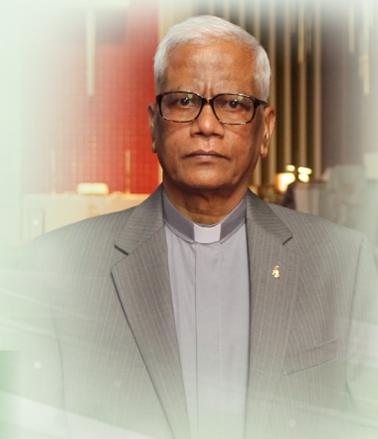
"I am convinced that inside all of us is the desire to be a part of something that is bigger than ourselves. God is calling us in New York to not just 'do' church, but we're called to 'BE' the church. I know we can do this: today, tomorrow, together."

Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams
Transitional Conference Minister

Tomorrow...

The NY Conference affirms that its churches must invest in the nurture, training, and support of leaders who will be ready to shepherd our congregations joyfully into the future God is revealing.

Our *Today...Tomorrow...Together.* campaign intends to raise \$2,000,000 to equip clergy and congregations with community, wisdom, and relevant skills to meet God's call to witness and serve in these unique days. This initiative will support the assistance and leadership programs of the Pension Boards. Now is the time to empower our clergy at churches large and small within the NY Conference. We will all benefit from the skills and knowledge gained to lead our amazing congregations to meet the challenges and opportunities that await us.



"Whether we worship together virtually... or in a beautiful old church that's been 'fixed up' ... God calls us to work together, pray together and grow together. With God as our cornerstone, anything is possible. As Paul writes to the Corinthians: 'God loves a cheerful giver.'"

Rev. Dr. Christopher Ponnuraj
Minister, West Center
Congregational Church

Together.

We are inspired by the success of our community-based clergy leadership programs. In our efforts to create a world community that can be closer to what God intends for us, we know that *Together* we can each make a difference.

Since the onset of the pandemic, we have witnessed the power of technology in our virtual and hybrid worship offerings that complement our traditional services; we have been inspired by the hands-on support our churches offer the communities in which we live and work; and we are witnessing the growing impact of positive change with our efforts in environmental, racial and social justice. All of this is possible thanks to each of us sharing our amazing gifts... *Together.*



"Financial help is so important to many of our pastors serving small churches. And it's important that we have the means to support those pastors because a healthy pastor is going to only help invigorate the local church and ultimately help the local church to be healthy as well."

Rev. Judith Van Kernen
Emmanuel Congregational Church
Massena, NY