



# UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## The New York Conference

P.O. Box 487, SYRACUSE, NY 13209

April 12, 2024

Dear Pastor & Delegates:

The Conference Board of Directors is proposing the attached language be amended in the New York Conference bylaws. This amendment will be presented for a vote at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the New York Conference, May 31-June 1, 2024, in Binghamton, NY.

These amendments include a general reorganization of our bylaw document, making it easier to read, the inclusion of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Goals developed by our Diversity Task Force, and the creation of a Conference Finance Committee.

We will be holding two virtual townhall sessions to discuss and explain the proposed amendments. Everyone is invited to attend these informational Zoom meetings, **Thursday, April 25 at 12:00pm and 6:00pm** (link to meetings- <https://uccny.info/Bylaw> )

The bylaws of the New York Conference “may be amended at any Annual or special meeting of the Conference by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting. All proposed amendments must have been mailed to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.” (*New York Conference Bylaws, Article XI, 2017*)

As voting members of the Conference, we ask that you review and prayerfully consider these proposed amendments and come to the annual meeting prepared to vote on their adoption.

In Covenant,

Rev. Judith VanKennen, Moderator  
New York Conference Board