



# New Hampshire Council of Churches

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## **ARNIE ALPERT RECEIVES NH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AWARD Annual “Work of the People” award recognizes faith-based leadership**

PEMBROKE, NH - The NH Council of Churches is excited to name Arnie Alpert as the 2020 recipient of their annual “Work of the People” award. Arnie Alpert recently retired from the American Friends Service Committee-NH Program after 39 years where he was a constant companion to New Hampshire churches.

As he retires, the Council celebrates Arnie’s work on the repeal of the death penalty, his advocacy for a Rev. Martin Luther King holiday and many other values-based initiatives that the Council’s member churches shared.

“In the spirit of unity, the New Hampshire Council of Churches believes in working together, building bridges, and seeking consensus around issues that matter to us and to our neighbors,” said Rev. John Sawyer, pastor of Bedford Presbyterian Church and a board member of the NH Council of Churches. “The Council is a voice of unity, speaking out for the marginalized, those with Substance Use Disorder, and those who have no voice in the public square.”

The NH Council of Churches honors Arnie Alpert for his decades of service bringing people of faith and conscience together to voice their values in the public square.

The 2019 recipient of the “Work of the People” award was Barbara Keshen, chair of the NH Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

The New Hampshire Council of Churches is made up of nine diverse denominations of churches in the state, comprising nearly 400 local congregations. The Council supports different churches in shared concerns, such as COVID-19 response, addiction and recovery ministries, and support for immigrants.

For more about the “Work of the People” award, see: <https://nhchurches.org/spiritofunity2020/>

For more information about the NH Council of Churches, see: <https://nhchurches.org/about/>

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