Stay Connected

The Council promotes events and information relevant to our many denominations, especially focusing on the areas of work in this brochure. We get the word out by:

- Regular posts to our website
- Weekly email blasts
- Frequent social media posts

To join our mailing list please send your contact information to info@nhchurches.org.

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Women’s Prison Chaplaincy

For almost 20 years, the Council has supported the Ecumenical Chaplain to the Women’s Prison. We collect funds to support this position and work with the Department of Corrections when hiring new chaplains.

A network of 40 churches in New Hampshire regularly make financial or in-kind donations to the prison residents through the Council.

In addition to hosting a monthly resource-sharing roundtable meeting, the Council coordinates denominational and congregational resources on addiction, especially with:

Governor's Commission on Alcohol & Other Drugs
Caring Clergy After Substance Use Death
caringclergynh.org
Good Samaritan Network
goodsamaritanetwork.org

Addiction & Recovery

Rev. Gail Murphy trains an ecumenical Caring Clergy group with the pastoral skills to respond to overdose.

Other

Smaller collaboration projects undertaken by the Council include:

- Boy Scouts
- Martin Luther King Coalition
- Poor People’s Campaign
- Emergency Preparedness
- Interfaith Power & Light
- Faith & Labor Coalition
- National Guard chaplaincy
- Teaching & preaching
- Cooperation with local Interfaith Councils
- Reducing Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia

Furthering Christian unity, life, and action in New Hampshire
Mission
The NH Council of Churches with faith-filled witness and action, mutual respect, and understanding unites for Prayer, Learning, Justice, Peace, and Stewardship of God’s Creation.

Membership
The Council is made up of 9 diverse denominations. Nearly 400 congregations affiliated with these denominations are found throughout the state.

- American Baptist Churches of Vermont and New Hampshire 93
- The Episcopal Church 46
- Diocese of New Hampshire 15
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America New England Synod 15
- Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Metropolis of Boston 12
- Religious Society of Friends (Quaker) New England Yearly Meeting 13
- Presbyterian Church (USA) Presbytery of Northern New England 10
- Unitarian Universalist Association New England Region 21
- United Church of Christ New Hampshire Conference 133
- United Methodist Church New England Conference 56
- Total congregations 399

Death Penalty Repeal
The Council was a founder of the NH Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. Because all nine member denominations support repeal, the Council was able to organize a strong faith voice to the state legislature. After much faith advocacy, repeal passed on May 30, 2019.

Father Constantine Newman (Greek Orthodox) testifies in support of death penalty repeal, which passed on May 30.

Immigration Support
The Council organizes church support for our immigrant neighbors, specifically:
- Support the Prayer Vigil for Immigrant Justice outside the Manchester ICE office.
- Support the three Sanctuary Churches in Dover, Manchester and Meriden.
- Organize the Solidarity Walk which raises money for a bail bond fund.

Hundreds participate in the faith-led Solidarity Walk to the Strafford County jail in Dover in August 2019.

Why Donate to the Council?
Yes, I will support the Body of Christ through the New Hampshire Council of Churches, so our denominations can do together what we cannot do alone.

While most of our funding comes from the nine denominational bodies, we depend on gifts from congregations and individuals to maintain this level of programming.

- Personal donation
- Invite Executive Director to speak
- Sunday morning special collection
- Gift from the Pastor’s Discretionary fund
- A dedicated line item in your congregational budget

How Can I Support?
Name: _______________________________
Address: ________________________________
City, State, ZIP: __________________________
Phone: ________________________________
Email: __________________________________
Religious Affiliation (optional): ________________

- $500  - $250  - $100  - $50
- Other: ________________________________
- I wish to remain anonymous.

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