



In the wake of the Boston Marathon Bombings

The Massachusetts Conference staff responded to the Boston Marathon bombings by posting resources, reflections, links to information and a place for churches to share information on special services. The Conference also sponsored a support gathering for clergy, including hospital chaplains, providing them with a space for worship and prayer and an opportunity to share stories, perspectives and resources.



The following may continue to provide inspiration and information:

- **Reflections** by numerous Conference staff, including Jim Antal and Andy Gustafson, as well as guest contributions by Mary Luti and others. Find these reflections at: macucc.org/marathon
- **Signs, Symptoms and Resources** for those Impacted by Disaster and Trauma - a webpage developed by the Disaster Resource Team. Find it at: macucc.org/trauma

Churches encouraged to take part in scarf project



All United Church of Christ churches have been invited to make rainbow scarves to send to General Synod, the UCC's national gathering this summer, and in doing so to make a pledge against violence and bullying.

In response to the Boston Marathon Bombings, the MACUCC Annual Meeting Planning Committee is encouraging churches to take part in that project, making the scarves and sending them to Synod as requested, but to bring one to the Annual Meeting June 14-15 in Sturbridge. These will be hung and blessed in honor of the victims and survivors of the bombings, and then brought to General Synod.

Details: macucc.org/scarf



214th Annual Meeting: Risking Vision

June 14 - 15, 2013

Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center

What if every Jesus follower in each of our congregations could describe a vivid, specific, shared vision for her or his church? If each of us had a compelling sense of the particular call of God on our own faith community, how might God's love and justice be made real?

The prophet Habakkuk tells us the vision will surely come! We will engage deeply with this scripture and ponder these questions at our upcoming Annual Meeting. Clergy, delegates and visitors are encouraged to come - all must register by May 24.

The Keynote Speaker will be The Rev. Dr. Robin Meyers, an ordained UCC minister, Oklahoma City University professor, author, columnist, and an award-winning commentator for National Public Radio. Register at: macucc.org/annualmeeting



Peter Wells to be honored at Annual Meeting

Associate Conference Minister Peter Wells, who will be retiring from the MACUCC staff after 11 years, will be honored at the MACUCC Annual Meeting in Sturbridge. On Friday, June 14, Wells will preach at the closing worship service, which will include a liturgy of blessing and farewell. A reception in his honor will follow the worship service.

More: macucc.org/wells



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