The Vision of the new Southern New England Conference – which officially came into being on Jan. 1, 2020 – embraces four essential values: Making Disciples, Making God’s Love & Justice Real, Being Agents of Change, and Embracing Partnerships. Here is a sampling of the ways the people of the Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island Conferences were living out that Vision throughout the past year, even before we came together as one. See a full report on all of these items at sneucc.org/annualreport.

Making Disciples
We understand the local church exists to make disciples of Jesus and we welcome all people unconditionally to share in this calling.

- Almost 90 faith formation practitioners and local church leaders attended Faith Formation leadership programs and gatherings.
- Payson Park Church, UCC (MA) utilized CrossRoads / New Beginnings program to help embrace the next generation by changing intentionally.
- Riverside Church (RI) established their own food ministry program on the church premises to welcome the underserved in the community.

Making God’s Love & Justice Real
We commit to making God’s love & justice real by loving our neighbors, children, and all of creation through our collective work, such as seeking racial, economic, environmental, and LGBTQ justice.

- Racial Justice team leader hired; new Racial Justice resolutions adopted require all CT and RI UCC clergy to regularly complete racial justice training.
- More than 30 people from 11 CT churches met with legislators to discuss environmental protection, gambling, economic justice, other issues.
- People from across the three conferences supported the youth-led Global Climate Strike in places all over the region.
Agents of Change
We believe God calls us to bring new life as agents of change and so we embrace and encourage adaptive and transformative leadership wherever the Body of Christ is gathered.

- New London Urban Outreach program, which features dinner parties where guests break bread together, is the first recipient of Do The New grant.
- CT Conference Minister holds live online conversations with church leaders to discuss their ministries.
- As a result of participating in the Churches Alive program, Weston and Wellesley Village congregations will be collaborating with each other.

Partnerships
We encourage local congregations and varied ministry settings, inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit, to form covenant partnerships with all who work for the common good in their local communities and throughout the world.

- $1M Lilly grant to fund Together We Thrive clergy development initiative among Southern New England UCC, Lutheran, and Episcopal organizations.
- Guilford, CT, church partnered with different organizations involved with criminal justice for current and former inmates to educate the community.
- MA Conference partnered with the Episcopal Church and the NRCCC to help get the climate crisis word out.

Some Numbers

2020 Operating Income Projected: $5,033,500
- Total Income projected (net of outdoor ministries): $5,033,500
- Add Outdoor Ministries income: $2,183,000
- Total (ties to SNE Budget, rounded): $7,216,500

2020 Operating Expense Projected: $5,190,200
- Expenses net of Outdoor Ministries amounts offset by income: $5,190,200
- Add Outdoor Ministries amounts offset by income: $2,183,000
- Total (ties to SNE Budget, rounded): $7,373,200

Southern New England Conference
614 Churches
119,980 Members
1,653 Authorized Ministers

312 Churches within Southern New England are ONA
MA 185 • CT 109 • RI 18