Your 2021 Church Council Toolkit
Saturday, January 30, 2021

Keynote Speaker ~ Rev. Mary Nelson, Former Associate Conference Minister of the Southern New England Conference

9:00 – 9:10 am Welcome and Introductions Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel
9:10 – 10:00 am Keynote #1: Tools for a Healthy Church Council Rev. Mary Nelson
10:00 – 10:10 am Break
10:10 – 10:55 am Workshop #1
  • Tools for a Healthy Pastoral Relations/Personnel Committee Ginny Brown Daniel
  • Spiritual Tools for Weary Children and Youth Cindy Birkner and Nate Fulk
10:55 – 11:00 am Stretch Break
11:00 - 11:45 am Workshop #2
  • Tools for Budgets and Stewardship During Covid Cora and Renee, MMS Bookkeepers
  • Tools for Post Pandemic Ministry Damien Lake
11:45 – 12:15 pm Lunch
12:15 – 1:00 pm Workshop #3
  • Technology Tools for Worship, Files, and Meetings Julie, Jeremy, and Kathie
  • Tools for Church Council Moderators Ginny Brown Daniel
1:00 - 1:45 pm Keynote #2: Visioning During the Pandemics Rev. Mary Nelson
1:45 – 2:00 pm Closing Worship including Blessing of Church Councils

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About the Keynote Speaker, Rev. Mary Nelson:
Rev. Mary Nelson served as the South Central Region Minister for the Southern New England Conference, UCC from 2014 to 2021. Mary is originally from Des Moines, Iowa. She earned her BA at Grinnell College, and her MDiv at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Prior to coming to Connecticut, Mary served as Pastor of the Malletts Bay Congregational Church, UCC, in Colchester, Vermont. She has been an instrumental leader in the 2030 Clergy Network and a UCC Presidential Fellow. From 2015-2017, she co-chaired the Giving Task Force with the UCC’s Office of Philanthropy and Stewardship in Cleveland, including writing the UCC’s new policy on resource-sharing across the wider church. In 2019, Mary joined the Board of Trustees of Chicago Theological Seminary. She lives in New Haven, CT, with her cat Tiberius, and in South Hadley, MA, with her partner Brian.