Curious about what the online worship experiences are in Upper New York? Visit the Conference website for a full list of what is available at http://www.unyumc.org/about/find-an-online-worship-services.

The Upper New York Conference’s vision is to live the gospel of Jesus Christ and to be God’s love with our neighbors in all places.

The Bridge is a Conference Communications Ministry tool that delivers to local churches news and stories of ministry from around the Upper New York Conference and the world. For more news and stories visit:

www.unyumc.org

A look inside!

The Spring 2020 issue of the Advocate available May 1

Sneak peek at the “Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus” issue of the Advocate

May, Issue I
Together we were the senior high boys’ dorm counselors. Our two older children were in 7th and 9th grades at NMMS; the younger two attended Farmington’s public elementary school. Although there were some difficult times, overall it was a wonderful year in which we learned about Navajo culture, learned to love NM, and made some lifelong friends.

When we returned home, we resumed our previous activities. Pete taught math and coached at Scotia-Glenville High School. I worked at Schenectady City and County Health Departments and at Hospice of Schenectady. Our children returned to public schools. We continued to volunteer locally.

Then in 1992 our pastor, Rev. Leon Adkins Jr., and his wife, Bonnie Totten Adkins, took us on a volunteer team to Nicaragua. We were hooked! In 1998, Pete volunteered during the ice storm in northern NY. In May, 1999, the Board of Global Missions subsidized an intensive week in Bolivia for health care workers. Leaders from the southern hemisphere taught us about appropriate health care in developing countries.

Later that year, we were part of an FUMC team to Nicaragua. This was the second of a total of nine trips to Nicaragua. We were hooked! In 1998, Pete volunteered during the ice storm in northern NY. In May, 1999, the Board of Global Missions subsidized an intensive week in Bolivia for health care workers. Leaders from the southern hemisphere taught us about appropriate health care in developing countries.

Later that year, we were part of an FUMC team to Nicaragua. This was the second of a total of nine trips to Nicaragua. We were hooked! In 1998, Pete volunteered during the ice storm in northern NY. In May, 1999, the Board of Global Missions subsidized an intensive week in Bolivia for health care workers. Leaders from the southern hemisphere taught us about appropriate health care in developing countries.

In 2002, Lee Adkins gave us another challenge/opportunity -- Pete and I became coordinators of Troy Conference VIM. Because Troy Conference had covenant relationships with Brazil and Mozambique, we joined Conference teams to both of those countries. Our other foreign experiences were Prime-timers trips to Northern Ireland and Italy.

Interpersed with our international trips were several domestic mission experiences. In 2010, the Troy Conference was dissolved, and our area became part of Upper NY Annual Conference. Pete and I both joined the Upper NY VIM steering committee. After Pete’s death in 2016, I remained on that committee and continue to value the experiences and friendships of Volunteers in Mission. I have assisted our youth group at FUMC with planning their trips and was able to be part of an intergenerational team from our church to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA. In early March of 2020, I was part of a Prime-