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## From Our NEJCAH President



Hello dear friends of NEJCAH.

I am thankful to say that with God's Great Grace, we appear to be putting Covid 19 behind us. That being said, the Executive Committee of NEJCAH spent many hours of deliberation over whether we risk an in-person convention this year.

We have decided to once again proceed virtually and regret that we will not visit, in person, the many wonderful historic sites in the Upper New York Conference.

However the convention organizers, led by **Ken Jones** have managed to assemble an awesome group of presentors over the May 10-11 virtual event. As you may have already seen, there is a brief schedule on the reverse side of *The Bulletin*, but I encourage you to read the in-depth information on this page. Please also note registration information below. A special thanks to our editor and designer team, **Janice and Harold Ulmer** for getting this information in your hands in a very timely manner.

Rev. Earle Baker  
President

## Our Guests and Presentors

### Special Guests

**Bishop Mark J. Webb** comes from Pennsylvania where he was a District Superintendent in Susquehanna Conference when he was elected Bishop in 2012. He received the Harry Denman Evangelism Award in 2002 and is President of the UMC agency Discipleship Ministries and a member of the Connectional Table.

**Dr. Ashley Boggan Dreff** is General Secretary, General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church. She has great-great-grandfathers who were Methodist circuit-riders and is the author of *Nevertheless: American Methodists and Women's Rights and Entangled: A History of American Methodism, Politics, and Sexuality*.

### Tuesday Evening Historical Presentations

**Amethyst Gardner**, currently a college student, received the Girl Scout Gold Award for her Methodist Minister Grave Marking Project in the Oneonta, NY area.

**Walter Gable** will discuss "Setting the Scene for the 1848 Women's Rights Convention." Gable has been Seneca County Historian since late August 2003 and is also a member of Seneca Falls United Methodist Church.

**Karen Staulters** is a Retired Archivist, Upper New York Conference Archives and the recipient of a Ministry of Memory Award 2021.

She has been involved as a volunteer with various historical groups doing research and writing articles, and is currently Historian for the Town of Milton, Saratoga County, New York. She will discuss "Methodist Women & Women's Suffrage".

### Wednesday Evening Historical Presentations

**Dr. Philip P. Arnold** is Chair of the Department of Religion at Syracuse University and a core faculty member of Native American and Indigenous Studies. He is the Founding Director of the Skä-noñh - Great Law of Peace Center, which repurposes the site that formerly celebrated the Jesuits coming to Onondaga Nation Territory in 1656-58.

The new Center now tells the ancient story of the formation of the Longhouse tradition known as the Great Law of Peace at Onondaga Lake and its influences on American culture. He will discuss "Challenges and Joys of Presenting Haudenosaunee [Iroquois] Values at the Great Law of Peace Center".

**Dr. Douglass V. Armstrong** is Professor and Chair of the Anthropology Department at Maxwell School of Syracuse University. He is currently researching in the Caribbean and

New York State. In New York, his research has focused on archaeological studies that explore social activism associated with social reform movements of the 19th century, including abolition and women's rights.

He will discuss "Harriet Tubman, Uncovering Inspiration, Archeology of Harriet's Life and Freedom."

Harriet Tubman was born a slave Araminta "Minty" Harriet Ross in the early 1820's, married John Tubman in 1844 and escaped to the North in 1849. She worked the Underground Railroad, served as a Union Army cook and nurse and later as an armed scout and spy. She then donated land to the AME Church where the Harriet Tubman Home for the Aged opened in 1908 and to where she was later admitted and died.

**Dr. Melinda Grube** is an adjunct lecturer in history at Cayuga Community College in Auburn and a longtime interpreter of regional women's rights history. She will present a first person portrayal of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, a prominent voice for women's rights and other reform issues including the right of married women to hold and control property, keep their wages and have guardianship of their children.

### Editor's Note

We look forward to resuming regular issues of *The Bulletin* with a summer edition. As always, your submissions are welcomed and encouraged. No story too small!

Janice Ulmer, editor

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