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Since the delegates were elected, they gathered together twice—once in July 2019, summarized in the last August Issue of the *Bridge*, and once last month. A brief summary of their September meeting follows.

#### September Delegation gathering

Members of the Upper New York Conference Delegation to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences gathered at the United Methodist Center on Saturday Sept. 28. Those who were unable to be physically present had the option of participating remotely.

The morning was spent discussing how the delegation would continue

to work together and learning about proposed changes to the clergy pension plan. The afternoon was spent planning their process for the potential Episcopal Candidates from UNY for vetting and then preparing for the NEJ gathering in July 2020 in Huntsville, MD. More information on the process will be made available soon.

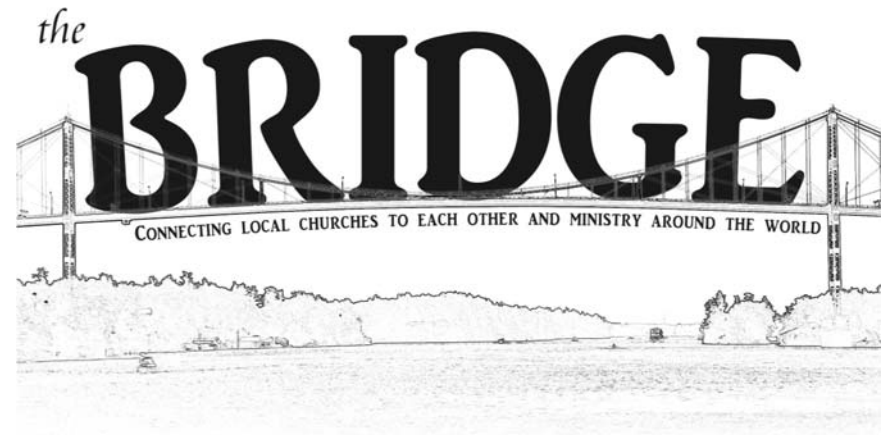
The delegation greatly appreciates that they have been surrounded in prayer and supported in so many ways since they were elected at Annual Conference. They are accepting donations of maple candy to aid them in their work, but they especially request your continued prayer.

Visit [www.unyumc.org](http://www.unyumc.org) for regular updates on our 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates.

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# Getting to know your 2020 Delegation and their work



At the 2019 Upper New York Annual Conference in June, five clergy and five lay delegates were elected for the 2020 General Conference and five clergy and five lay delegates were elected for the 2020 Jurisdictional Conference; two clergy and two lay delegates were elected as alternates.

## Meet your delegates with an interesting fact about each one

The lay delegates, in order elected for General Conference:

- Carmen Vianese—head of the delegation (Her favorite morning beverage is coffee = Hot - 1/2 Reg & 1/2 Decaf with cream).
- J.J. Warren (His favorite ice cream is mint chocolate chip).
- Ian Urriola (His first job was a little

league umpire).

- Marthalyn Sweet (She only writes in cursive).
- Sam Smith (He has two guiding scriptures, Micah 6:8 and Galatians 5:1).

The clergy delegates, in order elected for General Conference are:

- The Rev. Bill Mudge (His favorite ice cream is vanilla—he claims all others are additives).
- The Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady II (He can sing *Row, Row, Row Your Boat* backwards).
- The Rev. Beckie Sweet (She has a cuddly French Angora rabbit named Jacques).
- The Rev. Carmen Perry (Her preferred morning beverage is Blonde

Roast Coffee with cream).

- The Rev. Rachel Ann Barnhart Morse (Her spiritual home is wherever she is called to be)!

The lay delegates, in order elected for Jurisdictional Conference are:

- Samuel Mudge (His favorite ice cream is Cherry Garcia).
- Drew Griffin (He is a literal shepherd with a small flock of sheep).
- Rachel John (She plays four instruments).
- Linda Barczykowski (At one time, she was a firefighter and had her EMT certification).
- Melysa Acevedo (She loves to race go-karts but can't drive a real car).

The clergy delegates, in order elected for Jurisdictional Conference are:

- The Rev. Dr. Michelle Bogue-Trost (Her preferred morning beverage is chai tea).

- The Rev. Carlos Rosa-Laguer (He likes fishing).
- The Rev. Martha Swords-Horrell (Her favorite ice cream is chocolate Panda Paws).
- The Rev. Drew Sperry (He does not like chocolate).
- The Rev. Rebecca Laird (She played accordion in elementary school).

The lay reserve delegates are:

- Dan Fuller (His favorite ice cream is Sea Salt Caramel).
- Rachel Giso (She is a member of the Adirondack 46er club).

The clergy reserve delegates are:

- The Rev. Dr. Bill Allen (His preferred morning beverage is orange juice).
- The Rev. Harold Wheat (His preferred morning beverage is Earl Grey tea).

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