



# Board of Ordained Ministry

## New England Conference

The United Methodist Church

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## 2023 NEW PASTOR ORIENTATION

In the New England Conference, the New Pastor Orientation (NPO) is required for persons who are to be **licensed as a local pastor or a provisional member (on the elder track) and** who have completed at least 1/3 of an approved M.Div. degree. Persons who have recently completed an approved local pastor licensing school are exempt from the NPO.

At the NPO, students will receive instruction on topics that are essential for new Local Pastors, but not taught in seminary. Some topics are also unique to the New England Conference such as policies and administrative responsibilities. Folks who will be serving as lay supply in the conference will also benefit from the NPO.

**When:** Sunday, May 21, 2023 - Tues, May 23, 2023

Please arrive and be ready to listen and learn by 7:00 pm on Sunday (dinner not provided).

The class will dismiss on Tuesday afternoon.

A more detailed schedule will be available at a later time.

**Where:** Rolling Ridge Retreat & Conference Center, 660 Great Pond Road, N. Andover, MA 01845

**Registration:** Complete page 2 and send to your District Superintendent for signing. The signed form must be received by the Registrar (contact info below).

**Cost:** \$200.00 covers your tuition and room & board. Mail check (MUST be written payable to “New England Conference”) to the BOM Registrar or use this online payment link:

<https://neumc-reg.brtapp.com/OnlinePaymentOptionforNewPastorOrientationMay2023>

**NPO Co-Directors:** Pastor John Robbins [j\\_robbins@verizon.net](mailto:j_robbins@verizon.net)  
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**NPO Registrar:**

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Application

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Send form & payment to Deborah Venator, P.O. Box 4171, Concord, NH 03302 or [bomregistrar@yahoo.com](mailto:bomregistrar@yahoo.com).

Name:

Date of birth:

Email:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Mentor's Name:

District:

Food allergies/dietary restrictions:

Emergency Contact name & phone number:

Is there a medical reason you require a single room? (please explain):

Accommodations for disability, other needs or requests:

**Please check ALL that apply:**

- I will have completed a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) by June 2023.
- I will have completed at least 1/3 of my M.Div. by June 2023.
- I am a certified candidate in the New England Conference.
- I am currently in the process of seeking certified candidacy.
- I expect to be appointed as a local pastor as of July 1, 2023.
- I am (or expect to soon be) serving as lay supply in the New England Conference.
- Other (please explain):

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**District Superintendent:** *The above-named person has my permission to attend this licensing school.*

District Superintendent's Signature:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_