

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUGGESTIONS

We value your input as we plan future Annual Conference sessions.
 Please leave at Chapel or in Boxes located around campus. **THANK YOU!**
[ALTERNATIVE: YOU CAN COMPLETE THE EVALUATION ONLINE AT
<http://www.neumc.org/surveys/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=l2K0552>]

1. The highlights for me included...

2. The challenges we experienced included...

3. How did this Conference session express our Vision: “Transformed by the Holy Spirit, uniting in trust, we will boldly proclaim Christ to the World”?

4. I will tell my church that this Annual Conference...

Rank using the following code	1="Please change"	5-"OK, but"	10="I like it"							
Worship Experiences	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Favorite moments:										
Overall Schedule and Conferencing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Geographic location of conference	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Radisson Manchester facilities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Displays	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Dining Services	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Registration/Pre-Conference Information	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

I would be willing to assist at Annual Conference by: _____

Name _____ Phone/Email _____



Dear New England Conference Attendees,

We praise God for your safe arrival and participation as we gather for Holy Conferencing!

Please join in thanking the hundreds of volunteers and staff who take time each year and offer their talents to make our Holy Conferencing experience sacred and significant.

These Holy Conferencing Guidelines (Council of Bishops, 2007) are helpful reminders as we gather these next few days:

- Every person is a child of God. Always speak respectfully. One can disagree without being disagreeable.
- As you patiently listen and observe the behavior of others, be open to the possibility that God can change the views of any or all parties in the discussion.
- Listen patiently before formulating responses.
- Strive to understand the experience out of which others have arrived at their views.
- Be careful in how you express personal offense at differing opinions. Otherwise dialogue may be inhibited.
- Accurately reflect the views of others when speaking. This is especially important when you disagree with that position.
- Avoid making generalizations about individuals and groups. Make your point with specific evidence and examples.
- Make use of facilitators and mediators.
- Remember that people are defined, ultimately, by their relationship with God – not by the flaws we discover, or think we discover, in their views and actions.

Each year, these feedback forms are the first place we look when seeking new leadership and volunteers. Please consider offering your gifts and share how you would like to serve the Annual Conference planning process. We count on you to share ideas and contacts so we can include rich diversity in our conference time. We are grateful for your input as we create a Holy Conferencing gathering that celebrates and affirms all the gifts and talents God has provided.

Finally, we are a large gathering of people served by the support systems and facilities of our gracious host site, the Radisson Hotel. Please help them accommodate our needs by speaking up when you observe a need, by treating all with respect and courtesy, and being patient when that is needed. Our hospitality team is ready to serve you: look for their bright shirts and signs in the lobby. You will help us save money by carpooling or walking to meals and other trips off-site.

As Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we pray we will live in sacred community, honor and respect boundaries and support each other even when exhausted or passionate about our work together. May our time of Holy Conferencing also be a time of covenantal living in sacred community.

The Annual Conference Sessions Committee