Meeting the Challenges of Ministry

Do you ever feel like “we don’t have enough” - enough people, enough money, enough energy, enough skills - to lead your church faithfully into the 21st century?

We believe that with God, you do have enough to journey faithfully into the future.

We'll step into your present situation and journey alongside you. We’ll help you listen for God’s call, honestly assess your resources, address immediate concerns, and imagine the next steps for your ministry. We’ll guide you as you discover the right questions and design the best approaches to your own setting.

What We Offer

- Individual & Group Coaching
- Congregational Redevelopment & Revitalization
- Leadership Development for Clergy, Laity, Committees
- Church visioning
- Strategic planning
- Faith Development across the Lifespan
- Christian Education
- Conflict Transformation, Mediation and Reconciliation
- Finances & Stewardship
- Cooperative Ministry/Merger
- Anti-Racism / Diversity Work
- Connecting with Your Community
- Developing Non-Profit Organizations
- Understanding Your Church System

New England Conference Parish Consultants

We provide guidance, strategy and companionship for today’s changing ministry landscape.

To learn more about engaging a consultant, contact Barbara Lemmel, Coordinator barblemmel@mac.com or 802-881-3267. www.neumc.org/newenglandconferenceparishconsultants
Donna Bivens coaches leaders and organizations toward creative engagement of diversity, inclusion and equity issues, working at internal, interpersonal, institutional and cultural dimensions. Grounded in Parker Palmer’s Courage to Lead work, she helps leaders face into systemic issues with spirit and courage.

Barbara Lemmel coaches clergy and laity in leadership skills, understanding their church system, visioning and spiritual growth. She helps leaders recognize anxiety’s effects and ways to reduce it in their congregations. Barbara is the coordinator of the Parish Consulting Network.

Greg Carpenter is a church consultant, leadership coach and therapist with thirty years of experience leading churches and organizations through the transformation process. His use of systems thinking, solution focused & heart centered approaches centers on helping leaders experience personal empowerment and transformation.

Susan MacKenzie is a spiritual director, retreat leader, and educator. She works with individuals and groups to be more intentional in their prayer practices and spiritual disciplines. A master naturalist, Susan leads indoor and outdoor retreats, and facilitates Retreat Leadership Training for the conference.

Margaret Keyser is a mediator and conflict transformation practitioner, offering facilitation and training to churches and institutions. She is a trained pastor and theologian from South Africa, where she helped communities on a local level to embrace the Truth and Reconciliation process.

Bonnie I. Marden facilitates and teaches groups to confront conflict and discover constructive energy for growth, discipleship and healing. Her training encompasses mediation, intervention, dialogue and stewardship skills which she loves teaching in experiential and interactive settings.

P Stewart Lanier is a clergy member of the NEUMC. The focus of his work is on non-profit executive and organizational transitions in small grassroots and social change organizations. His passion is for making the connection between faith and grassroots community-based social justice work, as well as diversity training for individuals and organizations.

Betsy Waters is a facilitator, coach and worship leader, assisting churches and their leaders to become more vital, relevant, innovative ministries. Trained in educational psychology, teaching, organizational development, and parish ministry, she empowers local congregations to grow in faithfulness, effectiveness and discipleship.

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Consultation costs are $50/hour plus travel; initial assessment is free.