

Southern New England Conferences, UCC
Annual Meeting
Nov. 1-2, 2019 DCU Center, Worcester, MA

Foundational Justice Commitments

The Board of Directors recommends: *“The 2019 Annual Meeting approves the Foundational Justice Commitments for the Southern New England Conference as presented.”*

Foundational Justice Commitments:

We believe that it is our call to “live the love and justice of Jesus.” Based on both the established commitments of our three historic Conferences and our aspirational priorities as a new Conference, the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ, at its first Annual Meeting on November 2, 2019, pledges in covenant:

- To be an Open and Affirming Conference;
- To be a Just Peace Conference;
- To be an Accessible to All Conference;
- To promote environmental consciousness and climate justice;
- To advocate for economic and restorative justice;
- To eradicate racism in all of its forms, both within the church and in the structures of our society and world;
- To advance immigrant justice and human rights for all people.

We recognize that these are expressions of both identity and intention, and we commit to align our resources and our efforts with these priorities. We encourage our local churches and other covenant partners to do the same.