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New England 10th Biennial Convention

[Register](#) by October 10th for our Convention / Gathering

October 27 - 29, 2016 at Marie Joseph Spiritual Center
Biddeford Pool, Maine

Announcing the 2016 Workshop Leaders



***Ripples of Water. . . Ever flowing and clean**— Our seaside location brings to mind the importance of being good stewards of water. An interactive workshop on what we can do as individuals to conserve our water supply and make good individual choices. Lisa will utilize a free WELCA resource :*Being Good Stewards of Water*. Lisa will also bring her prairie view on water and contrast it with ours in the Northeast. **Lisa Plorin**, CWO Executive Board member, Upham, North Dakota



***Ripples of Connection . . .**— the Tenth **Triennial Gathering 2017** will be held in Minneapolis, MN July 13 - 16, 2017. Come join in conversation, receive your registration booklet and the latest information on the Gathering as we color, discuss and share. Liz will utilize the latest downloadable devotions on the Triennial theme - **All Anew** for the Gathering in Minneapolis, MN. — Liz Burgess, newest member CWO Executive Board 2016-17, Church at 209, Augusta, ME



***Ripples of Creating – Soul collage** offers a time of quiet and contemplation offering the questions of our hearts to God. This is done by using the craft of collage, of piecing together different pictures to form a piece of art which becomes your icon of prayer. No art experience required! Just a longing for God and silence in which you will do this work. Pastor Anne Roser, Portland, ME



***Ripples of Nature's surprises** – Come create a nature mandala, a circular art form so prevalent throughout the world used as a satisfying and meaningful type of self-expression. A circle is found throughout cultures and nature and is seen a symbol for wholeness. Use nature materials provided for you to create this transitory art design and take time to meaningfully wonder at our God's creations. Make sure to bring your camera to capture your mandala. Leslie Carson of York, Maine

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***Ripples of God's Word as Living Waters** - Bible Study – **Rev. Maria Anderson**, St.

Ansgar, Portland, ME will incorporate the young adult Lutheran-Episcopal Portland, ME ministry experiment into the study of the convention theme John 4:13-14 [The Message (MSG)] Jesus said, *"Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Any-one who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an ar-tesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life."*



***Ripples of Prayer Walking** –Prayer walking is the practice of praying on location, a type of intercessory prayer that involves walking to or near a particular place while praying. We will use the early morning to pray for creation, clean abundant water, sailors, fishermen and others while on the beach in Maine in late October. Be prepared in the event of cold and rain- we will attempt to go outside in any weather. (sunrise is 7:13 am) **Rev. Anne Deneen**, St. Paul, Gloucester, MA.



***Ripples of Generous Hospitality**-- Ascentria Care Alliance, formerly Lutheran Social Ser-vices, welcomes hundreds of refugees from around the world each year and provides them with a new start in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. This workshop brings sto-ries to life of the resettlement process and the partnerships that Ascentria has developed to carry out its mission; empowering people, strengthening communities! **Ann Dancy**, vice president of operation in NH, Ascentria Care Alliance



***Ripples of God's Extravagant Love** — For many in my generation the journey of under-standing poverty in our communities comes later in life. Brought up in a blue-collar working class, we were instilled with values of working hard and caring for our family. If we grew up in a faith tradition we were also taught to love our neighbors, but that was often our literal neighbors, not those with whom we had little contact. After achieving certain professional success we find there is still a yearning that can't be satisfied. It is at this point that we are open to what Frederick Beuchner describes as, "when the worlds

deep hunger and your deep yearning meet." That is how the Seeds of Hope ministry began. **Rev. Shirley Bowen**, Biddeford, ME [In-kind offerings recipient]