

## District Conference Logo

The logo for the 2025 Atlantic Northeast District Conference features the key words I want to focus on taken from the theme scripture, Ephesians 4:1-6.

Behind the words is a picture of a cross. Paul often seems to use “the cross” as a shorthand for the good news story of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection in his writings. To the left of the cross is a basin and towel, along with a loaf of bread. Despite the varieties of our backgrounds and perspectives, the basin, the shared bread of communion and love feast, along with the practice of baptism, are symbolic practices shared across our congregations. They remind us, regardless of our differences, of the call to service and expressions of community along with our commitment to following the way of Jesus. The sun behind the cross... Admittedly, I’m not sure if this is sunrise or sunset. Is this a new day and time in the life of our District and broader denomination or the setting sun on a faith experiment that had a good run? I believe part of that question is answered by how we come together as a community of faith. Are we willing to, as Paul writes in our theme scripture: “walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you (we) have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace; there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism...” We have varieties of backgrounds, gifts, perspectives and passions, but at the center there is one Jesus, one allegiance and one immersive commitment animating our walk as the church.



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