

New England Mission Center
Congregational Support Ministry
Mission Flash

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This is to keep you up to date on the many exciting things that are happening in our congregations.
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Maine Reunion Brooksville Maine

The Maine Reunion proved to be a rewarding and memorable event this summer. The leadership of Bill Gardner, New England Mission Center President, and his wife Barbara set the stage for a full week of fellowship, music, classes and worship. The Mission Center was well represented as many traveled from Southern New England to participate in the reunion experience that Maine is known for. This year we were blessed with the visiting ministry of President Becky Savage, of the Community of Christ International Headquarters and her husband, Greg, who is pastor of Stone Church in Independence, Mo. Becky and Greg alternated services stressing the theme of *A Community of Peace: Becoming Community*.

Prior to the opening service the Brooksville Campground Board made a presentation of the Brooksville Opportunity (Memorial) Fund. This is an opportunity for individuals, families and/or congregations to donate money, in the form of a memorial, for the future growth of the campground. For many years people have been asking for some way to help in insuring that the campground will be around for their grandchildren and great grandchildren. Many of us remember an earlier time when we were privileged to attend a youth camp, retreat or reunion at Brooksville and the special place that it holds in our hearts. Jeannie Strout is the contact person, if you would like more information on this campground project.

After a good fellowship and opening worship service, attendees enjoyed an afternoon of visiting and sharing old times. A meeting of all Pastors with the Mission Center President and President Savage was part of the afternoon activities. Sunday evening President Savage presented to the reunion an update on Temple Ministries.

Mike Langford of the Avon Congregation continued his traditional fundraiser, riding his bike from Brooksville to the Onset Campground with all pledges going to the *Pastor Peddles for Peace Scholarship Fund*.

As usual we were blessed with great campfires, exceptional opportunities to experience the divine mixed with the chance to reclaim old friendships while creating new ties. Reunion, as always, is a place to relax and be fed while taking stock of our Christian lives and looking to the future. As with all good things, however, reunion came to an end. If you missed it this year – start making plans for next year... you won't regret it!

Many Blessings
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