

Thirteenth Annual Leadership Conference - Wells, ME. April 6-7, 2019
ADVANCING CIVILITY IN A DIVERSE NEW ENGLAND

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Our theme this year is:

"Advancing Civility in a Diverse New England"

State League leaders from CT, MA, ME, NH, RI and VT have developed a dynamic agenda for 2019 that is sure to address the most compelling issues of the year.

Our plenary sessions will be at the York County Community College, 112 College Drive in Wells, ME, <https://www.yccc.edu> / less than a mile from our hotel accommodations at the Hampton Inn, 900 Post Road, Wells, ME.

Tentative Agenda - Schedule Subject to Change

Friday evening, April 5 (optional): dinner out and socializing with other early arrivals.

Raffle Tickets Please visit our raffle table to benefit this Conference. Prizes are contributed by League members. Tickets are available all weekend: \$5 each or five for \$20.

Saturday, April 6

9:00 - 9:30 Registration at York County Community College, coffee, and welcome.

9:30 - 10:15 Keynote Speaker: Nancy Thomas, Director of Institute for Democracy and Higher Education, Tufts University, will address the question of what populations did not vote in the 2016

elections. Who are they? Why didn't they vote? What would motivate them to vote? What are the tangible and psychological barriers to voting? What was different in 2018?

10:15 – 10:45 Questions & Answers

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:15 Workshop Communicating Across the Divide: Challenges and Tools: Susan Clark, author of *Slow Democracy: Rediscovering Community, Bringing Decision Making Back Home*,

12:15- 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:45 Panel of Three Experts: What does 'diversity' look like in New England? We know that gender/race/ethnic/ generational differences influence our democracy. We also know that other factors divide us.

- Economic inequality
- Rural/urban
- Education and literacy

2:45 - 3:00 Break

3:00 – 4:45 Break-out sessions: Deeper discussion of how those differences affect how these factors divide or engage us

5:30 Dine Around: Sign up for dinner at one of the Wells/Ogunquit restaurants. This is a good time to get together with others from a different state.

Sunday, April 7

Until 9:00 Breakfast at the Hampton Inn included with room reservation.

9:00 – 10:00 Takeaways from Saturday's sessions

- Summary of results
- Implications for each state
- What can we do to cross the divide?
- How does this shape leadership for LWV moving forward?

10:00 – 10:15 BREAK

10:15 – 11:45 Getting ready for 2020: LWV 100th anniversary

- Celebrating our history
- Going beyond our current goals
- What will we do to move our organization forward?
- How do we incorporate many new voices?

11:45 Raffle Drawing: We close on Sunday with our annual raffle to benefit this Conference, with prizes contributed by League members. Prizes will be on display and tickets will be available all weekend, \$5 each or five for \$20.

11:45 – 12:00 Wrap-up and adjourn.

Don't leave early -- Sunday could be the best part!

Register Now

- [Register online](#) using a credit card. Use the PayPal button in the LWVME Education Fund section. Note "Leadership Conference" in the area for special instructions to the seller.
- To register by check, fill out the [registration form](#) and return with a check for \$25, payable to the LWVME Education Fund. Note "Leadership Conference" in the memo field. Send to

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PO Box 863,
Augusta, ME 04332

- Make your own hotel reservation at Hampton Inn & Suites, 900 Post Road, Wells, Maine 04090 (207-646-0555). Be sure to say you are with the League of Women Voters and the room rate will be \$99 plus tax. Find a roommate to share, and the cost will be around \$50 per person. Our block of rooms will be held until March 31, but the rate will be in effect until the event. Upon request, LWVME attendees will be reimbursed \$50/night toward the room rate.
- Breakfast is included in the room rate. Saturday lunch is included in your registration fee. Saturday evening, we will have dinner in small groups at your own expense at area restaurants. Sign up at the registration table.