



PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE

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Friends of Penn Central Conference OCWM Campaign

In Christ's Love, We are... CONNECTED – ENGAGED - TRANSFORMED

Dear Friends of Penn Central Conference,

Thank you for the gifts to *One Great Hour of Sharing* and the other causes that support the natural disasters we have seen most recently. In addition to these donations, your OCWM gifts are essential in changing lives. That is why this fall, we are launching a **Friends of Penn Central Conference** campaign for Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM).

OCWM gifts are invested in the programs, resources and tools needed to help our congregations flourish. Your generosity supports the important work we do in our local churches, Associations and the wider church.

Implementation of key initiatives from the plans and goals that you saw in the 2017-2020 Penn Central Conference Strategic (Missional) Plan have already begun:

- New training programs for lay leaders to better equip them for their roles in ministry and improved boundary training for clergy
- A new cooperative ministry initiative is working well as a non-traditional clergy placement approach: two (2) churches share a pastor, creating a full-time opportunity
- Recent capital improvements like WiFi enhancements, new infirmary/administrative building and new pool enhances the promotional appeal of our outdoor ministry, Hartman Center, to other non-profits
- A new mystery visitor program along with vitality teams are being trained to help churches develop plans for church growth, discipleship and outreach
- We remain one of the only conferences to provide intentional support for clergy and their families

These and other planned programs ensure that our churches can take advantage of opportunities that emerge as the landscape of ministry continues to change.

OCWM gifts assure sustainability of these Conference initiatives. Most of our *churches* pledge their OCWM support annually and we would be even more blessed if *individuals* also contributed. Here are suggestions of how YOU can give:

- From www.pccucc.org, go to our donation page to make a one-time or **monthly recurring gift**. You may also send your donation by check to the Conference Office. (Please make check payable to Penn Central Conference at 900 South Arlington Avenue – Room 227A – Harrisburg, PA 17109, noted as OCWM/Friends of Penn Central Conference in the memo line.)
- Volunteer your time serving in Association/Penn Central Conference ministries.
- Secure a matching gift from your company. You can search this database to see if your company matches - <http://www.ucc.org/matching-gifts>. What an easy way to double your gift!
- Participate in #GivingTuesday (more details to follow in early November)

We pray that our continued ministry together in Penn Central Conference will nurture covenantal relationships that connect, engage and transform us into *congregations that passionately declare and demonstrate the courageous love of Christ!*

Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

In Christ,

Stephanie

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