

April 24, 2017

To All PNEC Authorized Ministers :

This letter is a reminder that in 2009 the PNEC Board of Directors decided to issue a directive to PNEC's four ministry committees to begin scheduling boundary workshops every four years for all of our ordained, licensed, and commissioned ministers.

Every *active* minister authorized by the Penn Northeast Conference, as a condition for continued authorization, is now required to attend an approved boundary workshop every four years.

The reasons this is necessary are:

- Because we are concerned for the safety and well-being of all of our lay church members – *as well as for our authorized ministers!*
- Because we know that when self-care is not taken seriously, we as hard-working authorized ministers can become very vulnerable to temptations and ethical lapses
- Because ministerial misconduct can be deeply destructive of individuals, families, and whole congregations
- Because not to take proper precautions greatly increases the likelihood of legal liability where misconduct occurs.

We will be offering a one-day Boundary Workshop on the following two separate dates: (Please contact Patty <patty@pnec.org> or 610-826-311> at the Conference Office indicating which date you will attend.

- ❖ Wednesday, October 4 – St. John's UCC, 183 S. Broad St., Nazareth, PA
- ❖ Thursday, October 5 – Faith UCC, 21 Faith Drive, Hazleton, PA

All workshops begin at 9:00AM and end at 4:00PM

A person must be present for the whole day to receive credit for having participated in the workshop!

To lead these workshops, we have retained the professional services of the Rev. Diane Wheatley. Rev. Wheatley is an ordained Lutheran Minister who serves Prince

of Peace Lutheran Church in Fulton, NY. She has developed curriculum materials and has been leading workshops on boundaries since 2001. She has authored an excellent study manual entitled: "Boundaries, Borders, and Better Relationships." You will receive a copy of the manual at the workshop.

The cost of the workshop is: \$20.00 which includes both the manual and lunch. Checks can be made to: "PNEC," and sent to: PNEC, Boundary Training, 431 Delaware Avenue, Palmerton, PA 18071.

This workshop is required of all PNEC clergy and in-care students who are currently serving or plan in the next four years to serve in a ministerial setting for at least ¼ time.

Sincerely,

PNEC Ordained Church & Ministry Committee
PNEC Licensed/Commissioned Ministry Committee
PNEC Licensed/Commissioned Ministry Member in Discernment Committee
PNEC Ordaining Member in Discernment Committee

Rev. Diane Wheatley began developing and leading workshops on boundaries in 2001. She received her B.A. in English from Stanford University, her M.Ed. from Stanford University in 1971, and her Masters of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary in 1984. She was a high school English teacher at Monte Vista High School in Cupertino, CA; was a youth editor for Gospel Light Publications for 10 years where she produced over 13 courses, 8 teaching films, 8 teaching filmstrips, and was a workshop leader with the International Center for Learning teaching workshops in the United States and Canada. During that time she was also the key note speaker for the International Youth Conference with the Hanmi Center in Los Angeles.

Rev. Wheatley was ordained in 1984 by the Lutheran Church in America which became part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1978. She has served as a Pastor for Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Encinitas, CA; Associate Chaplain for Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, PA; Lutheran Campus Pastor for Cornell University and Ithaca College and Associate Pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Ithaca, NY; and the Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Liverpool, NY. She now pastors Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Fulton, NY.

Rev. Wheatley has served since 2000 with the Conflict and Healing Team of the Upstate New York Synod of the Evangelical Church in America; teaches annually at the Hardwick Seminary Summer Institute, and teaches Boundaries with the Capitol Region Theological Center in Albany, NY. She is the author of Boundaries, Borders, and Better Relationships