



LETTER TO PNEC FROM THE MODERATOR

February 23, 2017

Greetings!

I write this on behalf of the PNEC Board of Directors as we proceed following the announcement of Rev. Alan Miller's retirement. We take each of our next steps trusting in God's presence and guiding spirit.

In early December, 2016, the Penn Northeast Conference Board of Directors received Rev. Alan C. Miller's announcement that he is planning to retire as our Conference Minister effective August 31, 2017. The Board is charged with assuring that all Conference Ministry duties and responsibilities are fulfilled until the next Conference Minister is called, and/or other options are duly explored and discerned.

To that end, the Board of Directors has appointed a Conference Minister Search Committee to seek a Designated-Term Conference Minister. An extra challenge for this Search Committee is to consider the work being done by the PNEC/PSEC Transition Team, a study group convened to explore and discuss possible future joint endeavors and relationships involving both Conferences. Please refer to the Transition Team Communication Letter recently written by Rev. Dr. Joanne Marchetto, PNEC Assistant Moderator and Transition Team Leader.

Serving on the Conference Minister Search Committee are: Rev. Steve Engelhardt (CHAIR), Jameson Baxter, Rev. Richard Teitsworth, Rev. Dr. Jane Hess, Connie Rought, David Adams, Michelle Funk and Kaye Lentz. Rev. Lee Albertson, UCC Conference Minister Coordinator, is the national church staff serving as resource consultant for the Search Committee.

The Search Committee has begun its work and will be seeking a Designated-Term Conference Minister to serve for a predetermined length of time, with specific tasks in addition to the usual duties and responsibilities of a Conference Minister. It is expected that the Designated-Term Conference Minister will serve for approximately 36 months, with a priority in assisting and supporting the PNEC/PSEC Transition Team in their discernment activities.

Please hold all of these folks in prayer as they do this important work on behalf of us all. We will keep you informed as our work progresses.

Peace and Grace to all.

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