



PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE



Empowering churches to proclaim the reconciling love of Christ.

A Message from PCC

May 12, 2021

Members and friends of Penn Central Conference -

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (from Jeremiah 31, select verses.)

The theme of this year's Annual Meeting on June 12 is "Called to Covenant". Yes, we come together to do the business of our conference. But the time together is so much more than that. This year we come together virtually and in select churches that have technology. We will worship together, pray together, remember those who have gone before us, and celebrate the many anniversaries of clergy and churches.

All of this being together and activity can be translated into "we are called to covenant"; or maybe even more accurately, "we are calling one another to covenant with God and with one another."

Because, my friends, covenant is the hallmark of God's people; covenant is the centerpiece of church life; covenant is the main focus of our denomination. We are in covenant with God to do God's work as disciples who spread the life-giving abundance of life to all around us. We are in covenant with one another to worship together, pray for one another, celebrate each other's joys and weep with each other's sorrows. We are in covenant to discover our gifts, celebrate them, and use them for the Godly good of all people. We covenant in the midst of a unity that binds our hearts and minds together; in a diversity of theologies and life experiences; all loved and cherished no matter who we are or where

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Outdoor Ministries

In partnership with Lutheran Camping Corporation

Summer Camp: REGISTER ANYTIME!

The 2021 summer camp schedule is set! There are camps for all ages and interests at both Kirchenwald and Nawakwa. Check out what is offered online.

PCC is covering half of camp registration for members! To learn more email

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Summer Staff Recruitment -- GOING ON NOW!

Calling all high school kids, college-age young adults, and adults interested in working at

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Prayers for Penn Central Conference

Ephesians 6:18 (NLT)

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

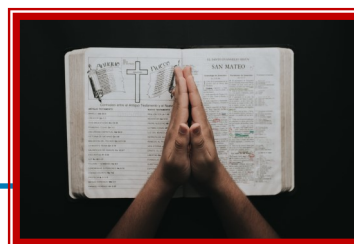
This week, we pray for each other as we continue to live into God's calling...

St. Luke's UCC, Lock Haven

St. Luke's UCC, Lititz

Sandy Hill (Kistler) UCC, Ickesburg

St. Peter's UCC, Lykens



Message from the Conference cont'

we are on our faith journey. And this year we will covenant to do something at Annual Meeting that we may have not done for a very long time: we will celebrate and embrace the installation of one of our Associate Conference Ministers.

Many of you may know the term installation because you have installed your pastors to affirm their call of covenant with the members and friends of your church. Participating in my installation as your Associate Conference Minister is an affirmation of my call to join all of you in covenant as members and friends of Penn Central Conference. Let us be "called to covenant" together, Associate Conference minister and beloved of Penn Central; and let us celebrate that covenant, as surely as we celebrate our covenant with our God and with one another.

Marisa

The Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola, Ph.D.
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Penn Central Conference's Annual Meeting will be online again this year. Registration links are available on pccucc.org - save the date of June 12, 2021 for this meeting.

Changes to the conference bylaws will be up for vote at this meeting. Two special meetings via Zoom will happen in June 1st to ask questions about the changes registration links to follow soon as well. If you have not seen the proposed changes, go to pccucc.org and click on the "Annual Meeting" tab for documents.

We will also be installing Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola as Associate Conference Minister, voting on budget and a slate of nominees.

Outdoor Ministries cont'

camp this summer! Lutheran Camping Corporation is recruiting now for this summer's camp season.

Hartman Center Spirit Week:

Week of August 8 at Camp Mount Luther
In addition to the summer camp options at Kirchenswald & Nawakwa, you are invited to a week (or part of a week) of camp at Camp Mount Luther in Mifflinburg. This week — which will be in the spirit, community, and traditions of Hartman Center — is sponsored by the Central Association, but open to Penn Central Conference & friends of Hartman Center. Summer Camp at Camp Mount Luther is open to PCC folks!

Learn more here: <https://pccucc.org/outdoor-ministry/>

Save the dates

UCC's General Synod 33, "Rooted In Love", will be occurring July 11-18, 2021. Learn more at general-synod.org

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