



MINISTERIAL EXCELLENCE FORUMS

FALL 2018

September 19 – Heather Kimmel, General Counsel for the United Church of Christ, *Confidentiality and Mandatory Reporting* (for Clergy ONLY)

- Do you know what information clergy may be required to share that has been obtained in carrying out ministerial responsibilities?
 - Do you know the difference between a secret, a confidence, and a privileged communication?
- All this and more will be covered in a presentation by Heather E. Kimmel, General Counsel for the United Church of Christ. [To register.](#)

October 17 – Scott Watts, Facilitator of Care to Clergy and Clergy Families, *Self-Differentiation in your Ministry* (Clergy ONLY)

John Wisdom in his book *Paradox and Discovery*, recounts the story of a Dublin zookeeper who had a record of amazing success at the difficult task of breeding lions. When asked about the secret of his success, the keeper replied, “Understanding lions.” When further asked what consisted in understanding lions, he replied, “Every lion is different.”

Without overstraining the simile, we can say that in some ways ministry is similar. We can gain through experience an understanding of and appreciation for the church and yet attain a very rich appreciation for the individual differences of each congregation and each parishioner. The workshop will focus on the process of self-differentiation as a formative process instrumental in an effective ministry that builds on accumulated experience and knowledge, while honoring the uniqueness of every congregation, parishioner, and pastor. For pastors, this includes developing ways to avoid reactivity and respond to known emotional and relational triggers that are often related to personal wounds with compassion for one’s self and others. [To register.](#)

November 14 - X. Peter Wernett, Sr. Vice President, *MissionInsite* (for Lay and Clergy)

MissionInsite offers incredible insights into the demographics that surrounds your church setting. Come out to learn how this tool can enhance and inform your mission planning as well as your development strategies and budget planning. MissionInsite uses robust demographic data sets and advanced analytics to deliver reports to drive your congregation in future ministry. [To register.](#)

**All forums will be held at St. Thomas UCC - 6490 Linglestown Road – Harrisburg, PA
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Light refreshments will be served.