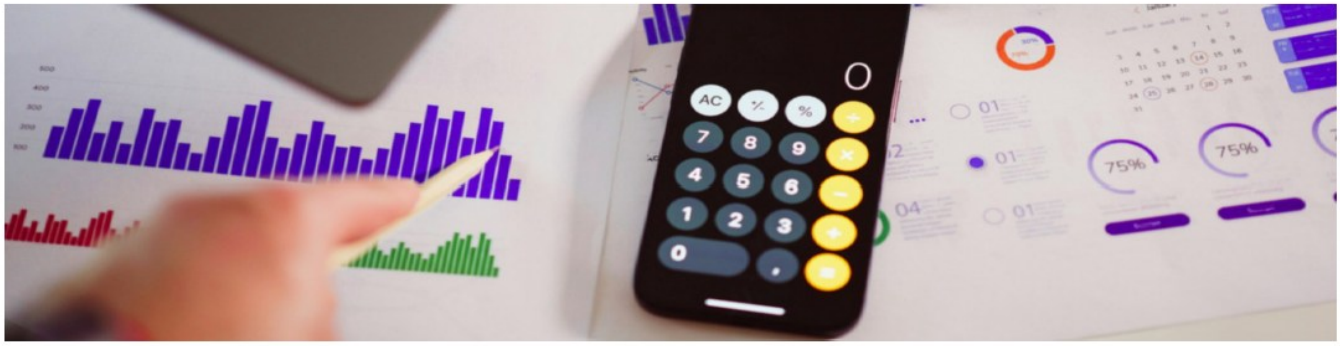
The Keystone Connection

A Message to the Conference

OFFICIAL CALL FALL MEETING 2026

Keystone Conference of the United Church of Christ
Robert Ames, Board Secretary



November 14 2026
Online Attendance Only

Registration link: click "Fall Meeting" on the homepage of keystoneucc.org

Welcome to the 2026 Fall Meeting of the Keystone Conference of the United Church of Christ!

Delegate Information:
All authorized clergy holding standing in one of our Associations will be entitled to vote.

Churches will also have the following delegates:
Membership up to 100—2 delegates
Membership of 101—300—3 delegates
Membership 301—500—4 delegates
Membership over 500—5 delegates

1 Youth delegate (ages 14-17) with voice but no vote.

**** Our quorum requires that 30% of our churches (152) be represented!**

The only agenda item will be the APPROVAL of the 2027 Keystone Fall Budget

Any questions or issues with registration, please contact Sue at the Keystone office at 717-652-1560 opt. 1 or at sue@keystoneucc.org.

2027 Clergy Compensation Guidelines have been updated. Learn more by visiting keystoneucc.org/resources/compensation-guidelines/

The only change of note from 2026 in the guidelines is at the bottom of page two where the 2027 Cost of Living Adjustment is listed. For clergy in existing calls, the recommendation is an increase to salary and related benefits of 3-3.5%.

Early next year, we anticipate revisiting the guidelines. Clergy and lay leaders will be surveyed to find out if this model is working and how the Conference Compensation Guidelines can best serve as a helpful resource for both churches and clergy.

"Where Teens Find Their Stories": Seminars on Youth Culture

Our young people are spending more time in online worlds than ever before, and those spaces are shaping how they think about identity, belonging, relationships, and even faith. This fall, we're offering three seminars to help clergy and youth leaders understand the digital cultures influencing the teens we serve.

We'll take a closer look at the virtual spaces young people gather, such as, fandom communities. We will also dive into the mission, ethics, and identity of influencer spaces like the manosphere and trad wives. We'll discuss why these spaces matter, how they're impacting our youth, and what role the church has in these conversations.

The sessions are designed to be practical, honest, and accessible. You don't need to be tech-savvy or "in the know" to benefit. You just need a heart for young people and a willingness to learn.

More details and registration information will be shared soon. We hope you'll join us for these important conversations.