



PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE



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Boundary Training

All Zooms unless otherwise noted, 2 credit hours

September 15 10am ([Register](#)) and 6pm ([Register](#)) – **Power and the Pastoral Office** with Rev. Nora Foust

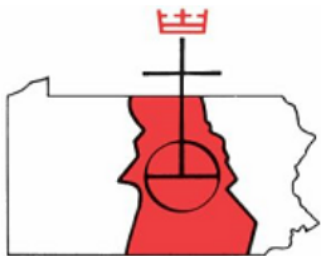
This has been offered with some ministeriums this year so you may want to double-check before you register as you can only get credit once. Drawing from writings of Karen Lebacqz and Richard Gula, we will explore some of the aspects of the professional power that comes with the pastoral office. The power that pastors have is often understated and misunderstood. Some of you may remember this example from FaithTrust Institute and Margaret Atwood.

She unlocks her office door, then locks it behind her to disguise the fact that she's in there. It's not her office hours but the students take advantage. They can smell her out, like sniffer dogs; they'll seize any opportunity to suck up to her or whine, or attempt to impress her, or foist upon her their version of sulky defiance. I'm just a human being, Tony wants to say to them. But of course she isn't. She's a human being with power. There isn't much of it, but its power all the same." Robber Bride, Margaret Atwood

Like that of a professor and student, the pastoral relationship is one of unequal power between minister and congregant. Unequal power does not necessarily indicate abuse, but it is something for us to consider with some regularity and intentionality.

September 29 10am-1pm **LIVE** at Lancaster Theological Seminary and Pepper Theo Café – **Retired and Supply Boundaries and Departures** (with LUNCH at Pepper Theo) \$10 ([register and pay](#))

We will spend time reflecting on ways to let go of congregational life in the ways that you have experienced it as a pastor and learn to navigate it as a member. Retired and Supply pastors are often in and out of pulpits and we will look at the delicate boundaries that come with this type of ministry as well. Additionally, we will examine the boundaries outlined by MESA's Departure Ethics for Retired Ministers.



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October 13 6pm ([Register](#)) – A Boundary Refresher for All Stages of Ministry with Rev. Nora Foust

This session will review some of the self-care basics and boundary foundations as well as look a little deeper at social media and departure ethics that focus on moving from church to church. We will also spend some time with case studies around recurring situations that have come up over the past couple years.

October 25 10am ([Register](#)) – A Boundary Refresher for All Stages of Ministry with Rev. Nora Foust

This session will review some of the self-care basics and boundary foundations as well as look a little deeper at social media and departure ethics that focus on moving from church to church. We will also spend some time with case studies around recurring situations that have come up over the past couple years.

October 28 10am-1pm LIVE St. John's in Lewisburg Retired and Supply Boundaries and Departures (with LUNCH) \$10 ([register and pay](#))

We will spend time reflecting on ways to let go of congregational life in the ways that you have experienced it as a pastor and learn to navigate it as a member. Retired and Supply pastors are often in and out of pulpits and we will look at the delicate boundaries that come with this type of ministry as well. Additionally, we will examine the boundaries outlined by MESA's Departure Ethics for Retired Ministers.

If you have questions, contact Rev. Nora Foust at nfoust@pccucc.org or C. Paul Keller at pkeller@pccucc.org