PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE

A Message from PCC

June 12, 2024

Greetings Penn Central members and friends,

*"A work is praised for the skill of the artisan; so a people's leader is proved wise by his words." (*Ecclesiasticus 9:17, NRSV)

Greetings and a word of thanks first. Thank you to everyone who showed up at State College last weekend – either in person or virtually! It was a tremendous all-PA Spring Meeting and I felt much positive spiritual energy in the air – I hope you did as well. Thanks to our PCC staff, volunteers, committee members, artisans, musicians, singers, and especially to our own Shirley Keith Knox for all your hard work. The time together was a blessing, especially to our General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson. If you attended her poetry workshop on Friday, you may know why – she spoke to me about it several times and it affected her deeply. Thanks to all who attended and helped. I hope this is the first of many such gatherings!

One consistent message during the meeting concerned leadership. We already know we have excellent lay leaders, lay ministers, and clergy. As we move toward the possibility of a merged Keystone Conference, heathy, mature, emotionally intelligent leadership will become even more important. And it is one of the seven Key Attributes of a Keystone Conference.* Even if we do not merge, the Conference will be working on new ways to resource leaders already out there and to train and equip new leaders for the new ways God is calling us to 'be the church' together. We all know that church is changing. Sharing ministry will become more common, and calling up lay leaders to begin walking a path toward authorization will happen more and more often.

To that end I want to invite you – whether you are a lay leader, a pastor with Lay Ministerial Standing, a Member-in-Discernment, a Licensed pastor, or an Ordained clergyperson to consider doing something good for your brain and your ministry this summer. Rev. Dale Davis is a colleague of mine and is simply one of the best pastors out there. He is offering a class this summer through the

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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...

Christ UCC, Codorus

Salem UCC, Columbia

St. John's Blymire's UCC, Dallastown

St. Paul UCC, Dallastown



Pennsylvania Academy of Ministry. I recommend this class highly and I hope some of you can attend! Who knows? I may see you there myself! Let's keep up the good energy coming off the Annual Meeting:

The Pennsylvania Academy of Ministry (PAM) offers Innovation and New Models of Leadership. July 9–Aug 13, 2024. Tuesdays, 7–8:30pm EST via Zoom. Instructor: The Rev. Dale Davis.

This cutting-edge class introduces you to the latest leadership models and features a podcast series produced especially for the Pennsylvania Academy of Ministry, featuring well-known experts Gil Rendle, Karen Georgia Thompson, Doug Powe Jr., Lovett Weems Jr., John Schol, and Sarah Drummond. 2.5 CEUs. $325.

Information and registration: https://www.lancasterseminary.edu/programs/pennsylvania-academy-of-ministry/

Thanks again for your support of Penn Central Conference and I hope your summer is off to a good start!

Peace,

Carrie

Rev. Dr. Carrie Call

Conference Minister

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*Key attribute number 3: "Model and promote healthy, mature, self-differentiated, spiritually grounded, and emotionally intelligent leadership in all settings."

Registration is now open for **HC Spirit camp at Hartman Center Campground and Retreat Center** - Sunday, July 28th through Saturday, August 3rd, 2024.

https://penncentralconference.regfox.com/hartman-homecoming-week-2024

Check out the summer options from our partners at Lutheran Camping Corporation's Kirchenwald (and Nawakwa)

https://www.lutherancamping.org/summer-camp/youth-summer-programs/