

2020 ONA Winter Gathering

**PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE
ONA MINISTRY TEAM**

UNTANGLING THE KNOTS: CHRISTIANITY'S FEAR OF THE SEXUAL BODY

FEBRUARY 22, 2020

REGISTRATION: 9:30 A.M.

START TIME: 10:00 A.M.

END TIME: 3:00 P.M.

SNOW DATE: MARCH 14, 2020

LOCATION/REGISTRATION

LOCATION:

Colonial Park United Church of Christ
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THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND, but a Goodwill Offering will be collected to cover costs.

REV. DR. BEVERLY DALE

Dr. Beverly Dale is the Chair and Founder of the non-profit, Incarnation Institute for Sex & Faith where she trains professional leadership a inclusive, science-friendly, and sex-positive Christianity. As a Disciple of Christ pastor she is currently serving as clergy-in-residence at United Christian Church in Levittown, PA and is a professor at Lancaster Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania teaching courses on sexuality and religion. Her recent book, *Advancing Sexual Health for The Christian Client*, combines the insights of science and a sex-positive Christian theology. An artist and musician she has written, produced and performed in her one-woman show, *An Irreverent Journey From Eggbeaters to Vibrators*.

CONTENT DETAILS

The debate within the Church about sexual diversity is well-known and has devastating consequences – not just for the personal well-being of sexual minorities – but it also undermines the gospel itself by diluting a Christian witness of love. And yet, the debate continues. How then shall we understand what fuels such animosity so that we can begin to develop strategies for effectively dismantling all walls of exclusion? We will explore resistance to homosexuality as a symptom of the much broader issue of erotophobia that occurs when traditional Christianity is experienced as a fear- and shame-based religion. By seeing the context of a wider set of human body and sexuality issues, we will understand why the emotional intellectual or biblical responses to homophobia are seldom persuasive. This will allow us to develop strategies to untie the knots that are strangling the Spirit.

Conference Day will include Keynote, Lunch & Break Out Sessions

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18th, 2020.**