

PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE



Empowering churches to proclaim the reconciling love of Christ.



A Message from PCC

June 29, 2022

Members and friends of Penn Central Conference,

“Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn’t I wash in them and be cleansed?” 2 Kings 5:12

“Why this river?” My camp director, Rev. Curly Stumb, asked this question as a sermon title on this passage many years ago. The sermon was pointing us to Johns River, our church camp, but the question still hangs with me every time I have a question that God answers with wisdom that seems too easy, or challenging, or straightforward, or uncomfortable. I think about Naaman and his response to the healing offered by Elisha, “Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed” (v. 10b).

So clear and yet so hard for Naaman to hear and do. I am on the eve of sabbatical, a season of rest and renewal. I know God has called me to this season and still I resist. I do not know how to do that to which I am so clearly called. And still I follow. I will rest. My spiritual cup will be refilled. I will be restored.

In those moments when God’s call to you is clear - a call to teach, to plant, to harvest, to

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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.

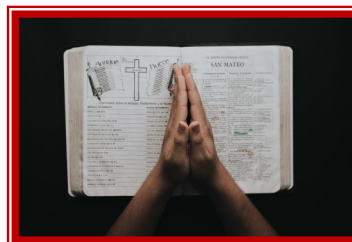
This week, we pray for each other as we continue to live into God's calling...

Starview UCC, Mt. Wolf

Faith UCC, State College

St. Peters UCC, State College

Trinity UCC, State Line



share, to work, to rest, to give, to receive, to...
- how do you respond?

Are you Naaman and ask “why this river?” or are you like the servant that says “just try it?” I am going to do the thing that I do not know how to do because I know it is God’s calling. I encourage you to push past the comfortable “why this river,” and do that which God calls you to do today, even if you don’t know how to do it.

Shalom,

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If you’d like to check out the Workshops, Worship or State of the Conference address from the 60th Annual Meeting, they can be found on our YouTube page. Search Penn Central Conference on YouTube or click the YouTube symbol at the top of pccucc.org

HC Spirit Week - What's in a Name?

"Naming and Claiming Who God Made Us to Be"

Saturday, August 6 through Friday, August 12

Camp Mt. Luther

<https://penncentralconference.regfox.com/hc-spirit-week>

Learn more about camping opportunities here:

<https://pccucc.org/outdoor-ministry/>

Building a Just Peace in an Unjust World:

Learning with and from Our Anabaptist Colleagues

Pastoral Colloquy 2022

Sunday, 24 July, through Friday, 29 July, 2022

Who? Pastors from many church bodies

What? A week of learning, discussion, and fellowship

Where? Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

When? Sunday, 24 July, through Friday, 29 July, 2022

Weekend visits before and after the colloquy are available for our German guests.

Why? “All we are saying is ‘Give peace a chance!’” ~ John Lennon, 1969

Register at <https://penncentralconference.regfox.com/pastoral-colloquy-2022>

