



*Central Association of the  
Penn Central Conference of the  
United Church of Christ*

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***To all members of the 37 churches in Central Association of Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ,***

*You are **invited** to a **TOWN HALL** gathering to discuss the joining of Northern and Central Associations into one association. For those of you who attended our annual meeting in April, you had the privilege of hearing from Rev. Dave Downer, President of Northern Association and Rev. Mike Price, President of Central Association discuss the preliminary work that has begun to make this plan, part of the Penn Central Conference Strategic Plan, a reality. The hope of the Strategic plan's re-alignment of associations as outlined in the proposal is as follows:*

*“Our hope from this proposed realignment of Associations is to: • Work collaboratively to strengthen the ministry and mission of our congregations • Assist struggling congregations • Encourage and engage the rich diversity that is present in our congregations • Provide new perspective and options to enliven our congregations • Allow more uniformity in the work of Committees on Ministry as they adopt the changes in the Manual on Ministry (MOM) and other UCC resources • Inspire Associations to engage discernment conversations about their purpose and mission for this time in our history • Empower creativity and increased collaboration among the churches of the new Associations*

*Members of both associations have met over the past 8-10 months and in various settings. We have discovered we have much in common and have much to learn from each other. However, we need your help as we move forward in this endeavor. We need your thoughts and your ideas*

*Here is what you need to know to be a part of this very important gathering:*

*DATE: Saturday, November 3, 2018*

*TIME: 10 AM-12 noon*

*Place: Trinity United Church of Christ (570-538-1070)*

*602 Main St, Watsonstown, PA 17777*

*A light lunch will be served immediately following our gathering*

*Blessings to all,*

*Carolyn Herman, Co-President (rn5049@hotmail.com)*

*Rev. Mike Price, Co-President (mike@priceincometax.com)*

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