

Due to continued concerns about the coronavirus, PCC's Annual Meeting will again be online this year.

This year we will be offering a full week of events as part of Annual Meeting. Here is more information on these events.

Monday, June 6, 6:30PM via Zoom

"Opening Plenary"

with Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia-Thompson.

Tuesday, June 7, 6:30PM - Workshops via Zoom:

"Pandemic Defeated: Congregational Care"

Presented by Rev. Tony Fields, Dr (St. Paul's UCC, Fredericksburg)

Sponsored by Lebanon Association

The Pandemic: What did we learn about ourselves, our community, or, more importantly, where did we see God in the midst of all this?

As collaborators this was a time for us to Listen for God's word, not by pondering ancient history, but by expecting discoveries to emerge. Let us hear God's Word with expectation and hope, for God is always speaking a new word, always promising a new beginning, and always bringing forth new life. The Pandemic did not win.

"Responsible Engagement with Sponsored Refugee Families"

Presented by Rev. Irene Willis Hassan (Minister for Refugee and Migration Services UCC) and Rayna Cooper (Coordinator of Refugee Resettlement Partnership of Gettysburg)

Sponsored by Gettysburg Association

This workshop will cover best practices for responsible engagement while working with refugees and other vulnerable populations. Presentation will include materials for understanding the relational and behavioral dynamics your church may be witnessing with sponsored families and how to address unfamiliar situations, as well as offering "nuts and bolts" resources for providing empowerment tools responsibly.

Wednesday, June 8, 6:30PM - Workshops via Zoom:

"Planting, Growing, Sharing: The Ecology of Regenerative Agriculture & Church Gardens"

Presented by Rev. Matt Lenahan (Pastor, farmer and organizer in Evangelical Lutheran Church), Rev. Herb Bomberger (retired UCC Clergy, St. Paul's UCC, Mechanicsburg) and Bob Benchoff (Church of the Apostles UCC, Waynesboro)

Sponsored by Mercersburg Association

An ecological approach to farming involves partnerships, relationships, and a desire to build community with the land. As a key partner in Hunger Free Lancaster County, the Wittel Farm endeavors to bring the community together to establish food justice. Additional discussion will highlight the community garden at St. Paul's, Mechanicsburg and the Pollinator Garden at Church of the Apostles, Waynesboro.

"Moving the Racial Justice Agenda Forward in the Local Church"

Presented by Rev. Marvin M. Silver (Associate Conference Minister, Justice & Witness Ministries, Central Atlantic Conference)

Sponsored by Northern Association

"God's Church Post-Pandemic: God's Church in the 21st Century"

Presented by Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola (Associate Conference Minister, PCC)

Sponsored by Harrisburg Association

Can my church be alive and vital post-pandemic? Come to hear suggestions, best practices, and to share your experiences with other church members in attendance at the workshop.

Thursday, June 9, 6:30PM - Workshops via Zoom:

"A Mission Success Story : Opportunity International"

Presented by Mark Lutz

Sponsored by York Association

Have you ever read Mark Lutz's book "UnPoverty", are you aware of what "extreme poverty" is in our world today? Mark and a few of his colleagues will discuss this topic and how we as conference can empower congregations to come together as a community helping entrepreneurial people create a better life for themselves, their families, and others around them.

"Music and Worship in Smaller Congregations"

Presented by Jeffrey Clouser (Music Ministry Coordinator, St. Mark's UCC, Lebanon), Eric Dundore (Minister of Music, St. Paul's UCC, Mechanicsburg) and Scott Siciliano (Minister of Worship and the Arts, Colonial Park UCC, Harrisburg)

Sponsored by Lancaster Association

We believe that smaller congregations can do great things in worship/music that can invigorate both older and newer members to a stronger relationship with our God. We are planning to provide ideas, strategies, and resources to address each of your concerns and situations.

"Understanding--And --Eliminating-- Systemic Racism"

Book Discussion: "So You Want To Talk About Race," by Ijeoma Oluo

Presented by the Rev. Donald I. Hammonds

Sponsored by Lancaster Association

This workshop will allow the participants to reflect, share, and understand how you have learned about race through your life--and how you may have changed since growing up. The workshop also will provide some practical suggestions on how you as an individual can take small, practical, positive steps and make a difference in ending systemic racism. In advance, folks are encouraged to read the book by Ijeoma Oluo – "So You Want to Talk About Race"

Saturday, June 11, 9:30AM

Business Meeting and Worship via Zoom

Tentative Schedule for Saturday

8:30AM – Zoom Opens

9:00AM – Welcome

9:20AM – Opening Devotions

10:00AM – Business Tasks

State of the Conference Address

Nominations Presentation and Vote

Finances Presentation and Vote on Budget

11:30AM – Break

12:00PM – Closing Worship

Camping staff blessing

Recognition and remembrance

Message from Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson

Communion

Register Here! (corrected link!)

Please register by June 3rd for full week of events or by June 10th for just the business meeting on the 11th. Registration is \$25, which covers meetings and workshops.

If you have already registered and want to add or change your workshop choices, please email [Paul](#).