PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE

A Message from PCC

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Greetings friends and members of Penn Central,

If you are like me and skip to the end of whatever you are reading, you may be wondering: "who is Carolyn Herman and how did she get to the position of Board Moderator?"

In short, I am a life member of Paradise United Church of Christ, Milton, Pa. in Central Association where I sit in a pew or the choir box like so many of you. Several years ago, I made the decision to become involved in the wider church. I was hooked after attending my first General Synod in Baltimore. Now, I humbly serve the Penn Central Conference as moderator and am privileged to work with an awesome Conference staff and a group of dedicated and passionate board members representing all 8 associations.

Our last meeting was held on April 27th. Rev. Mike Price, treasurer, reported our conference is fiscally sound, but concerns loom as contributions from our churches to Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM) continue to drop. Our staff shared both written and verbal reports concerning their extensive work with our ministers, our churches and their involvement with the wider church. Carrie shared her work with our conference's Strategic Plan and the progress that has been made.

The Keystone project plays a major role in this plan as the timeline marches on with it. The board voted in support of continuing the exploration of this project. Our annual meeting being held at the Penn Stater, June 7-9, will give everyone in attendance the opportunity to attend plenaries regarding the Keystone project and ask questions to their heart's desire. There is still time to register! The vote for or against the Keystone Project will take place Nov. 9th with all conferences voting at the same time.

We heard from our newly appointed Nominations Commission chair, Jessy Defenderfer, that volunteers are needed to fill open positions on the Board of Directors and to attend synod in 2025. Believe me when I say, that

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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...

Trinity UCC, York

Zion UCC, York

St. Jacob's UCC, York New Salem

St. Peter's UCC, Aaronsburg



to say YES to either or both opportunities will be life changing!

Though our agenda covered much, I would be remiss if I did not extend a huge thank you to Rev. Dwight Hein for his service as moderator of the Board. As of today, Dwight is serving our conference as the part-time Facilitator for Clergy Care and Care to Clergy Families (note, we are the only conference to have such a position). I would also like to thank Rev. Dave Downer and Phil Landers who will soon finish 6 years of serving the board in various capacities.

This report is a brief summary of the work of your board. Think about joining and sharing your God given talents! You will not be sorry you said YES!

Carolyn

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Moderator of the Board of Directors

Penn Central Conference



62nd Annual Meeting of the Penn Central Conference

For the first time, all four Pennsylvania conferences of the UCC will be gathering for a shared Annual Meeting on June 7-9, 2024 at The Penn Stater in State College, PA. We will have shared worship, workshops, meals and meetings as well as each conference's separate business meeting.

We will be joined by General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ, Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, who will be preaching during closing worship on Sunday. All four conferences will be hosting a reception with her on Saturday evening as well. Register by clicking the Annual Meeting tab on pccucc.org

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

Camp makes a great Christmas gift. 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/