PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE

A Message from PCC

November 6, 2024

Greeting Penn Central Conference friends and members,

Saturday, at a historic meeting of the Penn Central Conference, 314 delegates passed the motion requesting authorization of the UCC General Synod for the four (4) Pennsylvania Conferences to become one Keystone Conference. We rejoice with thanksgiving and praise that the motion was also passed in the other three Pennsylvania Conferences. That motion will now proceed to the 35th General Synod, July 2025 in Kansas City, MO.

Prior to the vote on the Keystone motion, discussed, discerned, and decided on a Budget for 2025 that will carry us, by your generosity and God's grace, through this final year of our Conference life. Delegates also affirmed the Small Town and Rural (STAR) churches resolution which will also move to Synod in 2025.

Holy One, we gather in this moment, carrying with us our hopes and mixed emotions. We have wrestled, discussed, and shared our hearts. For the courage to engage, the voices lifted, and the willingness to listen, we give thanks. We continue to seek deeper understanding and a love that binds us together.

Help us to live with humility and grace, O God.

We give you thanks for the leading of the Spirit. The work has only begun. There is much to discern and decide. But we move into an exciting future knowing that with you all things are possible.

Grant us determination and hope, O God.

For those who celebrate this outcome, let their hearts be compassionate to those who feel differently. For those who grieve this outcome grant your comfort and peace.

Unite us in love, O God, that we may honor one another fully.

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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...

Saint Paul's UCC, New Oxford

Incarnation UCC, Newport

Elias UCC, Newmanstown

Saint Paul's UCC, Newmanstown



May we hold fast to the mission you have placed before us: to be your hands and feet in a world in need, to seek justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you.

Amen

Vespers of Consolation

The vote for a Keystone Conference was a resounding yes with 90+% in each conference, but that does not mean that everyone is wholeheartedly supportive or ready for this movement. ACM Nora and Clergy Care Facilitator Dwight will lead a vesper service on the evening of Sunday, November 24th at 6:30 pm to open space for those grieving the outcome as well as those moving forward with hesitancy in their hearts. Here there will be space to name your grief, hold your anxieties, and open yourself to the Spirit's consolation. Please register for this zoom worship here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqduhrTMiG93cSlkuI55JHQsWE7U5FbGU

The United Church of Christ has established the Hurricane Helene Recovery Appeal and the Hurricanes 2024 Appeal.

https://support.ucc.org/hurricane-helene-relief

Your support for these appeals will ensure that communities are supported and accompanied for years as they rebuild. You can donate through your local church, with your gifts going through the Conference to the Appeal. Gifts can be made through PCC by clicking "DONATE" on pccucc.org. Under "Directed Gifts" choose "Disaster Relief" and notate "Hurricane Relief". And you can always mail a check to the PCC offices with the same notation.

Rock and Roll With It

Hartman Center Winter Youth Retreat

We will be returning to Hartman Center Campground as guests.

5725 Old US Highway 322, Milroy, PA 17063

January 17-19, 2025

Grades 6 through College Grad (or age 22)

Meals and Lodging included

$100 until December 2, 2024

$150 after December 2, 2024

Use coupon code PCC2025 if you would like to use a Penn Central Conference Outdoor Ministries scholarship of 50% off your registration fees.

Register here: https://penncentralconference.regfox.com/rock-roll-with-it-youth-retreat-2025

