The Covenant Association

of the Keystone Conference UCC
News from around the Association
June 7, 2026

Greetings!

Summer has officially arrived! With children out of school, I hope this season brings a slower pace—though that may be wishful thinking—and time to rest in the presence of Almighty God.

Activity in the Covenant Association does ease somewhat during the summer, and I am grateful for that. Even so, I have some wonderful news to share.

The Covenant Association now has a Clergy Care Team. Since the merger of the four Pennsylvania conferences, 20 Associations have been served by just 4 staff members. In the Covenant Association alone, we have 75 clergy. Because all authorized ministers—commissioned, licensed, and ordained—fall into this group, one conference staff member cannot adequately care for all clergy in region 1 of the Keystone Conference, which includes 7 Associations. In response, we created this Clergy Care Team to support you.

This team is here to care for clergy as they celebrate joys, grieve losses, or face health concerns. It is made up of five respected and trusted clergy members.

If any clergy member needs pastoral support, please email covenantclergycareteam@gmail.com. One of the five team members will be in touch.

This team does not report to the Committee on Ministry, which oversees clergy standing. The process is confidential, and the team will walk alongside clergy throughout their ministry journey.

REMINDER:

The Fall Association gathering will take place on Sunday, October 25, 2026, at Huff's Church, 540 Conrad Road, Alburtis, PA. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! Spread the word in your congregation!

Your Executive Committee stands ready to answer any concerns or questions that you or your congregation may have. Please feel free to contact us at covenantassociation@yahoo.com

REQUESTS!!!!!

1. Please send details about your church events taking place in July or August 2026 so we can include them in this newsletter. This will help promote your event to members across our 43 congregations. Send submissions to Rev. Sharon Morris at covenantassociation@yahoo.com by June 25, 2026. Thank you!
2. How can Covenant Association strengthen relationships among our churches and members? We welcome your ideas—perhaps a shared meal, a workshop, conversations about shared pastoral leadership, a fun event, or a mission project. Please send your suggestions to covenantassociation@yahoo.com
3. Are you interested in how the wider church works? Contact the Executive Committee, and we will gladly help you find ways to use your God-given gifts in service to our churches. Covenant Association needs people who are passionate about strengthening both the church and our communities. Contact us at covenantassociation@yahoo.com

Thank you for taking time to read this insert!

Blessings,
Rev. Sharon S. Morris
Moderator, Covenant Association