

List of Continuing Education Opportunities...

(CC=Cultural Competency Training; AR=Anti-Racism)

(ALL Authorized Ministers, please note: We will be identifying these kinds of continuing education opportunities – The policy was effective starting January 1, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact the Penn Northeast Conference Office at 610-826-3113. Thank You!)

Year 2020

From the Search Institute - “Strong Relationships with Young People Don’t Just Happen” - People often approach relationships with caring in mind. And although caring is an important component of a [developmental relationship](#), our research tells there are five key elements—including caring—that make a relationship developmental.

Just as a roots support and nourish trees as they develop and grow, nurturing relationships with adults provide a foundation for young people’s development by offering them guidance, encouragement, and new opportunities.

Unfortunately, our research shows that one in five young people have no developmental relationships in their life at all, and another 20 percent have only one.

But you can change that. By learning to build developmental relationships in the lives of young people, you can be catalysts for kids' social emotional growth.

We are pleased to announce that [Developmental Relationships- Bring Intention to Practice](#)* is now available as live, virtual professional development to bring to your program. This live, virtual workshop is the same research-based training we offer in person. It will help you and your team learn...

- How developmental relationships are the roots of young people's success
- Key findings that demonstrate the connections between developmental relationships and positive youth outcomes
- To identify ways to integrate the five core components of Search Institute’s Developmental Relationships Framework into your ongoing work with young people
- To reflect on the things you currently do, as well as things you can start to do, to build strong relationships with young people

With the COVID-19 crisis, there’s never been a more important time to build these vital social emotional skills in young people. Invest in the lives of your young people through relationship-building. [schedule a call with our team](#).

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May 30-June 27

**UCC History, Theology & Polity Course offered ONLINE** – meets the requirements as set forth by the UCC Polity Teacher's Network will be offered online in May/June 2020. The instructors is Rev. David Gaewski, Conference Minister of the NY Conference, UCC, and Rev. Shernell Edney Stilley, Associate Conference Minister, NY Conference. Classes will begin at 9:30am and end at 3:30pm EST on: May 30 and June 6, 20, 27 2020. The platform utilized will be Zoom Video Conferencing ([zoom.us](#)) The tuition will be \$495. FMI contact Rev. David Gaewski, [davidgaewski@uccny.org](mailto:davidgaewski@uccny.org) This polity course is sponsored by the Oneida Association of the NY Conference. **Payments should be made no later than May 15.** Payment by check, PayPal or Venmo is accepted. Contact [davidgaewski@uccny.org](mailto:davidgaewski@uccny.org) for information on where to send tuition payment.

June 4

[\*\*Emotional Intelligence - Advanced Boundary Training in Wyomissing\*\*](#)

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[\*\*Diversity Training in Wyomissing\*\*](#)

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[\*\*Continuing Education with Dr. Greg Carey in Wyomissing\*\*](#)

June 11

**Social Distancing, Not Social Isolation – 2PM** - Lombard Mennonite Peace Center - they say that "necessity is the mother of invention," so we are valiantly going where we have not gone before (with regard to going online). We will repeat the webinar on Thursday, June 11 at 2PM., and Tuesday, June 16 at 10AM. To register online via *Brown Paper Tickets*, please follow [this link](#).

- June 16      **Social Distancing, Not Social Isolation – 10AM** - Lombard Mennonite Peace Center - they say that "necessity is the mother of invention," so we are valiantly going where we have not gone before (with regard to going online). To register online via *Brown Paper Tickets*, please follow [this link](#).
- June 22      **Webinar - Equal in God's Eyes: Human Rights and Dignity for All in Israel and Palestine.**  
Panels will cover timely topics like COVID-19 and the Middle East and political engagement in Israel/Palestine in the year of an election. [Click here for more info and registration](#)
- June 22-Aug.16      **Christian Ethics** - (Instructor: Dr. George Flanagan) - online course \$75- [click here](#) to register.  
Ethics are the moral principles that govern our behavior. This course is an introduction and exploration of the basic concerns and issues involved in ethical reflection, the Biblical and theological foundations of Christian ethics, and the response of the Christian to perennial and contemporary social and moral issues.
- June22-Aug.16      **Church Administration and Planning** - (Instructor: Dr. John Bracke) - online course \$75 – [click here](#)  
Register. Pastors often express a desire to learn more about sound church administration. This course covers principles of church administration, including the development and implementation of short and long term goals with teams, committees, and boards that will enhance congregational life.
- June 22-August 16      **Disciples History and Polity** - Instructor: Dr. Lisa Barnett - An exploration and analysis of the history, polity and characteristic beliefs of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The course will include the origins, development, growth and current status of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and its related groups around the world; discussions of the characteristic beliefs and practices which make the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) a unique part of the universal church while celebrating the Disciples' ecumenical pilgrimage; and an awareness of how the polity of the Disciples of Christ works. The online course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#) (Phillips Seminary)
- June 23-24      Live Online Workshop: **Developmental Relationships- Bring Intention to Practice – 1:00-2:30** (Central Time)– (Search Institute) - [Developmental Relationships- Bring Intention to Practice](#) is a new live, online workshop to help you learn to be more intentional and inclusive in strengthening [developmental relationships](#) with young people. [LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)
- NOTE: The June 24 & June 30 on-line webinars (listed below) – if you attend both it is \$65. If you attend one it is \$35
- June 24      **Trauma Informed Support for Youth and Families during the Pandemic - (9-11:30am) – 2.5 CECs - \$35 – (Project Child)** - This session explores the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on children and families who have a previous history of experiencing trauma in their lives. It focuses on three areas that inform our work with those we serve: the cascading effects of trauma on children's physical, cognitive, social and emotional development; the range of traumatic stress reactions to the pandemic that youth and adults may have and its cumulative influence on outcomes; and strategies that address the immediate and long-term needs of families within the context of available community resources. *To register on-line [Click here](#) -- Log-on information will be sent prior to the training.*
- June 30      **Youth Suicide: Risk Assessment, Prevention and Intervention during the Pandemic – (9am-11:30am 2.5 CECs \$35.00) (Project Child)** - This session explores the current research on the rising rates of youth suicide in the United States and the impact of COVID-19 on the risk factors associated with suicidal behavior in youth, particularly children exposed to trauma, in foster care, receiving mental health treatment, or who identify as LGBTQ. Participants will learn the role that caregivers, agencies, schools, and communities play in reducing suicide risk factors during the pandemic through implementation of a systems approach and recommended prevention and intervention strategies. **Dr. Coyle** works with schools and human service organizations facilitating trainings on trauma informed practices, resiliency, anger management, mental health, and responding to challenging youth behaviors. She has designed online and classroom training curricula for a variety of organizations throughout Pennsylvania and is a frequent presenter at regional and national conferences. She also authored a number of articles and conference papers on adult learning, violence prevention, and responding to challenging behaviors.  
**COST: \$35.00 each, Both - \$65.00 -- Continuing Education Credits -- To register on-line [Click here](#) -- Log-on information will be sent prior to the training.**

- July 22 – Sept. 1 **(\$295) - L1.3 Variety of Beliefs Within Christianity Today** (6-weeks); **L1.5 Spiritual Care of Self and Others** (6-weeks); **L2.4 New Testament Hermeneutics** (6-weeks); **L3.8 Theology of Gender and Sexuality** (6-weeks)- Click [here](#) for more information and registration - [www.patahwaystheological.org](http://www.patahwaystheological.org)
- August 17-Oct. 11 **Communication** - Instructor: Kurt Gwartney, M.Div. - **Deadline to Register is August 1.** The price of the course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#) (Phillips Seminary) - explore the theological underpinnings of the use of digital media in the sharing of the church's message. Course is on-line.
- August 17-Oct. 11 **Theology** - Instructor: Dr. Trish Greeves - How do we study and think about the unimaginable complexity we call God? How have our ancestors in the faith considered God and God's interaction with the world? On-line course - The price of the course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#) (Phillips Seminary)
- August 17 – Oct. 11 **Spiritual Development** – Instructor: Dr. Kris Tenney-Brittain - The intent of this course is to explore the role of pastor as spiritual leader of the congregation; increase understanding of the individual's own spiritual life; introduce the historical spiritual disciplines, including meditation and journaling; introduce the Christian mystics as examples of spiritual discipline; and experience spiritual companionship (direction) and explore its place in pastoral care. The online course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#) (Phillips Seminary)
- August 17-Oct. 11 **UCC History and Policy** - Instructor: Rev. Margot Pickett - explore the history, theology, polity and ethos of the UCC in order to provide an understanding of its structure, ministries, and mission commitments. Through weekly reading, online research, reflection, writing, and student interaction this course will enable and encourage students to be faithful interpreters of the UCC. This course also spends time focusing on the emerging UCC and gives students a chance to explore the UCC ethos – what distinguishes us from other denominations. The online course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#) (Phillips Seminary)
- Sept. 9 – Oct. 6 **(\$99) - ESC12 Environmental Justice** (4-weeks); **ESC4 What Does the Bible Say about Friendship?** (4-weeks)- Click [here](#) for more information and registration - [www.patahwaystheological.org](http://www.patahwaystheological.org)
- Sept. 9 – Nov. 10 **(\$295)- L3.3 Supervised Ministry V** (9-weeks) - Click [here](#) for more information and registration - [www.patahwaystheological.org](http://www.patahwaystheological.org)
- Sept. 9 – Nov. 24 **(\$595) - 2.6/2.7 UCC History and Polity** (12-weeks)- Click [here](#) for more information and registration - [www.patahwaystheological.org](http://www.patahwaystheological.org)
- September 19 [\*\*Christian Ed. Workshop - Rotation Workshop Model\*\*](#)
- September 24 [\*\*Sexual Decision Making - Advanced Boundary Training in Schuylkill Haven\*\*](#)
- September 24 [\*\*Advancing Sexual Health - Continuing Education in Schuylkill Haven\*\*](#)
- Oct. 7 – Nov. 17 **(\$295)-** Click [here](#) for more information and registration - [www.patahwaystheological.org](http://www.patahwaystheological.org)  
**L1.2 Understanding the Bible as a Progressive Christian** (6-weeks)  
**L1.4 The Stories of Christian Saints and Sinners** (6-weeks)  
**L2.3 Small Church Administration** (6-weeks)  
**L2.5 The Art of Preaching** (6-weeks)  
**L3.9 Practicing Our Faith in the Public Square** (6-weeks)  
**L3.10 Congregational Ministry and the Future Church** (Ministry Prep. Capstone Course)
- Oct. 7 – Dec. 15 **(No assignments week of Nov. 25 - Dec.1) (\$295) - L2.8 Supervised Ministry I: Entering a New Place of Ministry** (9-weeks) - Click [here](#) for more information and registration – [www.patahwaystheological.org](http://www.patahwaystheological.org)
- October 14 **Boundary Training** – offered three times in 2020 through the Lehigh Presbytery and will be led by Dr.

David Olsen – this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> session from 9AM to 3PM at Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, 250 Church Lane Rd., Reading (Registration Deadline is September 30) - \$40/person (includes lunch) – reservations needed, call 610-391-9020 or email [office@lehighpresbytery.org](mailto:office@lehighpresbytery.org) with your name, affiliation, and contact information.

Oct. 28 – Nov. 24 (\$99)- ESC11 The Opioid Crisis (4-weeks)- Click [here](#) for more information and registration – [www.patahwaystheological.org](http://www.patahwaystheological.org)

November 5 [Responding to the Other - Adv. Boundary Training in Lansdale](#)

November 8 [Christian Ed. Workshop - "Inter-generational Sunday School" in Cressona](#)

### **Others...**

**-Communities of Practice** – participation qualifies for ½ of the continuing education requirements

**-Crossroads Lay Leadership Program at Moravian Sem.** – <https://www.moravianseminary.edu/academics/crossroads>

**-Moravian Seminary** – 610-861-1512 - - <http://moravianseminary.edu/academics/continuing-education>

This site gets a person directly to continuing education programs. The calendar is on the same page.

**-Center for Family Process** – [www.centerforfamilyprocess.com](http://www.centerforfamilyprocess.com)

**-Lehigh Conference of Churches** – <https://lehighchurches.org>

**-Institute for Islamic Christian Jewish Studies** – <https://icjs.org/> - usually (CC) qualified

**-Cedar Crest College** - Please see the below link that will bring you to our course search.

[https://my.cedarcrest.edu/ICS/Portal\\_Homepage.jnz?portlet=Course\\_Schedules&screen=Advanced+Course+Search&screenType=next](https://my.cedarcrest.edu/ICS/Portal_Homepage.jnz?portlet=Course_Schedules&screen=Advanced+Course+Search&screenType=next) OR link to our academic calendar <https://www.cedarcrest.edu/registrar/academiccalendar.shtm>