

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

University of Scranton - graduate-level theology class – [read more](#)

PATHWAYS Theological Education, Inc. announces their Course Calendar for 2020 (starting with March) - for inquiries or registration Click [here](#) for more information and registration - www.pathwaystheological.org

- March 31 **Zoom Conversations** - as a part of our growth and understanding, the Penn Northeast Conference is inviting people to be a part of an all-conference book study. **We will be reading and discussing the book, *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin Diangelo.** This New York Times bestselling book examines the emotions and behaviors which impact our ability, as Caucasian or Euro-American individuals, to talk about issues of race. **The Conference will be sponsoring 6 Zoom conversations about the book.** (Please see the [attached](#) flyer for dates, times and Zoom links.) **Attending all 6 sessions will qualify as the completion of the triennial anti-racism training requirement.**
- March 31 **Planned Giving to Support Mission and Ministry (Webinar)** - via Practical Resources for Churches (https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_R5x2fqAWQymEB3unztYUhg) While a significant wealth transfer occurs (and will occur) in our country as our eldest generation passes, many congregations and ministries remain unprepared to promote planned giving options among their members. Only 5% of people leave a charitable bequest even though nearly a third of people would if asked or invited to consider one. This webinar will equip congregational leaders to begin a planned giving program in their setting. We'll begin by considering generosity as a spiritual practice and why donors would want to give a planned gift. Then we'll learn about the three varieties of planned gifts and develop a plan for offering these options. Lastly, we'll review a checklist of good policies and steps necessary for successfully launching a planned giving program. Through This webinar, you will learn key concepts and create an actionable plan for your congregation or ministry.
- April 3 **Wisdom Way of Knowing Gathering** – 3 to 5PM - Instructors: Marcella Kraybill-Greggo - Price: Free will offering. Registration NOT required. [Learn More](#). – Moravian Seminary.
- April 3 **Another 1st Friday Series on Understanding Religion** – Muhlenberg College, Allentown – “**Understanding Religious Diversity: Tibetan Buddhism**” – Joshua W. C. Cutler, Tibetan Buddhist Learning Center - Geshe Jamphel Dorjee, Institute of Buddhist Dialectics – Seegers Union 111-113 - all doors open at Noon – program from 12:30 to 1:30PM – bring your lunch or buy at Seegers Union. Watch videos of recent First Friday presentations on Facebook@IJCUmuhlenberg - **Talk Back Tuesday is April 7 in the GQ Annex, Muhlenberg College**
- April 7, May 5 **Spiritual Direction In-Service Training** – 1 to 3PM -\$20 per session, Leaders: Barbara Martell & Marcella Kraybill-Greggo – register online at moravianseminary.edu/registration or call 610-861-1516
- April 14 **Zoom Conversations** - as a part of our growth and understanding, the Penn Northeast Conference is inviting people to be a part of an all-conference book study. **We will be reading and discussing the**

April 17 **Disabling Subtitles and Enabling Good Fences** – 9AM to 4PM – Instructor, Beth Bitler. Offered by Treatment Trends at the Halfway Home of the Lehigh Valley, 24 S. 5th St., Allentown. We provide a continental breakfast and afternoon snack, lunch is on your own. For on-line registration and payment visit: <http://www.treatmenttrends.org/index.php/training/tti-training-institute> also [click for brochure](#)

April 20 **Preaching Generosity (WEBINAR) - 2 pm Central** – https://zoom.us/meeting/register/vpYvdOyprTlj_Wj7jmbXA5ihy53zh01ziQ
The Season of Easter: Beloved Community – The stories of Good Shepherd Sunday (May 3) speak to what it means to live generously in a community (Acts 2: 42-47, Ps. 23, and John 10: 1-10). This Sunday offers a chance to think broadly about the many forms of generosity and how it reinforces connections within a community.

April 24 (CC) **Understanding Cultural Competence in Substance Abuse Treatment: Hispanic/Latino Population** – 9AM to 4PM, instructor is Cindy Bello – Offered by Treatment Trends at the Halfway Home of the Lehigh Valley, 24 S. 5th St., Allentown. We provide a continental breakfast and afternoon snack, lunch is on your own. For on-line registration and payment visit: <http://www.treatmenttrends.org/index.php/training/tti-training-institute> also [click for brochure](#)

April 24&25 (CC) **2020 PNEC Spring Conference Meeting** – The Chateau at Camelback, 475 Camelback Rd., Tannersville – meeting will be one overnight, dinner on Friday evening, breakfast and lunch on Saturday – 4PM Friday through 4PM Saturday - must attend the entire two days to qualify for Cultural Competency (CC) Training – details coming soon

April 27-June 21 **World Religion** (Instructor: Rev. Clement Graham) - Online course. Price is \$75. [Click here](#) to register. The course is a survey of the major world religions, with a focus on history of development, primary beliefs and practices, and cultural characteristics. Religions surveyed: Native American, African, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Shinto, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Baha'i.

April 27-June 21 **Ecumenism** (Instructor: Dr. Andy Magnum) - Online Course - \$75 – [Click here](#) to register. Ecumenism involves making the unity of the whole church visible to the world. We explore ecumenism biblically, theologically, and historically in light of the Disciples witness to Christian unity, our polar star. We conclude with a focus on local ecumenism.

April 27-June 21 **Evangelism** (Instructor: Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian) - Online course - \$75 - [Click here](#) to register. Evangelism in the North American context has “lost its luster” in many respects. And yet, this stands in complete contrast to Jesus’ great commission to go and make disciples of all nations.

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May 1 **Another First Friday – Understanding Religious Diversity: Kosher Certification** – Rabbi Nisan Andrews, Lehigh Valley Kashrut Commission – Seegers Union 111-113 – Muhlenberg College Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding – free and open to the public – doors open at noon – program 12:30 to 1:30PM – bring your lunch or buy lunch – soft drinks can be purchased. Watch videos of recent First Friday presentations on Facebook@IJCUmuhlenberg

May 7-June 8 (except May 25 & June 4) – **Travelling Mercies** – Mondays & Thursdays from 6 to 9PM - Bahnson Center or via Real-Time Distance Learning - Instructor: Rev. Maggie Wellert - Price: \$240 - Caring for each other is ultimately one of the most important aspects of our Christian faith. Learn how to

	listen, communicate, and focus on the other person. Topics include listening, spirituality, aging, substance abuse, suicidal ideations, homelessness, and setting up a caregiving network in your congregation. –
May 8 course is	click here to register – Moravian Seminary Clinical Supervision: Finding the Space to Lead – 9AM to 4PM – Instructor, Kate Apleman. This appropriate for both supervisors and counseling staff members. Offered by Treatment Trends at the Halfway Home of the Lehigh Valley, 24 S. 5 th St., Allentown. We provide a continental breakfast and afternoon snack, lunch is on your own. For on-line registration and payment visit: http://www.treatmenttrends.org/index.php/training/tti-training-institute also click for brochure
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May 15	Trauma Informed Care for Non-clinical Staff – 9AM to 4 PM – Instructor, Marilyn Stein. Offered by Treatment Trends at the Halfway Home of the Lehigh Valley, 24 S. 5 th St., Allentown. We provide a continental breakfast and afternoon snack, lunch is on your own. For on-line registration and payment visit: http://www.treatmenttrends.org/index.php/training/tti-training-institute also click for brochure
May 21	Boundary Training – offered three times in 2020 through the Lehigh Presbytery and will be led by Dr. David Olsen – this is the 2nd session May 21 from 9AM to 3PM at First Presbyterian Church, 2344 Center St., Bethlehem (Registration deadline is May 7)- \$40/person (includes lunch) – reservations needed, call 610-391-9020 or email office@lehighpresbytery.org with your name, affiliation, and contact information.
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June 11 Jordan	The Story of Worship – 9AM to 4:30PM (registration 8:30AM) – presenter is Rev. Matt Gorkos – UCC, Allentown – watch for further information – counts for 7 hours continuing education
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.
June 22-Aug.16	Church Administration and Planning - (Instructor: Dr. John Bracke) - online course \$75 – click here to 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.
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 rd 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 with your name, affiliation, and contact information.

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.

- Princeton Theological Seminary** - <https://www.ptsem.edu/>
- Center for Family Process** – www.centerforfamilyprocess.com
- Lehigh Conference of Churches** – <https://lehighchurches.org>
- Institute for Islamic Christian Jewish Studies** – <https://icjs.org/> - usually (CC) qualified
- PATHWAYS Theological Education, Inc.** - Click [here](#) for more information and registration
www.pathwaystheological.org

- 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 OR link to our academic calendar <https://www.cedarcrest.edu/registrar/academiccalendar.shtm>