

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](#)

- January 2 & 6 **Crossroads Lay Leadership at Moravian Seminary** starting in January: Faith Journeys of the Old Testament with Kim Denyes starting Jan 2, 2020. Deepen your spiritual life. Explore the Bible. My Journey spiritual formation with the Rev. Maggie Wellert starting Jan 6, 2020 and More info at www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads or contact Jill Peters at petersj2@moravian.edu.
- January 4, 18, 25 & February 1 – **OnLine UCC History, Theology and Polity Course** – meets the requirements set forth by the UCC Polity Teacher's Network – instructor is Rev. David Gaewski, Conference Minister, New York Conference, UCC – classes begin at 9:30AM and end at 3:30PM (EST). The platform utilized will be Zoom Video Conferencing (zoom.us). The tuition will be \$495 – for more information contact Rev. David Gaewski at davidgaewski@uccny.org
- January 6 & 13 (CC) **2020 LGBT Spirituality Mini-Series** - spiritual inclusion for trans people in faith communities At 6PM - Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, 522 West Maple St. at Bayard Rustin Way, Allentown, PA 18101 - www.bradburysullivancenter.org - Moderated by Rev. Beth Goudy, Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley - **Note to PNEC Pastors...Attending both would qualify as Cultural Competency Training – [see detailed flyer](#)**
- January 6-March 1 **UCC History & Polity** – Instructor: Rev. Margot Pickett – online course – cost is \$75 –Offered by Phillips Seminary Ministry Training Program - [click here to register](#) **Deadline December 20**
- January 6-March 1 **Overview of the Bible** (deadline to register is December 20)– Instructor Dr. Alex Ruth - \$75 for online course – Offered by Phillips Seminary Ministry Training Program – this is an introduction to the content of the Bible and the methods of study that scholars use to understand it. - [click here to register](#) **Deadline December 20**
- January 6-March 1 **Pastoral Care** – Instructor: Rev. Darrell Vandervort - \$75 for online course – Offered by Phillips Seminary Ministry Training Program – pastors serve people in very vulnerable situations of illness, death, divorce, family, conflict, loss of employment and other trials – this will help assess pastoral situations, reflect upon them, make referrals, and walk alongside individuals to help them find God in their midst - [click here to register](#) **Deadline December 20**
- January 6 – March 1 **Christian Education and Leadership** – Instructor: Dr. Kris Tenny-Brittian - online course – cost is \$75 –Offered by Phillips Seminary Ministry Training Program - [click here to register](#) – introduction to and exploration of the foundations and principles of leader development. **Deadline December 20**
- January 20 Mondays Jan. 20, February 17, March 16 – **Rediscovering the Transformative Power of the Gospels** – 6 to 8PM – Good Shepherd UCC, Slatedale – led by Rev. William Falla, Th.D, and Rev. Allan Kramer-Moyer, D. Min., we will use the historical critical approach to explore each of the four gospels, looking to discover new transformative meanings and insights. There is no cost for the seminars, but registration is required. Send name and contact information to moyer.allan@gmail.com
- January 21 **Christianity and Immigration** -10 am – Dr. Lee Barrett – Lancaster Theological Seminary
- January 23-24 **Remind & Renew – At the Intersection of Jesus and Justice** – sign up by January 4 to receive the early registration discount. Offered by Phillips Seminary Ministry Training Program - For more information about the event, click [here](#).
- January 24-25 **Cultivating Generous Congregations** – A PNEC & PSEC sponsored event – Church of the Good Shepherd, Boyertown (Friday from 8AM to 4PM & Saturday from 8:30AM to 4PM) – [click for flyer and registration](#)
- January 29 **Boundary Awareness in the Digital Age** - 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Penn Northeast Conference UCC, 431 Delaware Avenue, Palmerton - Led by Rev. Darren Morgan, Associate Conference Minister @ Maine Conference UCC - Boundary Awareness Training is part of clergy continuing education and dialogue toward healthy ministerial relationships and self-care. It seeks to promote opportunities for discussion about the hard and gray areas that make up so much of the space within our profession. This training will equip clergy to understand the importance of healthy digital boundaries in ministry and to critically discern the complexities of boundaries in pastoral relationships. Church lay-leaders are

welcome to attend this training as well.

- February 21-April 3 **UCC History and Polity Class - Fridays 2-5 PM** - Lancaster Theological Seminary - Instructors are Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates (Penn Northeast), Rev. Betsy Bruaw (Penn Central), Rev. Dr. Carrie Call (Penn Central), and Rev. Nora Foust (Penn Central), along with a variety of special guests from the Penn Central and Penn Southeast conferences. If you are an individual seeking authorization in the UCC via Ordination, Privilege of Call, or Dual Standing, this class is for you. You are also welcome if you want to refresh your own knowledge of the denomination and want to spend Fridays with a great group of people! This is a non-credit class and completing all assignments will fulfil requirements of the Committee on Ministry for authorization. Assignments include reading, classroom discussion and paper-writing resulting in a final paper that can be used as part of the authorization process. A certificate of completion for an approved History and Polity course is also provided upon completion of assignments. Registration is required. The course fee is \$300. (If you are a current student at Lancaster Seminary, and receiving financial aid, you are eligible to receive tuition assistance for this class.) **Registration is open** Follow this link to register:
<https://lancasterseminary.edu/academics/continuing-education/2020-ucc-history-polity-class/>
- February 12 **Pastoral Leadership in Congregational Systems 101, session 2** at Faith, Center Valley led by Bruce Stevenson
- February 17 Mondays February 17, March 16 – **Rediscovering the Transformative Power of the Gospels** – 6 to 8PM – Good Shepherd UCC, Slatedale – led by Rev. William Falla, Th.D, and Rev. Allan Kramer-Moyer, D. Min., we will use the historical critical approach to explore each of the four gospels, looking to discover new transformative meanings and insights. There is no cost for the seminars, but registration is required. Send name and contact information to moyer.allan@gmail.com
- March 2-April 24 **Proclamation of the Word** – Instructor Dr. Bill Tenney-Brittian – on-line course offered by Phillips Seminary Ministry Training Program - \$75 – deadline to register is February 15 – multiple ways to prepare a sermon – lots of reading, lots of sermons (must have taken Overview of the Bible and either Introduction to the New Testament or Introduction to the Hebrew Bible– [Click here to register.](#)
- March 2-April 24 **Stewardship** – Instructor Dr. Ray Miles – explore various strategies for growing stewards and developing authentic stewardship ministries in the local congregation – online course - \$75 - offered by Phillips Seminary Ministry Training Program - [Click here to register.](#)
- March 2-April 24 Introduction to the New Testament (must have taken Overview of the Bible) – instructor Dr. Kris Tenny-Brittian - online course - \$75 - offered by Phillips Seminary Ministry Training Program – become better acquainted with the historical, cultural, social, and religious context of the writings; the themes of the Biblical drama centered upon Jesus; and the New Testament’s bearing on current issues and ministry – [Click here to register.](#)
- March 4 **Pastoral Leadership in Congregational Systems 201, session 2** at Faith, Center Valley led by Bruce Stevenson. For flyer and registration [click here](#)
- March 6 **Pastoral Leadership in Congregational Systems 101, session 3** at Faith, Center Valley led by Bruce Stevenson
- March 12 **Boundary Training** – offered three times in 2020 through the Lehigh Presbytery and will be led by Dr. David Olsen – first session is March 12 from 9AM to 3PM at East Stroudsburg Presbyterian Church, 55 Smith St., East Stroudsburg (Registration Deadline is February 27) - \$40/person (includes lunch) – reservations needed, call 610-391-9020 or email office@lehighpresbytery.org with your name, affiliation, and contact information.
- March 16 **Rediscovering the Transformative Power of the Gospels** – 6 to 8PM – Good Shepherd UCC, Slatedale – led by Rev. William Falla, Th.D, and Rev. Allan Kramer-Moyer, D. Min., we will use the historical critical approach to explore each of the four gospels, looking to discover new transformative meanings and insights. There is no cost for the seminars, but registration is required. Send name and contact information to moyer.allan@gmail.com
- March 24 **Women Who Speak for God: Females Among the Prophets** – 10AM - Dr. Julia M. O'Brien – Lancaster Theological Seminary
- 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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Boundary Training – offered three times in 2020 through the Lehigh Presbytery and will be led by Dr. David Olsen – this is the 3rd 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...

-- (AR) - the new **PBS Mini-Series by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. titled “Reconstruction: America After the Civil War Part 1 – 1 Hour**

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=PBS+Mini-Series+Reconstruction%3a++America+After+the+Civil+War&&view=detail&mid=C3EFB8ED3B27B4A9817DC3EFB8ED3B27B4A9817D&&FORM=VRDGAR>

Part 2 – 1 Hour

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=PBS+Mini-Series+Reconstruction%3a++America+After+the+Civil+War&&view=detail&mid=A8FD676ABD7618471D82A8FD676ABD7618471D82&&FORM=VDRVRV>

-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. - Announces a New Certificate Program in Foundational Theology

[See Full Flyer](#) on Certificate Program - 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. You can select the summer semester to see everything that is being offered

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>

-Muhlenberg College Summer Study Page -

<https://www.muhlenberg.edu/main/wescoe/programcourseofferings/summer.html>