

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](#).

Learn How to Lead in a Crisis Like Nehemiah | FULLER Formation - If you are trying to guide a group of people through this highly stressful time, you may find yourself emotionally closing off or unsure how to help your team. In addition to navigating the havoc it may wreak on your personal life, people are turning to you for answers.

What should you do? Where should you start? Thankfully, you are not alone, nor are you the first follower of God to be a leader in a time of crisis! The Old Testament example of Nehemiah provides a striking and hopeful example for us to follow

Lead Like Nehemiah in a Crisis was created by Dr. Mark Roberts, Executive Director of Fuller's Max De Pree Center for Leadership. Using Nehemiah as a godly example of healthy, caring leadership, this material walks through the importance of prayer and addressing both your emotions and those of your team during times of crisis. It will help you know how to do this well and in communion with God.

In this guided lesson, you will learn how to:

1. Describe the benefits of emotional intelligence and prayer for leaders in crisis moments
2. Explore Nehemiah's example of emotionally intelligent leadership
3. Apply these lessons to your leadership context

[**CLICK HERE FOR FULL DETAILS**](#)

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- August 3-7 **Meditation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders** – (from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center) – this intensive 5-day event helps clergy and other church leaders deal more effectively with interpersonal congregational, and other forms of group conflict. – This will be done via zoom – Further details and registration information for this event and others will be made available on [BrownPaperTickets](#) (some events still pending). You can also visit <https://lmpeacecenter.org/> from time to time for the latest updates, call the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center at 630-627-0507 or email at [Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org](mailto:Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org)
- August 5,12,19,26 & Sept. 2 & 9 – **Embracing Healing in These Days** – on-line course developed by Wanda Craner, Gestalt Pastoral Care Minister and Trainer – **Limited to 20 participants** – six-90 minute sessions – cost for all six sessions \$120 – [click here](#) for flyer and registration info.
- August 5 to Sept. 9 **Stepping Up To Supervision** - Wednesdays from August 5 to September 9 - Noon (CDT) Live On-line. If you're like most pastors and faith leaders, your theological education equipped you to teach, preach, provide loving pastoral care, and lead worship. [Read More...](#)
- August 6 - 27 **How To Lead When You Don't Know Where You Are Going** – [CLICK HERE](#)
- August 13 – 20 **Engaging Community Beyond Zoom** – [Click HERE](#)
- 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)
- August 19 **Leadership and Anxiety in the Church (LAC)** via Zoom video conferencing. This webinar is comprised of a series of PowerPoint presentations that look at the challenges posed by rising levels of anxiety in churches and in society as a whole. Works of art from the Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, and Modern eras are integrated to help facilitate theological reflections on the themes being presented. Like the two workshops listed below, LAC is particularly effective when members of the same church attend as a group. We encourage church leaders to organize a group and register for one (or more) of these outstanding seminars today! **Multiple sessions of this workshop is available.** Please visit <https://lmpeacecenter.org/brochures/> for additional dates, group discount coupons, and complete details. To register online go to <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/producer/720852>.
- 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 15 - **Deadline to Apply: ADAPTIVE CHURCH LEADERSHIP COHORT** - an 18-month process to become an internal congregational change agent for outward mission impact - **WHAT'S INCLUDED?** Online content, 3 in-person summits in Arlington, TX (Jan 22-23, 2021 / October 1-2, 2021 / Spring 2021 TBD) Webinars, Guided tools, Team coaching, Cohort coaching, **APPLY BY SEPTEMBER 15.**  
- [click for full flyer](#)
- 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)
- 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 4      **Boundary Training On-Line Only** – offered through the Lehigh Presbytery and will be led by Dr. David Olsen – 9AM to 4PM (**Registration Deadline is October 21**) - \$40/person – reservations needed, call 610-391-9020 or email [office@lehighpresbytery.org](mailto:office@lehighpresbytery.org) with your name, affiliation, and contact information (phone & email). [Click Here for Revised Flyer](#)
- 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>