

## **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 is effective January 1, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact the Penn Northeast Conference Office at 610-826-3113. Thank You!)

### **YEAR 2019**

- Aug. 19-Oct. 13      **Introduction to the Old Testament** - via Phillips Seminary (Disciples) - [Visit our Website](#)
- Aug. 19-Oct. 13      **Pastoral Leadership** - via Phillips Seminary (Disciples) - [Visit our Website](#)
- Aug. 19-Oct. 13      **Disciples History and Polity** - via Phillips Seminary (Disciples) - [Visit our Website](#)
- August 28      **Pathways Theological Education, Inc. – L1.6 The Art of Worship (6 weeks)** – explores worship in an overview that highlights but is not limited to the “Sunday morning worship service.” It considers the theological, biblical and historical underpinnings of Christian worship, the significance of the integration of “intensive” and “extensive” worship, individual and corporate worship, the sacraments and current worship issues and trends. For inquiries or registration email [registrar@pathwaystheological.org](mailto:registrar@pathwaystheological.org) or [www.pathwaystheological.org](http://www.pathwaystheological.org)
- August 28      **Pathways Theological Education, Inc. – L1.1 Making Sense of Theology (6 weeks)** – participants will learn how to reflect critically on their lives and the world around them using the resources of traditional Christian theology. You will learn to differentiate between embedded and deliberative theologies; articulate your own theology at this point in time, differentiate between your theology and those of others; and reflect on the importance of going theology in community. For inquiries or registration email [registrar@pathwaystheological.org](mailto:registrar@pathwaystheological.org) or [www.pathwaystheological.org](http://www.pathwaystheological.org)
- August 28      **Pathways Theological Education, Inc. – L1.2 Old Testament Hermeneutics (6 weeks)** – explore the Hebrew Bible using historical critical methods and other tools of Biblical interpretation. Learn the interpretive tool of Midrash (sanctified imagination) and apply Biblical insight to 21<sup>st</sup> century issues. For inquiries or registration email [registrar@pathwaystheological.org](mailto:registrar@pathwaystheological.org) or [www.pathwaystheological.org](http://www.pathwaystheological.org)
- August 28      **Pathways Theological Education Inc., - L3.5 Ecological Theology (6-weeks)** - explores the Earth and all that lives here as the dwelling place of God. There is an ongoing dialogue between scientists' (especially Darwin's) meticulous observations of natural selection and evolution on Earth with the Nicene Creed, scripture, and theologies through the ages. This dialogue allows science and theology to both maintain their own language while at the same time challenging each other to broaden their thinking about this mystery called life and an unexplainable Giver of life that many of us call God. Elizabeth Johnson uses Rolston's concept of three Big Bangs to contemplate: the divine spark at the beginning of the universe, the beginnings of life on Earth and the emergence of Homo sapiens. For inquiries or registration email [registrar@pathwaystheological.org](mailto:registrar@pathwaystheological.org) or [www.pathwaystheological.org](http://www.pathwaystheological.org)
- August 28      **UCC History & Polity (12 weeks) - Pathways Theological Education, Inc** - For inquiries or registration email [registrar@pathwaystheological.org](mailto:registrar@pathwaystheological.org) or [www.pathwaystheological.org](http://www.pathwaystheological.org)
- September 5-October 24 - **Compass** – 6 to 9PM - We encourage Crossroads participants to take this course as early as possible because it creates foundations for all other courses. Compass has a dual purpose. First, building skills like writing, presenting, and research. Second, helping participants to explore and hone their sense of call through texts, classroom projects, small group experiences and discussions. Co-taught by Linda Wisser, Crossroads grad and current MDiv student and Dr. Jill Peters, who directs Crossroads. Online registration, textbooks and 2019/2020 course schedules are on our website at [www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads](http://www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads). Or you can contact Jill Peters at [petersj2@moravian.edu](mailto:petersj2@moravian.edu) for more information or with questions.

- September 6, October 4, November 8 & December 6 – **First Friday Luncheon Discussions** **NOTE: IF YOU ATTEND ALL 4 OF THESE “First Friday Luncheon Discussions” it will count as your Cultural Competency Training**...but you need to attend all 4 (They are listed separately in this list with the details.)– Learning to Understand One Another – Muhlenberg College, 2400 Chew St., Allentown – Lunch 11:45AM, Program Noon to 1:00PM
- September 6 **First Friday Luncheon Discussion – Intergroup Dialogue Program on the Muhlenberg Campus**, Nikko Bittker’22, Marcie Lightwood (IJCU), Dr. Brooke Vick (Assoc. Provost for Faculty & Diversity Initiatives. Muhlenberg College, 2400 Chew St., Allentown, Moyer Hall, Miller Forum – Lunch 11:45AM, program Noon to 1PM. Free and Open to the Public..bring your lunch or buy lunch at Seegers Union. Visit website [www.Muhlenberg.edu/IJCU](http://www.Muhlenberg.edu/IJCU)
- September 9-October 28 – **Traditions – A look at protestant denominations, world religions and some uniquely American cults** – 6 to 9PM - Join us to explore our traditions and what other people believe. This course is taught by the Rev. Dr. Bill Falla, Moravian College adjunct and UCC pastor. Bill creates a great classroom environment through discussions and questions.- Online registration, textbooks and 2019/2020 course schedules are on our website at [www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads](http://www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads). Or you can contact Jill Peters at [petersj2@moravian.edu](mailto:petersj2@moravian.edu) for more information or with questions.
- September 11 **Opioid Crisis – A Christian Solution (4 weeks)** - For inquiries or registration email [registrar@pathwaystheological.org](mailto:registrar@pathwaystheological.org) or [www.pathwaystheological.org](http://www.pathwaystheological.org)
- September 23-26 **Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising (IUPUI Lilly Family School of Philanthropy – Lake Institute on Faith Giving)** – Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ – [Click here for flyer and registration](#)
- September 24-26 **"Hear Me - Is God Listening?" Ventures 2019** - begins 11AM on the 24th and ends after lunch on the 26th - Mariawald Renewal Center, 1094 Welsh Rd., Reading [Click for flyer/registration](#)
- September 26 **2019 Diversity Training Class** (rescheduled by Pennsylvania Southeast Conference) – 10AM to 1PM - Armenian Martyrs’ Congregational Church, Havertown – [click for flyer and how to register](#)
- September 28 **Safe But Welcoming Churches** – (9AM to Noon) & **Religious Responses to Crisis Situations** (1-4PM) – Place TBA
- October 3 **Boundary Training** in Schuylkill Haven - [click for flyer](#)
- October 4 **First Friday Luncheon Discussion – Religion, Gender & Race: A Look at the American Voter in Advance of the 2020 Elections** – Dr. Chris Borick, Professor of Political Science, Seegers Union 111-112 Muhlenberg College, 2400 Chew St., Allentown. Lunch 11:45AM, program Noon to 1PM. Free and Open to the Public..bring your lunch or buy lunch at Seegers Union. Visit website [www.Muhlenberg.edu/IJCU](http://www.Muhlenberg.edu/IJCU)
- October 5 **Advent Adventures** sponsored by the Faith Formation Ministry Team, 10AM – 2PM – Union UCC, Neffs
- October 9 **Pastoral Leadership in Congregational Systems 101, session 1** at Faith, Center Valley led by Bruce Stevenson
- October 10 **Ministry Day** – 8:30AM to 3:30PM - St. John’s UCC (Fullerton), 575 Grape St., Whitehall – Details coming soon
- October 14 **Stewardship** - via Phillips Seminary (Disciples) - [Visit our Website](#)
- October 14 **Christian Education and Leadership** - via Phillips Seminary (Disciples) - [Visit our Website](#)
- October 14 **Worship** - via Phillips Seminary (Disciples) - [Visit our Website](#)
- October 17 **Preaching Like the Choir** – how to prepare and present sermons with rhythm, melody and prose – with Rev. Cean James, Pennsylvania Southeast Conference – workshop is 9AM to 3PM (registration @ 8:30AM) at First UCC, Schuylkill Haven (110 Route 61 South) - \$12 with lunch included. For full flyer and registration [click here](#).
- October 19 & 20 **Cultivating Generous Congregations** training provided by the Lake Institute in cooperation with the UCC OPTIC Team – [click here](#) for flyer and registration information – you can also register with

- tithe.ly at <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/826407>
- October 22 **Harvest Full of Hope Annual Conference** – (an approved continuing education event –mental health focus) - Free Lunch and Registration (certificate of attendance given with at least 6 ½ direct contact hours noted)The ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. Where consumers and providers unite to educate, inform and increase mental health awareness. The Committee is comprised of mental health professionals/consumers who have a sincere desire to promote “Better Mental Health for All.” <https://www.facebook.com/HarvestFullOfHope> . (an approved continuing education event – Online registration [bit.ly/2Mc8u6L](http://bit.ly/2Mc8u6L) (case sensitive)
- October 23 **Faith Formation and Spiritual Practices for Children, Youth, and Adults (6 weeks)** – For inquiries or registration email [registrar@pathwayshteological.org](mailto:registrar@pathwayshteological.org) or [www.pathwaystheological.org](http://www.pathwaystheological.org)
- October 23 **Understanding the Bible as a Progressive Christian (6 weeks)** - For inquiries or registration email [registrar@pathwayshteological.org](mailto:registrar@pathwayshteological.org) or [www.pathwaystheological.org](http://www.pathwaystheological.org)
- October 23 **The Art of Preaching (6 weeks)** - For inquiries or registration email [registrar@pathwayshteological.org](mailto:registrar@pathwayshteological.org) or [www.pathwaystheological.org](http://www.pathwaystheological.org)
- October 23 **Practicing Our Faith in the Public Square (6-weeks)** - examines the why, how, and direction of faith-based engagement in the political life of our communities and nation. It also addresses areas of resistance and confusion regarding such engagement. It invites informed and renewed commitment to working for the public good of all God’s people through spirited participation in civic affairs. For inquiries or registration email [registrar@pathwayshteological.org](mailto:registrar@pathwayshteological.org) or [www.pathwaystheological.org](http://www.pathwaystheological.org)
- October 23 **An Overview of Homosexuality and the Bible (4-weeks)** - Using the historical-critical method of biblical interpretation, this course examines the most-often cited biblical texts thought to refer to (and condemn) homosexuality. How do these texts apply to our understanding of LGBTQ people of faith today, if at all? The course also addresses the possibility of LGBTQ-affirming stories in the Bible. email [registrar@pathwayshteological.org](mailto:registrar@pathwayshteological.org) or [www.pathwaystheological.org](http://www.pathwaystheological.org)
- October 24 **Free Public Lecture by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine – “Jesus the Jewish Storyteller: of Pearls and Prodigals** – 7:30PM – Muhlenberg College, Moyer Hall, Miller Forum
- October 26 **Vitality Days 1.0 – Session 1 with Michael Piazza** - 9AM-4PM – Place TBA
- October 27 **Free Public Lecture by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine – 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Raoul Wallenberg Lecture – “On Different Grounds: Jewish and Christian Understandings of the Middle East** – 3:30PM – Muhlenberg College, Moyer Hall, Miller Forum
- October 28 **A full-day conference observing the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s [Declaration to the Jewish Community](#) repudiating Martin Luther’s anti-Jewish invective** and expressing the church’s desire to “live our faith with love and respect for the Jewish people.” For registration details go to [Passing the Word](#) online registration site. (Muhlenberg College Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding)
- October 31-November 25 **Road Hazards** – (6 to 9PM) - A course in Congregational Ethics that explores issues facing the church today such as power and control, boundaries, decision making, child protection, and financial matters through the lens of traditional ethical language. If you are a leader in your church, this is the course for you. Participant projects focus on contemporary ethical issues and how to present them within a congregational setting. Online registration, textbooks and 2019/2020 course schedules are on our website at [www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads](http://www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads) . Or you can contact Jill Peters at [petersj2@moravian.edu](mailto:petersj2@moravian.edu) for more information or with questions.
- November 4-7 **Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising (IUPUI Lilly Family School of Philanthropy – Lake Institute on Faith Giving)** - Leadership Education at Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC [Click here for flyer and registration](#)
- November 8 **First Friday Luncheon Discussion – Non-Verbal Clues in Interpersonal Communication** – Joe Petro, US Secret Service Retired Executive – Seegers Union Event Space. Lunch 11:45AM, program Noon to 1PM. Free and Open to the Public..bring your lunch or buy lunch at Seegers Union. Visit website [www.Muhlenberg.edu/IJCU](http://www.Muhlenberg.edu/IJCU)

- November 13      **Pastoral Leadership in Congregational Systems 201, session 1** at Faith, Center Valley led by  
Bruce Stevenson
- November 16      **Vitality Days 1.0 – session 2 - with Michael Piazza** – 9AM-4PM – Place TBA
- December 6      **First Friday Luncheon Discussion – As if I were you: Acting with Compassionate Understanding** – Roger Ainslie, Visiting Asst. Professor Theatre; Holly Cate, Assoc. Professor Theatre; Laine Flores '20 – Seegers Union 111-112. Lunch 11:45AM, program Noon to 1PM. Free and Open to the Public..bring your lunch or buy lunch at Seegers Union.  
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## **Year 2020**

- January 20      **Bridge to Love** – Faith Formation Learning and Mission Event
- February 12      **Pastoral Leadership in Congregational Systems 101, session 2** at Faith, Center Valley led by  
Bruce Stevenson
- March 4      **Pastoral Leadership in Congregational Systems 201, session 2** at Faith, Center Valley led by  
Bruce Stevenson
- March 6      **Pastoral Leadership in Congregational Systems 101, session 3** at Faith, Center Valley led by  
Bruce Stevenson
- March 28      **Vitality Days 1.0 – session 3 - with Michael Piazza** – 9AM-4PM – Place TBA
- May 2      **Vitality Days 1.0 – session 4 - with Michael Piazza** – 9AM-4PM – Place TBA

## **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](http://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

**-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](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/courseofferings/summer.html>