

Lehigh Conference of Churches

I want to share with you an effort that our Board of Directors is spearheading in an effort to create a partnership between the Lehigh Conference of Churches and the Parish Resource Center. We believe that this is a significant way that we can support congregations in both Lehigh and Northampton Counties. The request is for support of this initiative by the Penn Northeast Conference.

Below is some background on PRC and the discount membership that they are providing for churches related to the Lehigh Conference of Churches.

Below you will also find areas of support & expertise provided by the Parish Resource Center.

2019 Membership Parish Resource Center (PRC)

Since its founding in 1976, the Parish Resource Center (PRC) has served churches of 13 denominations as well as independent congregations by providing congregations with the tools they need to advance their ministries. PRC also helps to create a network of support among faith communities. As a non-profit, we work to keep our rates low so that our services are affordable to even the smallest churches.

Annual Worship Attendance

	<u>PRC Annual Fee</u>	<u>The Lehigh Conference of Churches Fee</u>
1- 49	\$225	\$202.50
50- 99	\$375	\$337.50
100- 199	\$525	\$472.50
200- 349	\$675	\$607.50

(Rates for congregations with an average weekend attendance of 350 or more are available upon request.)

This membership includes FREE expert consulting in these areas:

- o church growth
- o pastoral care
- o spiritual direction
- o Christian Education
- o intergenerational ministries
- o Vacation Bible School
- o youth activities
- o teacher training
- o curriculum selection and/or development
- o banner creation
- o volunteer recruitment
- o website design
- o social media management
- o creating a discipline policy for your church
- o setting spiritual goals for your children & more

Affordable training and resourcing from PRC's list of expert consultants, who are specialists in specific fields and focuses. They provide church and lay leaders with advice, often by meeting them either in their building; remotely, using practical technology; or at the PRC. These consultants work in:

- o conflict resolution
- o stewardship
- o choosing a sound system
- o building a worship team
- o Human Resources
- o office administration