

# Penn Northeast Conference

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 1, 2020

Greetings Friends!

This is a call to attend our Penn Northeast Conference Spring Meeting 2020. Our Conference-wide meeting will be a special interfaith event for education, training, and building relationships. We will meet Friday, April 24 through Saturday, April 25 at The Chateau Resort and Conference Center at Camelback, Tannersville.

Attendance at the spring conference meeting, keynote through the conclusion of business on Saturday will qualify for the completion of the triennial cultural competency education requirement for authorized ministers.

We have invited Karen Georgia Thompson, who is the United Church of Christ's Associate General Minister, Wider Church Ministries and Operations with the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Karen will share information about her work with our international partners and global ministries.

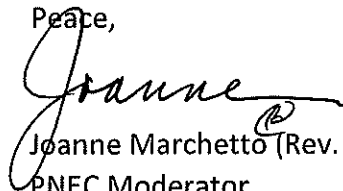
We have invited friends from the interfaith community to join us for this meeting. We will pray together and have an interfaith worship service (therefore we will not have communion at our meeting). We will have workshops to learn about the Muslim, Jewish, Bhai faith, and Sikhism. Since our meeting will take place during Ramadan, our meals have been scheduled after sundown and before sunrise to show hospitality, welcome, and solidarity with our friends. We will have snacks available to you outside of meal times, and lunch will be scheduled on Saturday.

As another sign of community and unity, we will be gathering items for people in need. We are asking each church to collect one item: shampoo, dry shampoo, 3 in 1 shampoo/body wash, body spray, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, comb, body wipes, soap, socks (men's or women's), washcloths, men's undershirt T-shirts (M, L, XL), men's or women's underwear, and pocket packs of tissues. Once your church decides on an item for collection, please email me ([jomarchetto@rcn.com](mailto:jomarchetto@rcn.com)) or Bob Gutekunst ([gutekunst66@hotmail.com](mailto:gutekunst66@hotmail.com)) to help us coordinate the collection. At the Spring Meeting, we will work together to put the items in bags to distribute to our many interfaith partners.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow together and with our interfaith partners.

We hope you will join us for this exciting opportunity!

Peace,

  
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Enclosure: Registration Form



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