

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 16

Preaching Generosity (WEBINAR) - It can be hard to talk about money. And yet Jesus spoke about it often, second only to the Kingdom of God. Join Rev. Andrew Warner to explore how to preach and teach about generosity and the use of our financial resources. Each webinar will focus on a specific liturgical season and a set of readings. We will plan out at least one preaching opportunity for teaching generosity as a spiritual practice. -- **2 pm Central**

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tZQkf-mgrDMtqA6mmK8_odWL_R8jDVUDvg

The Season of Epiphany: Disciples and Generosity – We'll look at how the call of the first disciples (Matthew 4: 12-23) and Micah 6:1-8 help illuminate generosity as part of our discipleship. This focus may work particularly well for a sermon in advance of an annual congregational meeting.

January 19&20 (AR)

Honor the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – screening of the documentary “Traces of the Trade” on January 19 and the annual Interfaith Prayer Breakfast on January 20. Must attend both events to qualify for Anti Racism (AR) training. [Click Here for details](#).

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 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 7

New First Friday Series: Understanding Religion(s) & Introducing Talk-Back Tuesday! – The Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding of offering these programs – First Friday for February 7 is “**Ways of Understanding Religion(s)**”, William “Chip” Gruen, PhD, Muhlenberg College, Allentown – Seegers Union 111-112 – all doors open at Noon – program from 12:30 to

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| | 1:30PM – bring your lunch or buy at Seegers Union. Watch videos of recent First Friday presentations on Facebook@IJCUMuhlenberg - Talk Back Tuesday is February 11 in the GQ Annex, Muhlenberg, Allentown |
| 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 |
| February 26 | Preaching Generosity (WEBINAR) – 2 pm Central – https://zoom.us/meeting/register/vpUtfu6trDwjLbprSp7TkJN0YtoZ07xS9w - |
| | The Season of Lent: A Changed Life – Using the story of Nicodemus, we'll see how increasing generosity created change in his life. We'll look beyond the lectionary reading to consider the other two appearances of Nicodemus. The story will focus attention on what it means to experience change in our lives. |
| 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 Introductio 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 9-18 | Courageous Faith Summit – provides a critical look at where we are now and how we get to a more sustainable and equitable future. Through interviews with influential North American faith leaders in activist-oriented congregations, the Summit equips virtual leaders with the audacity, connections, and practice advice to be active leaders in an emerging movement for change – 10 days, 40 dynamic presenters, 25+ hours of content, 100% on-line – learn more & register – ALSO...be sure to take advantage of all the courses available at FaithLead.org – from the Center for Progressive Renewal |
| 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 13 | 2nd Friday – “Understanding Religious Diversity: Moravian Church – Rt. Rev. Blair Couch, retired – Seegers Union Event Space, Muhlenberg College, Allentown - all doors open at Noon – program from 12:30 to 1:30PM – bring your lunch or buy at Seegers Union. Watch videos of recent First Friday presentations on Facebook@IJCUMuhlenberg - Talk Back Tuesday is March 17 in the GQ Annex, Muhlenberg, Allentown |
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| March 24 | Women Who Speak for God: Females Among the Prophets – 10AM - Dr. Julia M. O'Brien – Lancaster Theological Seminary |
| March 31 | Planned Giving to Support Mission and Ministry (Webinar) - via Practical Resources for Churches (https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_R5x2fqAWQymEB3unztYUhg) |

While a significant wealth transfer occurs (and will occur) in our country as our eldest generation passes, many congregations and ministries remain unprepared to promote planned giving options among their members. Only 5% of people leave a charitable bequest even though nearly a third of people would if asked or invited to consider one. This webinar will equip congregational leaders to begin a planned giving program in their setting. We'll begin by considering generosity as a spiritual practice and why donors would want to give a planned gift. Then we'll learn about the three varieties of planned gifts and develop a plan for offering these options. Lastly, we'll review a checklist of good policies and steps necessary for successfully launching a planned giving program. Through this webinar, you will learn key concepts and create an actionable plan for your congregation or ministry.

April 3

Another 1st Friday Series on Understanding Religion – Muhlenberg College, Allentown – “**Understanding Religious Diversity: Tibetan Buddhism**” – Joshua W. C. Cutler, Tibetan Buddhist Learning Center - Geshe Jamphel Dorjee, Institute of Buddhist Dialectics – SeegersUnion 111-113 - all doors open at Noon – program from 12:30 to 1:30PM – bring your lunch or buy at Seegers Union. Watch videos of recent First Friday presentations on Facebook@IJCUmuhlenberg - **Talk Back Tuesday is April 7 in the GQ Annex, Muhlenberg College, Allentown**

April 20

Preaching Generosity (WEBINAR) - 2 pm Central –

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The Season of Easter: Beloved Community – The stories of Good Shepherd Sunday (May 3) speak to what it means to live generously in a community (Acts 2: 42-47, Ps. 23, and John 10: 1-10). This Sunday offers a chance to think broadly about the many forms of generosity and how it reinforces connections within a community.

April 24&25 (CC)

2020 PNEC Spring Conference Meeting – The Chateau at Camelback, 475 Camelback Rd.,

Tannersville – meeting will be one overnight, dinner on Friday evening, breakfast and lunch on Saturday – 4PM Friday through 4PM Saturday - must attend the entire two days to qualify for Cultural Competency (CC) Training – details coming soon

May 4-8

Mediation Skills Training Institute - The details for this popular and practical workshop are

What: Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders

Where: Scarsdale Congregational Church, UCC in Scarsdale, NY

When: May 4-8, 2020

Who: Clergy and laypersons who want to learn skills that will help them deal more effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict

If you register before the discount deadline (April 3), you will **save \$200!** For more information about this event in particular – or more generally about the mission and vision of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center – please consult this [brochure](#) or visit our [website](#).

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.

October 14

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.patahwaystheological.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.shtml>

-Muhlenberg College Summer Study Page -

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