

List of Continuing Education Opportunities...

(**CC**=Cultural Competency Training; **AR**=Anti-Racism; **BT**=Boundary Training;
ABT=Advanced Boundary Training)

(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!)

- The PATHWAYS Theological Education -- PATHWAYS Website Addresses:

Website: <https://www.pathwaystheological.org/>

Course Calendar: <https://www.pathwaystheological.org/calendar/>

Our Stories: <https://www.pathwaystheological.org/our-stories/>

Online Boundary Training: To date, we have trained over 450 clergy and worked with 15 regions to offer online boundary training at an affordable price and on a convenient platform. Our course includes boundary training regarding pastoral relationships, finances, self-care, children and youth, and social media. **If your conference/region is interested in offering this to your clergy at a discounted price, please reach out to Gregg Carlson at gregg@convergenceus.org.**



Boundary Training in 2024: (BT) [Click here for list.](#)

2024

Sign up for book study with the Racial Justice Initiative (Anti-Racism Training)

The PSEC Zachariah Walker Racial Justice Initiative is offering a six-week book study on *Faithful Antiracism: Moving Past Talk to Systemic Change*, by Christina Barland Edmondson and Chad Brennan. This book speaks directly to Christians who may feel ill-equipped to recognize and respond to racism. The authors use research analysis, theology, history, and social-political ethics to create interventions that challenge and resist racism in our institutions and everyday lives. There are two different time slots available for this exciting six-week book study:

- Tuesdays from 2:00-3:00p, Feb. 6-March 12 (hosted by Rev. Geneva Butz and Rev. Stephen Ohnsman)
Anyone is welcome to participate. To register, [click here](#).

February 14 (AR)

UCC Webinar—Black History: Unsung Heroes of the Environmental Justice Movement

(**Note: Authorized Ministers, this is an Anti-Racism Training - submit a paragraph to pattyw@pnec.org about what was learned from this webinar to receive credit.**) For Black History Month, the UCC will be celebrating past environmental justice leaders and their historic contributions to the movement. We will lift up and reflect upon the lives of champions for justice such as Dana Alston, Damu Smith, Hazel Johnson, and others. To fully appreciate their impact and legacy, we will hear from those in the movement who knew them. Featured speakers will include those who have been at the forefront of the movement: Robert Bullard, Vernice Miller-Travis, and Peggy Shepard. **Even if you cannot make the webinar at its scheduled time on February 14th at 1 pm ET, still sign-up, and we will send you a link to a recording of it. Register now!!**

https://UCC.zoom.us/webinar/register/3317054434730/WN_-paE15N7Ty2lmsfnXuFQ3A

Feb. 21, 2024, 5-6pm Online and on campus - Community Gardening: Ministry in the Soil an Eden Amplify

Event. This seminar will focus on the importance of community gardening as a faithful way to respond to community needs, discussing both why it's so necessary, and how to start a garden at your church or organization. The **Rev. Dr. Kristen Leslie** will be the presenter. Dr Leslie is the Co-Director of the Eden Gleaning and Garden Project, an effort focused on ending hunger, shrinking food waste, and connecting communities. This is an Eden Amplify event, a series of free seminars covering a broad range of ministry topics for clergy, congregation members and the general public. Eden Amplify is about empowering today for impact tomorrow. Please [click here to register](#).

Jan. 31/Feb. 1 **(BT)** **2024 Boundary Training For Clergy and Commissioned Lay Pastors**

January 31/February 1 -- 9:30AM - 12:30PM

May 7/8 -- 1:00PM - 4:00PM ET -- Register by April 20th

October 15/16 -- 10:00AM - 1:00PM ET -- Register by Sept 29th

Not-Your-Average Boundaries Training is tailored to focus on strategies to foster clergy emotional resiliency and well-being. While we still cover the "requirements," we believe the best prevention involves encouraging leaders to take steps to manage their stress in order to maintain balance and perspective when temptation to violate boundaries arises. This live online boundaries training is 5 total hours split over 2 consecutive days (2.5 hours each day). Following the first session, participants are asked to engage in a bit of reflection work in preparation for the second session. This online boundaries training will be conducted via secure Zoom video conferencing.

[Click Here](#) for detailed flyer and registration information.

March 5, 12, 19

in PST - (Pacific Standard Time) – 4-6PM PST - This five-part workshop series is once a week during the season of Lent. It is online on Zoom. Each workshop will last approximately 1.5-2 hours. - \$75 per person for all 5 workshops. - [Workshop Registration \(google.com\)](#)

March 6

Teaching Holy Troublemaking: Resources for Progressive Christian Formation with Daneen Akers and Wendy Claire Barrie – zoom 12 Noon to 1:30PM Eastern - Join author Daneen Akers and Christian educator Wendy Claire Barrie as they talk about progressive faith formation especially through the lens of the middle-grades anthology *Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints* and its companion curriculum. Hear ideas for how the stories of people like Bayard Rustin, Wangari Maathai, Thich Nhat Hahn, Mr. Rogers, Valarie Kaur, Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg, Rev. Gafney, Rumi, and more can connect with adolescents. Free of charge.

Register at: [Teaching Holy Troublemaking](#)

March 14 **(BT)**

Thursday, March 14, 1:30 – 4:30pm ET, Retired Minister Boundary Training with Rev.

Tara Barber - Maintaining healthy boundaries is challenging at any stage in ministry and it is particularly tender and difficult attending to boundaries as we transition out of our last call, and while in retirement. "A Sure Foundation", "The Ministerial Code" and Rev. Dr. Bruce Epperly's new book, "The Jubilee Years" along with case studies, will provide the content of this training. Rev. Tara Barber will offer this focused Boundary Awareness Training for those entering and living in retirement.

March 14

'Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations' - What effect does the act of leading worship and a religious community have on its leaders, particularly clergy and their capacity to be agents of holy healing? That question was taken up by the *Hartford Institute for Religion Research* in their project [Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations](#). Clergy are invited to join in discussing the results of this study and its results. For more information and to register, [click here](#)

March 26

Moravian/Lancaster Seminaries are hosting a book club for alumni on the book "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou. You will need to register and buy the book. It is

being led by Dr. Nicole Lloyd and the zoom discussion on this book will be 7PM-8PM.
alumni@info.moravian.edu

April 6

In-Person at YDS! - Breaking the Silence About Mental Health Challenges with Children and Teens with the Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund -- Full Day Workshop -- Join Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund, pastor, author, and advocate, for conversations about the growing mental health crisis facing children and teens. Through storytelling and resource sharing, participants will be inspired and equipped to join the movement for mental health with hope for our collective healing. For a tentative schedule, please [click here](#). Register at: [Breaking the Silence About Mental Health Challenges](#)

April 15, 22, 29 and May 6th 11:00 am-1:00 pm EST

Workshop: Ministering to Those Impacted by Suicide - The word suicide is scary for some, heart-wrenching for others and all too familiar for too many. It is estimated that 50% of individuals in any congregation have been impacted by suicide in some way. Many in ministry feel in over their heads when called upon to respond to any suicide-related crisis, whether acute or chronic. This training will take a deep dive into the topic; it will increase awareness of the impacts of suicide, teach practical tools for responding appropriately and sufficiently in times of suicidal need, and expand the thinking of leaders about how churches and organizations can proactively address the hopelessness and isolation that contribute to suicidality.

Register at: [Ministering to Those Impacted by Suicide](#)

May 7-8 (BT)

Basic Boundary Training with Lehigh Presbytery ([Register](#))

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
- Lehigh Conference of Churches** – <https://lehighchurches.org>
- Institute for Islamic Christian Jewish Studies** – <https://icjs.org/> - usually (CC) qualified