

List of Continuing Education Opportunities...

(**CC**=Cultural Competency Training; **AR**=Anti-Racism; **BT**=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!)

Year 2020

Convergence Weekly Courses/Webinars Offered – [Click Here](#) for details

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Through September    Leading Like Nehemiah in Crisis – [click here](#)  
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Moravian Seminary - Have You Registered??

Wisdom Way of Knowing Gatherings

Fridays, September 18, October 16, & November 20
3:00-5:00pm

[Learn More & Register](#)

Spirituality in Networked Spaces

Friday, September 25 • 10:00am-2:30pm

[Learn More & Register](#)

LGBTQ Suicide & Care for the Souls of Queer Folk

Friday, November 13 • 3:00-5:00pm

[Learn More & Register](#)
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Sept. 27 & Oct. 4 - **Central Moravian Church Presents The 2020 Central Chautauqua Series - Resiliency:**

**Faithful Endurance During Pandemics and Other Difficult Times** - Zoom Presentations on at 12:00 p.m. - [CLICK HERE](#) for detailed flyer. Please Click below to Register and Receive your Zoom Invitation: <https://forms.gle/zcddjhVNGi5hXiES8> - Register no later than the Friday before each presentation. Question? Call 610-866-5661

September 26    **Technology Basics for Congregations** – [Click here for flyer & registration info.](#)

October 1-15 (**AR**)    **Talking About Racism: A Community Conversation** - (Authorized Ministers - if you have documentation of attending all three conversations, it would count for anti-racism training)

**October 1** - 5:30-6:30PM via Zoom

Defining & Identifying Racism

**October 8** - 5:30-6:30PM via Zoom

Understanding White Privilege and Allyship

**October 15** - 5:30-6:30PM - via zoom

Discussing Black Lives Matter

To attend, **you must RSVP** to receive the Zoom information.

Contact [community@scranton.edu](mailto:community@scranton.edu) or visit

<https://www.scranton.edu/about/community-relations/talking-about-racism.shtml>

October 3 (**AR**)    **Dimensions of -isms (On-line Anti-Racism Training)** - October 3, 2020 from 9AM to 4PM - via Zoom – Cost: \$100 - Part One: Defining Racism; Part Two: How Do We Undo Racism; Part Three: Challenging the Isms - [Click here for detailed flyer and registration information.](#)

Oct. 5-Nov. 2    **Online Course: Regenerating the Spirit of Democracy** - [Regenerating the Spirit of Democracy](#) is an online, free course offered by the [Center for Religion in Public Life](#) at Phillips Theological Seminary. The course is organized around the question: What can communities of faith and spiritually-grounded persons do to regenerate the spirit of democracy in the U.S.?

If you seek a democratic spirituality that values equality and justice for all as much as freedom, then this 5-week course is for you. The course begins Oct. 5. Class materials are published on YouTube Mondays, Oct. 5–Nov. 2. Class discussions take place Thursdays on Facebook, Oct. 8–Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. The five sessions are: Paying attention to the spirit of democracy; What is democracy and why is it in trouble; The spiritualities of capitalism, the Christian Right, and democracy; Evidences of a healthy democracy; What can people of faith, of spirituality, and/or of moral depth do to regenerate the spirit of democracy in the U.S.?

Each session will feature a presentation by Dr. Gary Peluso-Verdend, executive director of the Center for Religion in Public Life. In addition, Dr. Peluso-Verdend recorded interviews with four leading authors on the question of this course: Robert P. Jones, Jack Jenkins, Kelly Brown Douglas, and Diana Butler Bass. [Visit our website](#) for more information and to register your interest in this free, online course.

- October 5-7      **The Craft of Preaching** – live on line – hone your craft with practical sermon skills for Christian leaders – [Learn More](#) – Luther Seminary
- October 5-9      Registration is now open for both sessions of our **Mediation Skills Training Institute** scheduled for this fall: **October 5-9** and **November 16-20, 2020**. This popular and practical workshop helps clergy and other church leaders deal more effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict. Registrants will attend remotely via Zoom. A **\$200 discount** is available to those who register by the discount deadline. To register online, go to <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/producer/720852>. We also offer a variety of 90-minute webinars on timely topics, such as *Grief In the Time of COVID*. For more information about these and other outstanding events, please consult our [MSTI Brochure](#), [Clergy Clinic Brochure](#), or [LMPC Events Calendar](#), or visit <https://lmpeacecenter.org/>. Questions? Email the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center at [Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org](mailto:Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org) or call 630-627-0507.
- Oct. 7 – Nov. 17      (\$295)- Click [here](#) for more information and registration - [www.patahwaystheological.org](http://www.patahwaystheological.org)  
L1.2 **Understanding the Bible as a Progressive Christian** (6-weeks)  
L1.4 **The Stories of Christian Saints and Sinners** (6-weeks)  
L2.3 **Small Church Administration** (6-weeks)  
L2.5 **The Art of Preaching** (6-weeks)  
L3.9 **Practicing Our Faith in the Public Square** (6-weeks)  
L3.10 **Congregational Ministry and the Future Church** (Ministry Prep. Capstone Course)
- Oct. 7 – Dec. 15      (No assignments week of Nov. 25 - Dec.1) (\$295) - L2.8 **Supervised Ministry I: Entering a New Place of Ministry** (9-weeks) - Click [here](#) for more information and registration – [www.patahwaystheological.org](http://www.patahwaystheological.org)
- Oct. 13, Nov. 10      **Generous Preaching – 2 to 3PM - [Sign up here](#)** - *Engaging scripture stories to share the spiritual practice of generosity with congregations* - 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. Background materials and seminar style discussions will take place through the Damascus Project. Each month will focus on a specific set of readings. We will plan out at least one preaching opportunity for teaching generosity as a spiritual practice each month.  
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- October 17      **Planned Giving to Support Mission and Ministry** - 10-12pm - 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. Through this webinar, you will learn key concepts and create an actionable plan for your congregation or ministry. Registration link to be supplied closer to event. Mark your calendar now!
- October 24 (CC)      **PNEC Ministry Day (on-line)** – 9AM to 3PM – counts as Cultural Competency Training OR 4 hours of continuing education – can’t use both! – Watch for details!
- Oct. 28 – Nov. 24      (\$99)- **ESC11 The Opioid Crisis** (4-weeks)- Click [here](#) for more information and registration – [www.patahwaystheological.org](http://www.patahwaystheological.org)
- November 4      **Boundary Training On-Line Only** – offered through the Lehigh Presbytery and will be led by Dr. David Olsen – 9AM to 4PM (**Registration Deadline is October 21**) - \$40/person – reservations needed, call 610-391-9020 or email [office@lehighpresbytery.org](mailto:office@lehighpresbytery.org) with your name, affiliation, and contact information (phone & email). [Click Here for Revised Flyer](#)
- November 4, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 30 & Dec. 3      **Culture and Change** with Dr. Jill Peters, is a look at church culture and how to make changes. This course meets from 6-9 pm twice a week: Mondays and Thursday with Thanksgiving off and done before Advent! - All Crossroads courses are available on Zoom and as long as we can, also in person. For more info contact Jill Peters at [petersj2@moravian.edu](mailto:petersj2@moravian.edu) or through the website at <http://www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads>
- November 5      [\*\*Responding to the Other - Adv. Boundary Training in Lansdale\*\*](#)
- November 8      [\*\*Christian Ed. Workshop - "Inter-generational Sunday School" in Cressona\*\*](#)
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- November 14      **The Story of Worship** – (open to both Pastors and Lay Worship Leaders) – 9AM to 4PM - \$50/person; Instructor is Rev. Dr. Matthew Gorkos – via Zoom – (This will count for 7 hours of continuing education) – [click here for a detailed flyer and registration info.](#) - email [patty@pnecc.org](mailto:patty@pnecc.org) to register
- November 16-20      **Meditation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders** – (from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center) – This popular and practical workshop helps clergy and other church leaders deal more effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict. Registrants will attend remotely via Zoom. A **\$200 discount** is available to those who register by the discount deadline. To register online, go to <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/producer/720852>. We also offer a variety of 90-minute webinars on timely topics, such as *Grief In the Time of COVID*. For more information about these and other outstanding events, please consult our [MSTI Brochure](#), [Clergy Clinic Brochure](#), or

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**2021**

January 20

**Spirituality of Generosity** - 10-12pm:– Jesus talked about money second only to the kingdom of God, yet many in the church today treat money as a non-spiritual topic. We can theologically engage questions of money, wealth, and giving. Teaching and preaching about generosity and the use of our financial resources can deepen the faith life of our congregations. Gathering together with other pastors, this webinar will help you reclaim money-talk as a faith formation conversation with the members and friends of your congregation. Registration link to be supplied closer to event. Mark your calendar now!

**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](http://www.centerforfamilyprocess.com)

-**Lehigh Conference of Churches** – <https://lehighchurches.org>

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

-**Cedar Crest College** - Please see the below link that will bring you to our course search.

[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>