

**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](mailto:gregg@convergenceus.org).**



**[Click Here for Webinars](#)**  
Development; [chhsmpublic@chhsm.org](mailto:chhsmpublic@chhsm.org)

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

**2024**

March 19 Webinar – Older Adults with Substance Use Disorder – 1PM – This presentation will provide education to those who work with older adults on the prevalence, signs, symptoms, and warning signs of substance use disorders in older adults and how to assess, refer, and treat them effectively. - \$80 - [REGISTER](#)



March 19 - 1:30PM -- Workshop: Ministry amid political polarization—how to help your congregation manage in 2024

Purpose: To provide practical tools and strategies to help your congregation and community find connections and move beyond polarization.

Description: This 90-minute workshop will offer the opportunity to learn about resources for clergy and lay leaders as well as to provide practical tools for navigating conversations about politics. It is often thought that conversations about politics should not happen in the context of church. However, being able to have discussions about what is important in the work of communities and government can lead to greater connection and the ability to ask the questions:

*How does my faith impact my political thinking? How does government impact my faith? How can I be a part of a faith community where we might not all agree about politics? Is it OK to talk about politics with other people of faith? Is it OK to talk about politics at church? [Register 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](mailto: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 11 (CC)

**The Annual Robert K. Campbell Memorial Lecture on Christian Unity Presents – Revisioning Faith For The 21st Century - Thursday, April 11, 2024 - 3:00 to 8:00PM**  
DeSales University, (University Center), 2755 Station Ave., Center Valley - \$20 Registration Fee - featuring author Sue Pizor Yoder and the members of Co.Lab.Inq. - **About Event...**What will faith communities look like in 2040? What actions can church leaders take to address the new religious context of Gen Xers and Millennials—now representing 40 percent of adults living in America? What do these generations teach us about belonging, adversity, legacy—and faith? Join us for an interactive, multisensory event aimed at seeking a path to revisioning faith for the 21st century.

#### AGENDA

3:00 – 3:30: Registration

3:30 – 5:00: Lecture and Q&A

5:00 – 6:00: Buffet Dinner

6:00 – 7:30: Interactive Workshop

7:30 – 8:00: Book Signing:

“Hear Us Out: Six Questions on Belonging and Belief.”

Register at: [www.lehighchurches.org/events](http://www.lehighchurches.org/events)

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](#)

April 18 (CC)

**“COMPASSION IN ACTION,” A CONFERENCE PRESENTED BY THE PHOEBE INSTITUTE ON AGING WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER DR. STEPHEN TRZECIAK, WHO WILL PRESENT “COMPASSIONOMICS AND THE WONDER DRUG”**

The Phoebe Institute on Aging (PIA) presents “Compassion in Action” featuring keynote speaker **Stephen Trzeciak, MD, MPH**, physician scientist, professor, clinical researcher, intensivist (specialist in intensive care medicine), and co-author of “Compassionomics: The Revolutionary Scientific Evidence that Caring Makes a Difference” (2019), and “Wonder Drug: 7 Scientifically Proven Ways That Serving Others Is the Best Medicine for Yourself.”

Presented on **Thursday, April 18, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at DeSales University, University Center, 2755 Station Ave, Center Valley, Pennsylvania**, the conference will examine how compassionate care can support goals like workforce well-being, both long-term

care resident and patient experience, safety, quality, and innovation, as well as additional content to support caregivers and leaders during this challenging time.

Trzeciak, the Chair of Medicine at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, the Chief of Medicine at Cooper University Health Care, and TEDx Penn presenter of [How 40 Seconds of Compassion Could Save a Life](#), will explore eye-opening data reflecting that compassion could be a wonder drug for the 21st Century.

In addition to Dr. Trzeciak, presenters include, but are not limited to, **Dr. Karen E. Joseph-Kent, PhD**, Assistant Professor, DeSales University; **Dr. Joseph E. Vincent, MD**, retired pulmonary and critical care medicine provider at Lehigh Valley Hospital; **Dr. Stephen E. Lammers, PhD**, retired professor of Religious Studies at Lafayette College; **Melissa “Missy” Wise**, Resiliency Project Coordinator of the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley; **Rev. Dr. Steve Ohnsman, DMin**, Pastor, Calvary United Church of Christ; **Michelle Gaugler, NHA, PCHA, LSW**, Executive Director, Country Meadows, Bethlehem; and, **Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates**, Conference Minister for the Penn Northeast Conference of the United Church of Christ.

For more information and registration, go to our web page for the [2024 PIA Conference](#) or call 610-794-5132. Registration fee is \$50.00, and registration is open until April 1, 2024. Hot breakfast and lunch will be served. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available for health care professionals, social workers, and clergy.

April 29-June 23

**Mission of the Church in the World** – (sponsored by Phillips Theological Seminary Center for Ministry & Lay Training) - **Instructor: Rev. David Avery** - Jesus called us to follow him into the world. This course will focus on the critical importance of Mission in the life of every congregation and the Church at large. We will engage this theologically and biblically. Students will explore many alternatives and ideas for doing congregational mission, not only in their own communities but globally. By the end of the course students will articulate the relationship of mission to the gospel, create Bible studies on the subject, and explore possibilities for mission settings for use in their congregations. The online course is from April 29-June 23, 2024. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#)

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**Church Administration and Planning** - (sponsored by Phillips Theological Seminary Center for Ministry & Lay Training) - **Instructor: Rev. Dr. John Bracke** - Sound administrative practice is essential for faithful and effective ministry. Initially this course will consider the theological significance of administration and the relationship of administration and pastoral leadership. The course will then consider several areas of church administration with which pastors are frequently involved. Done well, administration enhances the ministries and mission of churches. This course will frequently use case studies to help students practice and sharpen administrative skills. The online course is from April 29-June 23, 2024. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#)

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**Pastoral Leadership** - (sponsored by Phillips Theological Seminary Center for Ministry & Lay Training) - **Instructor: Rev. Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian** - Effective leadership in the church today appears to be a rare commodity. John Maxwell rightly asserts, “Everything rises and falls on leadership.” An effective church leader can assess the state of a church or ministry, discern a Godly vision, and cast that vision in such a way that the congregation will follow. In this course, students will identify their leadership style, their strengths and weaknesses, and explore what it takes to effectively lead in the church today. The online course is from April 29-June 23, 2024. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#)

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**Church History** - (sponsored by Phillips Theological Seminary Center for Ministry & Lay

Training) -Instructor: Rev. Jerry Albright - This is a history class with one major exception - there is little emphasis on remembering dates except as “markers” in Christian History. By markers I mean paradigm shifts and movements in the transformation of the church from age to age. It is more important to grasp the movements in Christian History and just use dates as general “markers” or benchmarks during which the church was in transition or reformation. The course will include the use of "primary sources," historical documents from church history. The online course is from April 29-June 23, 2024. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#)

May 3

**Disrupting White Christian Nationalism: Cultural Roots to Election Outcomes** – 12 Noon-5PM (CT) – online via zoom – White Christian Nationalism has been around since the birth of the US, but in our present, public, expressions are stroking more violence against vulnerable people and communities, in the streets and in our public policy. This workshop will introduce Cultural organizing and congregational preparedness as two strategies to disrupt it. - \$275 - [-REGISTER HERE](#) - (offered by the Center for Lived Faith and Organizing – CLFO)

May 7/8, 2024 **(BT)** **2024 Boundary Training For Clergy and Commissioned Lay Pastors**

**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. These 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.

May 7-9

**2024 Annual Conference – LeadingAge PA** – Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, Poconos, PA – registration is now open! - The LeadingAge PA Annual Conference & EXPO is an exciting three-day conference designed to inspire and equip aging services professionals. Join us for unrivaled education, motivation, and networking, and leave with fresh ideas, strategic connections, and the tools you need to succeed. Whether your expertise is in skilled nursing, operations, marketing and sales, affordable housing, LIFE, personal care/assisted living, human resources, finance, or strategic development, there are plenty of offerings just for you! We're excited to host you at [Kalahari Resort & Convention Center](#) in the beautiful Pocono Mountains. **NEW THIS YEAR: Register for the event [AND your hotel room](#) all in one place.** No need to make your own arrangements with Kalahari separately – registration is now a one-stop shop! There's something for everyone at the 2024 LeadingAge PA Annual Conference! [Register Today.](#)

**October 21-23, 2024; February 10-12, 2025; and April 28-30, 2025**

It's that time of year again! Time to start thinking about attending **Advanced Clergy Clinic** and learning from our distinguished guest speakers. The training dates for 2024/2025 are **October 21-23, 2024; February 10-12, 2025; and April 28-30, 2025.** As usual, we will be holding ACC as a hybrid event. Those attending in person will go to St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Glen Ellyn, IL on training days. Those attending online will receive a Zoom link to join in. Below you will find information about our distinguished guest presenters we are proud to work with this year. [CLICK HERE](#) for full details.

### **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