

Workshops – Annual Meeting 2018

Friday, June 8 – 6:30 – 8:00

1. **Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. - Here & Abroad** Friday 6:30 – 8:00

BY: UEK Partnership; Leaders Revs. Dietmar Plajer & Julie Holm

PCC-UEK Partnership – focus on TWO pastoral colloquies this year, one in Atlanta, one in Berlin, both focusing on the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, and persisting issues of racism.

2. **How does climate affect our health and vitality** Friday 6:30 – 8:00

BY: PCC Creation Justice Ministry Team; Leader Dr. Alan S. Peterson (Lanc. Gen. Hosp.)

The workshop will begin with the basics of climate change and then move to the effects of climate change on our health. The World Health Organization says that climate change is the most important health issue of this century, and if we don't act now, by the time the next generation reacts, it may be too late! Greenhouse gases now contribute to 4 of the top 5 causes of death in the US. We must start taking action to protect the health of our most vulnerable (infants, senior citizens, those with chronic diseases, and the poor) because climate change and climate weirding is already here, and people are already being harmed. Action now is a "win-win" situation for all, as in addition to dealing with climate change, most of these actions will benefit the health of all.

3. **Active Shooter & Church Safety** Friday 6:30 – 8:00

BY: Miller Insurance Agency; Leaders Debb Laukaitis / Trooper Rick Blair

RECOMMENDED FOR AGE 18 AND OLDER: Pa State Trooper Rick Blair will conduct active shooter and church safety workshop consisting of a PowerPoint presentation followed by Q & A.

4. **What's your pulse?** Friday 6:30 – 8:00

BY: PCC Architects of Excellence; Leader Rev. Nora Foust

Discussion on how to start conversations about your congregational health and some tools for measurement.

5. Testimonial Follow-Up – from Friday’s Worship Friday 6:30 - 8:00

By: Revs. Ron Oelrich, Bruce Druckenmiller & Tim Hogan-Palazzo

Get a chance to hear more from the three vibrant churches who shared their exciting witnesses during the Friday afternoon worship.

6. Clergy Self-Care Revisited Friday 6:30 – 8:00

By: John Fureman

This workshop will explore the continuing case for clergy self-care in light of the conference clergy and clergy family program.

Friday, June 8 – SPECIAL TIME – 6:15 – 8:15

7. Identifying, Protecting and Using Intellectual Property SPECIAL TIME FRIDAY 6:15 – 8:15

By: UCC - General Counsel, Heather Kimmel (For clergy & lay leaders)

Does your church have trademarks that need to be protected? Who owns the copyright to the sermon that your pastor gives? Does your church need a copyright license to perform songs outside of worship? Is “citing your source” sufficient to avoid liability under the US Copyright Act? (Hint: NO!) Learn answers to all of these questions and more in a presentation by Heather E. Kimmel, General Counsel for the UCC. **NOTE SPECIAL TIME – TWO HOURS**

Saturday, June 9 – 10:30 – 12:00

8. **Coloring Women of the Bible** Saturday 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- BY: Rev. Chris Rodkey, St. Paul's Dallastown
- Presentation of Adult devotional coloring books and coloring workshop will debut new pages of Coloring Women of the Bible, published in the fall, for the first time.
9. **Telling Our Stories in Christ** Saturday 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- BY: Rev. Martha Spong & Rev. Rachel Hackenberg
- How can we talk about Christ in a way that draws other people closer? Bringing our faith stories to life is a key to spiritual vitality for ourselves and our churches. With spiritual memoirists and Penn Central clergywomen Martha Spong and Rachel Hackenberg, we will practice crafting and haring our stories of faith – imperfect, struggling, even failing faith.
10. **ONA 101: Planning your ONA Process** Saturday 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- BY: ONA Ministry Team; Leaders Shirley Keith Knox & Andy Lang
- An Open and Affirming experience is an opportunity for congregations to rediscover their first love: Love for God and neighbors. An ONA process can unify and inspire a congregation. Learn from experiences of congregations (including conservative churches) that have discovered new life in their ONA covenant.
11. **Welcoming Prayer** Saturday 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- BY: Wellspring Pastoral Counseling; Leader Scott M. Watts
- An introduction to a prayer practice that helps with letting go of painful feelings and troubling thoughts and foster acceptance through the Holy Spirit.
12. **The Spirituality of a Life of Nonviolence** Saturday 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- BY: Rev. Bret S. Myers
- To be “Alive in Christ” is to live by Christ’s values. To get closer to Christ is to live closer to Christ’s ways. In his interactions with others, as well as his teachings, Jesus promoted a spirituality of nonviolence towards those he encountered in his ministry. Rather than the ethic of empires, which is one of domination, subjugation, and control to establish a forced peace, Jesus taught an egalitarian ethic of cooperation, mutual respect, and compassion that fosters a liberating peace. His method of

nonviolence was intertwined with the mission of transforming individuals and society towards a world of shalom.

Is a life of nonviolence a vital sign for the health of our Christian discipleship and way being in the world? How can we better live by the virtue of nonviolence in our daily lives, and in our church communities? How is the spirituality of living nonviolently connected to the living out of our vision and mission as followers of Christ?

Churches which focus on applying spiritual practices to daily living are those that are attracting people who want their faith to be relevant to their lifestyles and way of being in the world. We'll explore ways of making nonviolence real in our lives as individuals and churches, and engage in some role-playing of concepts we learn.

13. Connecting to God, Connecting to each other – Using your body to worship Sat. 10:30-12:00

By: Becky Boone

Participants will look at new ways to enhance worship using simple body movements to music and scripture. No dance background is required! Wear comfortable clothes that allow for movement. Adaptations will be made for folks who prefer to remain seated.

14. Books Don't have to be Boring: A Passion for Reading as a Way to Come Alive in Christ

Sat. 10:30 – 12:00

By: Byron Berger; Hearts & Minds Bookstore

This year's conference theme is "Alive in Christ" and our resident bookseller is sure that reading books can be a spiritual practice that allows us to grow in faith. Want to learn how to be alive? Want to know more about Christ and His grace? Want to know what the heck "missional" means? Books can help clarify what we believe, can inform us as we talk together, and, importantly, can inspire us to serve together, alive in the goodness of the sacred journey. Byron will describe different kinds of reading and will enthusiastically tell about a large array of helpful titles. Byron and his wife Beth, founded Hearts & Minds, an independent, ecumenical bookstore in Dallastown PA, 35 years ago. You can follow his weekly book reviews on line at BookNotes: www.heartsandmindsbooks.com/booknotes.

15. What's New in the UCC? Themes of Vitality

Sat. 10:30 – 12:00

By: Chris Davies, Program Manager, Congregational Assessment, Support and Advancement (CASA)
United Church of Christ

What's New for Christianity? As we lean into the next reformation, In the United Church of Christ in the United States, people seeking to "do a new thing" had some surprising connections. Themes arose that speak of the courage to be in conversation with their local communities, the institutions that have birthed them, and the people whom they serve. This workshop will look closely at a few of the projects in the states that engage the gospel in creative ways.