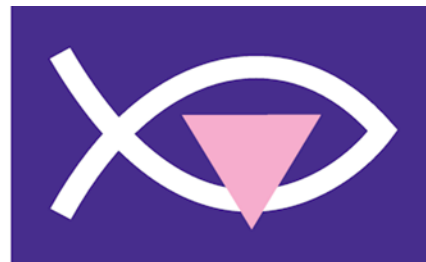


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**ONA Ministry Team
2021-2022 Annual Meeting Report**

The Open and Affirming Ministry Team within the Penn Central Conference serves to connect and support congregations that have voted to become Open and Affirming Congregations of the United Church of Christ and those congregations searching their call in this journey. The ministry team meetings are scheduled as needed. During the past year, key activities have included:

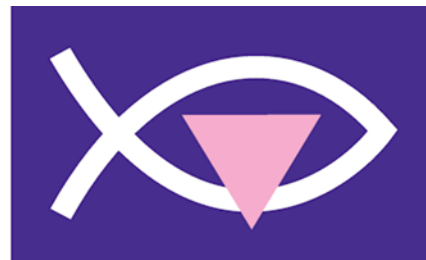
- Maintained contact with churches that are Open and Affirming and those churches that are involved in the ONA Process.
- Served as a resource and offered technical assistance (Speakers, materials, support, and information) to churches going through their ONA process.
- ONA Consultant supported several churches as they consider and move through the ONA process. Two churches are currently in their journey to becoming an ONA church.
- Provided an opportunity for ONA Churches to share effective practices on ways that a church lives out its ONA Covenant. Churches serve as a resource for one another throughout the year.
- Stayed abreast of major state and federal legislation impacting diverse communities with a major focus on legislation that impacts the lives of LGBTQ+ folk.
- Maintained connections with the National Coalition in order to share information and resources throughout our conference about actions at the UCC National level.
- The 2021 Central PA Pride Festival has been cancelled for the Covid-19 pandemic. We look forward to its return on Saturday, July 30, 2022 and a booth space has been reserved. Several other Pride events were held in the latter part of 2021.
- A Winter gathering was not held due to busy schedules and Covid-19. The ministry team is always looking for educational opportunities for this event. If you would like a topic to be addressed, please let Steve know.
- We continue to solicit for a new Convener to lead our ministry. Shirley needed to step down to focus on her duties as Moderator of the Conference Board of Directors. She continues to be an active member of the ministry. Please contact Steve Roush if interested in this position.
- Two of our churches continue on their journey of becoming ONA.

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Penn Central Conference - ONA Churches (June 2022)

Canoe Camp Church of Christ, Mansfield

Christ, Elizabethtown

Colonial Park, Harrisburg

Dover UCC, Dover

Emmanuel, Hanover

Emmanuel, York

Faith, State College

First Reformed, Lancaster

Grace, Lancaster

Hayshire, York

Heidelberg, York

Hummelstown UCC, Hummelstown

New Covenant, Williamsport

Penbrook, Harrisburg

Salem, Columbia

Salem, Rohrerstown

Shiloh, Danville

St. John's, Boalsburg

St. John's, Chambersburg

St. John's, Lewisburg

St. Paul's, Dallastown

St. Paul's, Mechanicsburg

St. Paul's, Selinsgrove

St. Paul's, Spring Grove

Trinity Reformed, Mountville

Trinity, Waynesboro

Wisdom's Table @ St. Peter's, Lancaster