



February 7, 2016

### Message from Rev. William P. Worley, PSEC Conference Minister

Dear PSEC Brothers and Sisters,

I am thrilled to invite you to our Pennsylvania Southeast Conference multi-day Spring Meeting on June 10-12, 2016 at West Chester University! Our theme is **Working in Faith, Putting Jesus First**, Matthew 25:31-46.



The Conference Meeting Program Mission Team has reshaped “the meeting experience to communicate our ethos of expectation, experimentation and transformation.” (Item 16 of the PSEC 2020 Vision Plan) We will experience:

- **AGENDA:** We will have time together to focus on “strengthening the covenantal connections between local churches, Associations and the Conference ....” (Item 15 of the PSEC 2020 Vision)
- **4 EXCITING GUEST SPEAKERS:** We have assembled exciting guest speakers, including **Rev. Dr. J. William Lentz**, Pastor of Messiah United Methodist Church in Lafayette Hill, PA; **Rev. Alan Miller**, PNEC Conference Minister; **Dr. Anthony Campolo**, Professor of Sociology and Special Assistant to the President of Eastern University; and **Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr.**, The Harry Emerson Fosdick Distinguished Professor at Union Theological Seminary.
- **16 STIMULATING WORKSHOPS:** The leaders of our 16 workshops include many of our local professionals and **Rev. Robin Hynicka**, Pastor of Arch Street United Methodist Church, and **Rev. Brynn White**, Department of Veteran Affairs certified chaplain serving at Coatesville VA Medical Center.
- **1 CONFERRING SESSION:** There will be one conferring session to conduct the business of our Conference to support our working in faith and to deepen our connections with Christ and with each other.

I invite everyone to gather together to learn and reflect as we engage in the challenging work of being the Church during this time of transition. It is my deepest hope that we will spend time with the best resource God has given us —each other.

I urge you to identify your delegates as soon as possible so that you can take advantage of the *early bird registration that ends on March 31*. Please be sure to read the [Official Call](#) and all [registration information](#) and to participate wholeheartedly in the components that will augment your growth as you work in faith putting Jesus first.

Blessings, Rev. William Worley, Conference Minister, PSEC

### Getting to Know :

### Zion's UCC

209 Chestnut Street, Pottstown, PA 19464



A long spiritual heritage anchors the faithful of Zion's United Church of Christ to its current role in the Pottstown community. Founder John Potts gave German immigrants land for a log church in the mid 1700's and by 1796 the congregation had dedicated a brick church in its place.

Zion's heritage of the “Old Brick Church” is evident in our mission statement: “Zion's UCC welcoming people, uniting in worship, receiving and sharing the love of God.” and is reflected in the of the spiritual life of the members.

In our weekly worship we welcome all to first Sunday communion. Seasonal celebrations include Mid-Week Lenten services and a Christmas Eve Family Candlelight service. There is a children's moment and music by adult and/or youth choirs and a hand bell choir.

The Sunday School nurtures a faith journey for children of all ages and an Adult Discussion Group. Youth and adults share a Christmas Workshop and Christmas and Lenten Dramas. Worldwide we support two Philippine school children and participate in Heifer International's “Pass it On” mission. Other fellowship and service opportunities include the Women's Fellowship, Prayer Shawl Ministries, and annual Vacation Bible School.

We offer community service by annually hosting a month long shelter for the homeless with gratitude expressed by both volunteers and guests. Members also prepare and serve a monthly community lunch and offer regular support to the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities.

In addition to our website, [www.zionspottstown.org](http://www.zionspottstown.org), there is a monthly church newsletter and a weekly account of church activities in the Religion section of our daily Pottstown Mercury.

As a congregation we are responsive to ongoing needs in Pottstown throughout the year. “The Old Brick Church” has carried on into the 21<sup>st</sup> century John Potts's belief in a town with a deeply religious foundation.



Prayers are requested for Zion's UCC in Pottstown and Rev. Walter Alan Coy.