



June 25, 2017



September 15 & 16
@ St. Paul's UCC, Amityville
 Friday 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
 Saturday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

This professional evangelism workshop is designed to equip congregations to effectively reach new people in their community by building bridges of connection and relationship grounded in the realities and lives of both those within the community and those within the church. You'll be inspired and impressed in realizing that decline need not be the church's story!

With fewer and fewer people simply walking into our churches, the question becomes how does the church meaningfully connect with people outside its walls? In this weekend workshop, congregational teams (pastor + church leaders) will learn how to reach new people by effectively aligning themselves with their mission field.

This "how to" workshop includes:

- The significant and strategic differences between 1955 and today
- Best practices for reconnecting with the mission field around the church
- Re-introducing the practice of the pastor as a recruiter of new people
- Equipping the congregation for its role in reaching new people
- A congregation specific take home action plan

Through this workshop, you and your congregation will gain the confidence and practical tools needed to reach new people and further the mission of Christ's church.

This event is a partnership with St. Paul's Birdsboro, St. Paul's Douglassville, Reading Berks Conference of Churches and PSEC!

For more information and to register go to the www.psec.org website and click on Events, then Conference Wide events.

2017 Spring Meeting Recap

During the weekend of June 9–11, 251 lay and clergy members of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference came together for the 2017 Spring Meeting.

Those gathered had the opportunity to be refreshed, challenged, taught, inspired, connect with friends, enjoy workshops, attend worship and at the same time complete the business of our Conference.

Friday held a day long workshop with Rev. Molly Baskette, author of *"Real Good Church"*. Friday evening opened with Anniversary Church and Anniversary Pastor celebrations followed by our opening worship with Rev. Traci Blackmon, Active Executive Minister for Justice and Witness Ministries at the UCC national office, who shared a very powerful message.

Saturday during the business meeting, the delegates voted in favor of the revised Constitution and By-laws (currently on the psec.org website) and after discussion in small break-out groups, overwhelming voted to approve opening discussions with the Penn Northeast Conference on a possible merger. A team of lay and clergy leaders will be selected to be a part of this discussion group. If you are interested in being one of these individuals, please contact Susan at the PSEC office at susan@psec.org or 484-949-8774 x 312 for an application.

Saturday afternoon held numerous informative workshops related to our theme "Be Transformed", follow by a workshop and an evening presentation by Shane Claiborne, a Christian activist and author who is a leading figure in the New Monasticism movement and one of the founding members of the intentional community, the Simple Way, in Philadelphia.

Sunday morning wrapped up our weekend with a closing worship service filled with wonderful music from the bell choir of UCC East Goshen, a musical quartet, a men's choir comprised of male delegates, and an inspiring worship service featuring Bishop Yvette Flunder, of City of Refugee Church.

If you were unable to attend, we missed you and hope you will be able to attend our next Conference meeting this fall, November 18 at First UCC, Schuylkill Haven.

