



August 13, 2017



September 15 & 16
@ St. Paul's , Amityville

Friday 6:00—9:00 pm
 Saturday 8:30 am—4:00 pm

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

Reservations are filling up! Learn about this great opportunity and learn how to register at the PSEC Website (psec.org) by clicking on the "Reaching New People" slider at the top of the page.



Request for Intentional Prayer Support for PNEC / PSEC Merger Talks

As we enter into conversation with our Penn Northeast Conference siblings around creating a new conference, we are looking for people who would be willing to enter into an **intentional prayer support** role for the duration of the process. For more information or if you are interested, please be in touch with Barbara Pence, co-chair of the team, at pastorbarb90@gmail.com.

UCC launches Adese Fellowship to mentor, help create enterprises with social and economic value

The United Church of Christ, hoping to help entrepreneurs be the change in the world, is now taking applications for a groundbreaking program that will allow participants to build sustainable businesses that counter systemic poverty.

The Adese Fellowship, with an all-expenses paid 12-month curriculum of self-discovery, theological reflection and business development, will give participants the tools to create enterprises that help their communities, and renew the Church's mission to create a just world for all. Sponsored by the United Church of Christ Church Building & Loan Fund (CB&LF) and the office of Congregational Assessment, Support and Advancement (CASA), the ecumenical program welcomes participants from all traditions.

"The progressive church leads with an important critique of economic injustice, but the church has less to say about faithful economics and the vocation of entrepreneurs who strive to create justice in the marketplace. The Adese Fellowship takes as its starting point the call to critique and creativity," said Daniel Pryfogle, founder of communications firm Signal Hill, and a member of the Adese Fellowship faculty. "This UCC initiative seeks to renew the Church's mission in the marketplace through prophetic enterprise. We want to encourage a denomination-wide conversation about economics that breaks out of the old categories."

Adese is an initiative of the UCC, the program welcomes applications from any faith-driven entrepreneur who is committed to a just world for all.

The on-line application process opened Friday, July 21, with all *applications due by 5 p.m. EDT on September 8*. 15-20 participants, laity and clergy with a passion to engage faith and enterprise, are expected to be chosen by October 1.

For more information on the Adese Fellowship, an outline of the curriculum and the faculty, please visit their website at <http://www.cbllfund.org/adese/>

