

24th Annual Clergy Convocation

Sponsored By Penn Northeast and Pennsylvania Southeast Conferences of the United Church of Christ

May 1-3, 2018

DoubleTree by Hilton

2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602

“The Spiritual Health of Clergy in Times of Dis-Ease “

Guest Speaker

Rev. Wanda D. Craner

**Spiritual Director
Gestalt Pastoral Care Minister
and Trainer**

**Qualifies for:
10 Contact Hours
or 1 CE Unit**

Rev. Wanda D. Craner is an ordained United Church of Christ Minister, Spiritual Director, Gestalt Pastoral Care Minister and Trainer on the faculty of the Ecumenical Non-Profit Ministry: Gestalt Pastoral Care Associates, Inc. (GPCA, Inc.). In January, 2017, Rev. Craner was elected President of the Board of Trustees of GPCA, Inc. She serves in a 4-way Covenant Ministry with the Ursinus Association of the PSEC, Shenkel UCC, Pottstown, and GPCA, Inc.

Rev. Craner recently completed a 19 year ministry on the staff of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ, serving as Minister of Spiritual Nurture, where her ministry focused on prayer, spiritual formation, healing, and worship liturgies. September, 2013 to August 2014, she served as Acting Conference Minister of the PSEC, with a specific call emphasis on healing and reconciliation within the Conference.

Rev. Craner continues to preach, lead workshops and retreats in the United Church of Christ, and in the larger ecumenical faith community. In the Summer of 2015, she was a guest lecturer and preacher at the Bay View Association, Chautauqua Institute in Northern Michigan, leading daily seminars and preaching on the topic of “Healing in the Christian Community.” She has a spiritual direction/Gestalt Pastoral Care practice which focuses on the spiritual formation and spiritual care of clergy and laity.

She graduated magna cum laude from Millersville University (PA), with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology (1975). Upon graduation, she taught science in public school until being called to ministry. She received a Masters of Divinity from Lancaster Theological Seminary (PA) graduating summa cum laude (1986). She also completed Clinical Pastoral Education at Lancaster General Hospital (1986). Rev. Craner completed specialized training in small group spiritual direction at Shalem Institute, Washington D.C. (1991); and individual spiritual direction training at Maria Wald Retreat House, Shillington, PA (1991). She was the recipient of the 2013 Moss Award for Excellence in Specialized Ministry from Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Prior to her work on the PSEC Conference staff she served as Minister of Wholeness on staff at Shenkel United Church of Christ, Pottstown, PA (1987-1997).

Rev. Craner is married to Steven, and they have two teenage daughters.



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Accommodations and Payment of Fees

Double: \$250 by Feb. 28; \$260 after Feb. 28. **Single:** \$375, limited availability, no discount. **Registration Deadline:** March 23. No refunds or cancellations after March 23. \$25 of registration fee is non-refundable. We suggest that pastors pay half and that churches pay the other half in addition to their usual continuing education budget. The balance of the cost for leadership is paid by the Arcadia Endowment and Our Church's Wider Mission.

Scholarships and CEU Credits

Please do not let financial concerns deter you from being a part of Clergy Convocation. If you need help to cover costs, a scholarship fund exists for that purpose. Please complete the scholarship application (which will be linked on each Conference's website under this event) and send to your respective Conference Minister.

- One Continuing Education Unit (CEU) or 10 Contact Hours will be given to those who participate in the entire event.

* Participants may want to bring a bathing suit, golf clubs, tennis equipment, and games for recreation during free time.

Hearts and Minds,
Owned by Byron and Beth Borger, will be displaying and selling books.

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 1

3:00 Registration
3:30 Welcome & Introduction
4:00 Presentation
5:30 Dinner
7:00 Faith Journey—TBD
7:45 Evening Prayer

Wednesday, May 2

7:30 Breakfast
8:30 Meditative Music
9:00 Presentation
10:15 Break
10:30 Faith Journey—TBD
Noon Lunch & Free Time
4:00 Presentation
5:30 Dinner
7:00 Service of Word,
Sacrament, and Healing
Prayer

Thursday, May 3

7:30 Breakfast
8:30 Meditative Music
9:00 Worship
9:45 Presentation &
Concluding Remarks
11:00 Blessing &
Adjournment
12:00 Lunch

* All meals in the Palm Court

** Check out before 12pm

Questions about the event should be directed to: Ms. Barbara Jennings @ 610-826-3113 x 17

Questions about registration should be directed to: Ms. Sue Creswell @ 484-949-8774 X 312