



February 4, 2018

## What Is Happening With The Joint Conference Vision and Development Team ?

The Joint Conference Vision and Development Team is currently working on creating new Vision, Mission and Purpose Statements for a possible new Conference, putting together what a new budget might look like and exploring new staffing structures for a possible new Conference. These are being created from the data received from the surveys, PNE and PSE meetings, staff interviews and current data from both Conferences. These will be presented at a retreat led by the JCVDT for the PNE Board and PSE Consistory in March. Feedback will be received and incorporated and drafts will be presented to the PNEC and PSEC Spring Meetings.

### Committee on Ministry Retreat Day

A retreat for the PNE and PSE Committee on Ministries is scheduled for Saturday, February 24 at Jordan UCC, 1837 Church Rd. Allentown, with fellowship and registration at 9, lunch being served, and ending about 2 pm. We invite all COM members to discuss the new MOM, best practices, guidelines and procedures as well as get to know each other. We also want to talk about what we might change or adapt if we determine to create a new conference for Eastern PA. COM members please RSVP by calling the PNEC office at 610.826.3113 or by emailing Barbara at [barbaraj@pniec.org](mailto:barbaraj@pniec.org) or Patty at [patty@pniec.org](mailto:patty@pniec.org) by Friday, February 16, 2018.

### Healthcare: Education & Action Mission Day

Worship, hear speakers, share your healthcare experiences, be educated on the healthcare system and learn what your congregation can do to organize around healthcare issues. The event will be sponsored by the Joint Conference Vision and Development Team, POWER, and the PSEC Justice and Witness Team. It is open to all churches in Penn Northeast and Pennsylvania Southeast Conferences.

### Healthcare: Education & Action Mission Day (Cont.)

**When:** Feb. 10, 2018

**Time:** 9:00a-12:00p

**Where:** Reformed Church of the Ascension, 1700 W Main. St. Norristown

**Registration:** No pre-registration, just come on Feb. 10

If the event is canceled for snow, it will be announced on the JCVDT Facebook page and will be put on Reformed Church of the Ascension's answering machine: 610.539.1693

### Valentine's Day Match UP

Partner with a church in the PNEC to help build relationships between people, churches and conferences. Share your mission, your hopes, your struggles and walk together in faith. Some ideas for your partnership, share a write up or video of your church with your partner so they can share it in their newsletter, in their bulletin, in worship, on their website. Pray for each other in worship. Do the Joint Conference Vision and Development Lenten Devotional and share your insights. Do a joint mission project. Visit each other's churches. Be creative and have fun with it! Complete the form to join.: Valentine Match Up , which can be found at the link below. Forms are due by Feb. 4. So hurry!!

### Lenten Devotional: "What is Covenant?"

Lent is fast approaching and the Joint Conference Vision and Development Team invite you to join us in using this Lenten Devotional on "What is Covenant?" written by Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, PNE Conference Minister. We invite you to use the devotional with your congregation and then share your insights with us each week. The JCVDT will compile your responses and share them following Lent. The devotional is available by clicking on the [Lenten Devotional](#) at the link below.

**For more information and to continuing following the works of  
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