

Church and Ministry Council

The Church and Ministry Council is composed of representatives from the Committees on Ministry of the five Associations of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference. It is our responsibility to support and coordinate the work of those committees. We offer training and provide a forum for discerning how we can strengthen our churches and our leaders.

In the past twelve months, the dream of developing an Academy for our Members in Discernment is coming to fruition with plans for a weekend event this summer. Diversity training for Authorized Ministers is now being offered twice a year. More opportunities for Boundary Training for our Authorized Ministers are now being offered. A basic Boundary Training continues, with more specific courses available to build upon one's basic understanding. The Conference Ordination Exam Team, in consultation with the Council, has refined its work and consequently been renamed the Path to Ordination Review Team. The changes in timing and focus promise to make this team even more helpful to our Members in Discernment and our Committees on Ministry. The Pastoral Excellence program is expanding to include more of our Authorized Ministers in peer groups that provide support and accountability.

Our conference is fortunate to have such gifted and committed leaders serving on Association Committees on Ministry. And the willingness of those leaders to honor our covenant relationship through the Council is indeed strengthening the churches and the leaders of our Conference.

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