

July 29, 2018

Search and Call Summit

This year's Search and Call Summit, will cover the topic of "Assessing Pastoral Candidates." Learn how to avoid common mistakes made, how to check references, how to be clear on where the church is going, and best practices for interviews. Representatives from all churches currently in the search and call process should attend the workshop.

Workshop: Saturday, August 4th. 9:00—12:00 noon @ Zwingli UCC, Souderton

The event is free to churches in the search process, but you must register so that we can have materials ready. Contact Rev. Sharon Morris (morris@psec.org or 484-949-8774 ext. 302) with any questions.

Register at: psecsearch.eventbrite.com

Advertising Your Church's Events and Classifieds

Are you aware the PSEC website (psec.org) is yet another venue where your church can advertise their events and share positions you are trying to fill?

Simply go to <u>psec.org</u>, place your cursor on "Events & News", and a dropdown will appear. Within the dropdown is "Local Church Events" and "Classified Ads". If you place your cursor over either, a sub tab "Submit" will appear. Simply click on submit, complete the form and your event or classified ad will be entered onto the PSEC website within days.

YOUR Church Could Become A Comfort Center For Those in Need

Comfort Centers are short-term, usually only day-use locations, where community members can go in the event of an emergency. These Centers can serve as places to get information, as charging stations, as places to stay out of extreme heat or cold in the event of power outages, and places to get water and refreshment.

Your congregation is encouraged to become a registered **Comfort Center.** To become a **Comfort Center** your congregation should:

- Designate decision makers and write the process for opening a comfort center
- Alert your local municipal emergency management that the congregation is willing and able to serve as a comfort center
- Inform the Conference Disaster Coordinator that the comfort center is available by contacting Karl Jones at 570-617-4018 or kjones275@comcast.net
- Consider the use of generators. Your local emergency manager might be able to help.
- Decide what staff or volunteers will be responsible for running the comfort center
- Make decisions about capacity based on available space and bathrooms.
- Consider accessibility to public transit
- Consider supplies for children such as diapers, games, space to run around

Have available:

Water

Snacks

Charging stations

Share that the comfort center is open via Facebook or other means.