



Communitas

PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

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PSEC Youth Participate in the UCC Eastern Regional Youth Event

Youth from across New England and the Mid-Atlantic gathered at California University of PA for the UCC Eastern Regional Youth Event July 19-22. The PSEC sent along 50 youth and chaperones for four days of worship, workshops, service-learning, and fellowship. Youth learned and served at the LeMoyné Center, a multicultural community center that provides at-risk children with camp programs, homework help, nutrition, and more. Worship each night focused on the UCC's 3 Great Loves campaign: love of neighbor, love of children, and love of creation.



A plenary speaker and preacher spoke on one of the 3 Great Loves each evening and the Convergence Music Project rounded out worship with songs that helped emphasize the theme scripture from Psalm 101 "My theme song is God's love and justice." The PSEC's own Rev. Kim Kendrick was the theological synthesizer for the event, Rev. Josh Blakesley spoke on his inter-faith work, and Rev. John Folk was on the regional planning team. Youth also chose workshops to attend that focused on a variety of social justice topics and ways to express faith creatively. Of course everyone enjoyed the beautiful Cal U campus and free time activities such as the rock wall, swimming pool, and escape room. If you are interested in the Youth at General Synod program next summer from June 21 to 25 in Milwaukee, WI please contact Rev. Kimberly Berenotto at hkkimberly@sbcglobal.net. Save the date for the National Youth Event in 2020: July 22-25 at Purdue University!

- Rev. Kimberly Berenotto

CWS Kits Still in Need

PSEC Disaster Coordinator, Rev. Karl Jones, noted that the Clean-Up Buckets recently used in local areas of flooding have been replaced. If churches are interested in helping disaster victims, packaging School Kits and Hygiene Kits are good options. To learn more about CWS Kits, what is in them and where to send them, please use the following link: cwskits.org.

Matching grants from UCC are still available and information may be obtained by going to:

ucc.org/disaster_2018_matching_grants_for_cws_kits_home_page



2019 Clergy Compensation Guidelines Now Available 2019 UCC Medical/Dental Benefit Letters to Arrive Soon

The Conference Consistory has approved a 3% salary increase for Conference Compensation Guidelines. To view the 2019 guidelines, go to: psec.org/resources/compensation-guidelines/

Churches that participate in the UCC Medical and Dental Benefits plans will be receiving letters soon with the details of rates for 2019. The following premium rate changes for the 2019 plan year will be:

Non-Medicare Health Plan: 2% increase

Medicare Supplement Plan: 2% increase

Dental Plan: 4% increase

Vision Plan: no change

Life Insurance and Disability Income Plan: no change



Bookkeeping Training

November 3, 2018

@ Calvary UCC, Barto

9:00 am—12:00 noon

WATCH FOR DETAILS