



June 16, 2019

## PSEC Annual Meeting Review

The Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference closed Saturday evening at West Chester University with this parting thought by our guest speaker Brian McLaren, “God is the supreme healer, the supreme friend, the supreme lover, the supreme life-giver who self-empties in gracious love for all. The king of kings and lord of lords is the servant of all and the friend of sinners. The so-called weakness and foolishness of God are greater than the so-called power and wisdom of human regimes.”

Our meeting theme, “On The Road Again”, was born from conversations about the places from which we respond to Christ’s call to share God’s love; places that are daily impacted by changes to church and culture. Jesus is calling us, as he regularly does, to venture out into the world; to leave behind the expectation that the world will come to church; to join in what Brain McLaren calls the Great Spiritual Migration.

So, for this year’s Annual Meeting we let go of workshops and training sessions to embrace what spiritual migration looks like, how to draw inspiration from it and how we might lead it. Rev. Cean James, PSEC Associate Conference Minister for Congregational Vitality and founding pastor of Grace Christian Fellowship preached a powerful word Friday night on the difference between being a tourist and pilgrim on the road with Jesus.

We recognized the significant anniversaries of churches and pastors including that of Rev. Ted Horvath who was ordained 70 years ago! We celebrated the generosity of our congregations who surpassed our OCWM goal for 2018 and have us on the road to do that again this year. We announced that of our \$50,000 pledge to “The Generations of Service Campaign” by the UCC Pension Board to support new and retired clergy, we have received \$45,000 in pledges and contributions.

‘I left with a brain filled with thoughts and a heart filled with joy’ was one person’s expression of their experience. ‘I can’t wait to come back next year.’

- Rev. William P. Worley, PSE Conference Minister

## Helping Hands Wish List

Helping Hands is a humanitarian program that reunites unaccompanied youth from Central America with family that already resides in the USA. Bethany provides them with a safe place to live and grow until they are reunited with their families. They are currently in need of the items listed below, as many of the youth will arrive with just the clothes on their backs. Their ages are from 5 – 14 years. Your support in helping to provide them a brighter future is so appreciated!

### Boys Sizes – Sizes Small and Medium

Socks  
Boxer Shorts  
Jeans (all sizes)  
Sweatpants  
T-Shirts – Solid Colors  
Sneakers (all sizes)  
Church attire and shoes (all sizes)  
Coats  
Sweaters  
Pajamas  
Shorts

Bibles – Spanish Version  
Kids Craft Projects and Kits  
Markers, Crayons, Colored Pencils  
Coloring Books  
Soccer Balls  
Spanish Books  
Games for all ages

Kid Friendly Soap, Shampoo and Conditioner  
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste  
Hairbrushes & Combs

### Girls and Misses—Sizes, x-Small Small and Medium

Socks  
Sports Bras  
Panties  
Jeans (all sizes)  
Shorts  
T-Shirts—solid colors  
Shoes—all sizes  
Sneakers—all sizes  
Pajamas  
Sweat pants  
Church attire and shoes—all sizes  
Coats and Sweaters

Pillows and Pillow Cases  
Twin Blankets  
Fleece Throws  
Blankets  
Bath Towels



**WE KINDLY ASK THAT ALL ITEMS ARE NEW.  
WE CANNOT ACCEPT USED ITEMS. THANK YOU!**

**If you are considering a monetary donation, please make checks payable to “HELPING HANDS”.**