



June 23, 2019

## Great news in PSEC's OCWM report for January-May 2019

Through May 31, the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference has received \$11,000 more in OCWM contributions than we had at this point in 2018. Both years had the same amount of Sundays, same special services, and celebrations through May 31 as the prior year.

Of the 120 churches who pledged to the conference for 2019, 81 are either ahead of schedule on their giving or are right on schedule, 17 churches are behind schedule, and 22 churches have sent no money towards their commitment. There are 3 more churches who have pledged for 2019 over churches who pledged in 2018.

This is wonderful news for the entire PSE Conference as our OCWM funds support scholarships, training, churches and pastors who are searching, workshops and PSEC meetings, just to name a few. Our healthy OCWM status signifies a healthy PSE Conference! Thank you and keep doing the wonderful, outreach you do!



## Rebuild Volunteers Needed In Pennsylvania and Florida

Volunteers are being recruited now to help repair and rebuild homes in the Florida Panhandle and in eastern PA. In Florida, Hurricane Michael caused extensive damage when it made landfall there as a Category 4 storm in October. The storm's heavy rain, high winds, and extreme storm surges caused massive destruction in its path and spawned numerous tornadoes. Work will be in Bay and Washington counties, which suffered significant home, crop and tree damage.

In PA, rebuilding is in process following the flooding in Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Bradford, Lancaster and York counties. The work will be a variety. All skill levels of volunteers are accepted. Groups will be matched up with work that is suitable to their talents.

To volunteer for PA contact Karl Jones: [kjones275@comcast.net](mailto:kjones275@comcast.net). For more info and to volunteer in Florida use the following link: [https://www.ucc.org/disaster\\_recovery\\_florida\\_panhandle](https://www.ucc.org/disaster_recovery_florida_panhandle)

## Cultivating Generous Congregations

August 23-24, 2019

The Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ and Lake Institute on Faith & Giving invite you and your ministry teams to participate in a seminar experience that could change the way you and your congregation approach giving and generosity.

**August 23-24, 2019**

**(Friday: 8:00am – 4:00 pm / Saturday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm)**

**Zwingli UCC, 350 Wile Ave, Souderton**

**Cost: \$350 per church team (4-5 members made up of clergy, lay leaders, administration and/or stewardship committees)**

Cultivating Generous Congregations is a two-day interactive seminar, demonstrating how pastors and ministry leaders can unearth and energize congregational generosity by exploring the significant and necessary steps to creating lasting cultural change within a congregation.

**This course is intended for those who:**

- Believe in their congregation's capacity for greater generosity;
- Have a desire to become more comfortable with money;
- Are willing to redefine giving in your congregation; and
- Understand giving to include service, social networks and the sharing of ideas and professional expertise.

**Register at: <https://psecgenerouscongregations.eventbrite.com>**

### Registration

Registration fee for the seminar is \$350.00 per ministry team which includes, lunch and morning and afternoon snacks, each day, for your entire team. Each attendee must purchase the participant workbook. Space is limited. The deadline to register will be August 8, 2019.