



December 1, 2019

**Deadline to Register is this Thursday, Dec. 5th!**

## Cultivating Generous Congregations

January 24-25, 2020

**January 24-25, 2020****(Friday: 8:00am – 4:00 pm / Saturday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm)****Church of the Good Shepherd, Boyertown****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>**

*" This course really challenged me about changing patterns of giving. Most of the people in my church are over 60, so we've been in business-as-usual mode with our annual pledge drive. Now my stewardship team is talking about a year-round program that highlights belonging, commitment, and the ongoing invitation to support work we really believe in."*

**Recap From Fall Conference Meeting**

Two hundred and twenty-six delegates and visitors attended last Sunday's Fall Conference Meeting at Ursinus College, which is celebrating its 150th Anniversary this year. We honored our historic ties with the college by opening the meeting with a welcome and invocation by College Chaplain Rev. Terri Ofori.

Delegates passed the 2020 spending plan, committed to further exploring the idea of a mobile office platform and created working groups around the issues of climate change and addiction. More than a dozen people signed up to work on each of those initiatives. You can still sign-up too by reaching out to my assistant at [susan@psec.org](mailto:susan@psec.org). We could have used many more hours of conversation time but the energy in the room was enthusiastic and the discernment time we did have helped shape the future momentum of our Conference ministry.

Those who gathered offered \$2167 for the National Youth Event to help send our Conference youth and their adult mentors to UCC NYE this July at Perdue University.

We celebrated the successful arrival at our \$50,000 goal for the Generations of Service Campaign! Pledges and contributions to the campaign continue to arrive and we will welcome yours with deep gratitude if you have yet to make an offering. We also shared the good news that as of Sunday, we are \$16,000 ahead of our OCWM budget (yeah!) and pray we will end the year much further ahead than that. Delegates also made an offering of their 2020 OCWM pledges (which as of this message were still being tallied).

Great things are happening all around our Conference in congregations and communities filled with generous and faithful people like you who are determined to be a unified portion of the Body of Christ moving in a collaborative direction to effect for God and for good the lives of the people living in the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference... the finest of the 38 Conferences of the United Church of Christ!

- Bill

Rev. William P. Worley, PSE Conference Minister