

Clergy Convocation 2020

with

Rev. Dr. Emily C. Heath

May 5-7, 2020

DoubleTree by Hilton

2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602

Qualifies for:
10 Contact Hours

Register at: <https://convocation2020.eventbrite.com>

The youngest child of a career government officer, Heath was born in Virginia and primarily grew up there and in Winter Park, Florida. After growing up in a "spiritual but not religious" family, Heath was baptized as the age of 17.

In college at Emory University, Heath majored in religion and English in addition to serving as the first openly LGBTQ member of student government, and as the head of the schools LGBTQ student alliance.

After college Heath attended Columbia Theological Seminary, earning both a Master of Divinity and a Master of Theology (in Reformed Theology). Heath was ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and initially served as a chaplain specializing in trauma.

It was only after several years as a PhD student that Heath realized that they were running away from God's call to the parish. Leaving the Presbyterian Church over issues of LGBTQ inclusion, Heath's ordination was transferred to the United Church of Christ.

Following an initial pastorate in Vermont, Heath is now the senior pastor of the Congregational Church in Exeter, NH, as well as an active writer whose work has been featured in the Christian Century, the Still Speaking Daily Devotionals, Day 1, and more. Heath's first book, *Glorify: Reclaiming the Heart of Progressive Christianity*, was published by Pilgrim Press in the spring of 2016. Their most recent book is *Courageous Faith: How to Rise and Resist in a Time of Fear*. Heath lives in Exeter with their wife, the Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath.



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Accommodations and Payment of Fees: **Double:** \$300 by Feb. 28; \$310 after Feb. 28. **Single:** \$410 limited availability, no discount. **Registration Deadline:** April 1. No refunds or cancellations after March 24. \$25 of registration fee is non-refundable. We suggest that pastors pay half and that churches pay the other half in addition to their usual continuing education budget. The balance of the cost for leadership is paid by the Arcadia Endowment and Our Church's Wider Mission.

Scholarships : Please do not let financial concerns deter you from being a part of Clergy Convocation. If you need help to cover costs, a scholarship fund exists for that purpose. Please complete the scholarship application (which will be linked on each Conference's website under this event) and send to your respective Conference Minister.

CEU Credits: - One Continuing Education Unit (CEU) or 10 Contact Hours will be given to those who participate in the entire event.

* Participants may want to bring a bathing suit, golf clubs, tennis equipment, and games for recreation during free time.

Hearts and Minds,
Owned by Byron and Beth Borger, will be displaying and selling books.
<https://www.heartsandmindsbooks.com/>

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 5

3:00 Registration
3:30 Welcome & Introduction
4:00 Presentation +
5:20 Book Review -
5:30 Dinner
7:00 Faith Journey
7:45 Evening Prayer

+ **Rev. Emily Heath** will lead each presentation and be the preacher at the Wednesday evening Service of Word.

- **Byron Borger** will lead each Book Review

* **All meals in the Palm Court**

Wednesday, May 6

7:30 Breakfast
8:30 Meditative Music
9:00 Presentation +
10:15 Break
10:30 Book Review -
10:40 Faith Journey
Noon Lunch & Free Time
4:00 Book Review -
4:10 Conversation w/ **Rev. Emily Heath**
5:30 Dinner
7:00 Service of Word, Sacrament, and Healing Prayer +
8:30 Social Gathering

Thursday, May 7

7:30 Breakfast
8:30 Meditative Music
9:00 Worship, Healing & Anointing
9:35 Book Review -
9:45 Q&A w Conf. Ministers
10:30 Presentation & Concluding Remarks +
11:30 Blessing & Adjournment
12:00 Lunch

** **Check out before 12pm**

Questions about the event should be directed to: Ms. Sue Creswell @ 484-949-8774 X 312