



December 15, 2019

*Faith Based***LGBTQIA + CULTURAL COMPETENCY Training****Saturday, January 11th****9:00 am—12:00 pm****@ Boehm's United Church of Christ**

(571 Penllyn-Blue Bell Pike, Blue Bell)



The Montgomery County LGBT Business Council and Boehm's United Church of Christ present this training for people of faith to promote safe, competent, and supportive care and welcoming environments for LGBTQIA people.

Todd Snovel, Executive Director of Gov. Tom Wolf's PA Commission of LGBTQ Affairs will facilitate.

Training goals and objectives:

- Explore personal values regarding LGBTQIA+ people
- Identify issues of risk, challenges and strengths specific to LGBTQIA+ individuals and their families
- Increase competence in discussing sexual orientation and gender identity
- Identify affirmative interventions and community resources for LGBTQIA+ individuals and their families.

**Register at:** <http://bit.ly/interfaithlgbtqtraining>

A \$5 donation is requested to help cover the cost of materials and refreshments.

## The Christmas Fund

*One of our 5 for 5 Offerings*

***"The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome it"***

Our joy at Christmas is a response to God's promise of new life through the birth of Jesus. It is a joy we are called to share widely, through our witness and gifts, both to loved ones and to distant neighbors.



*"It wasn't easy picking up the telephone to share with you my present situation. In fact, it was one of the most humiliating experiences of my life although it reminded me that grace still happens. Sometimes we as clergy persons lose sight of God's grace when the negative stuff comes into our lives."*

*"...thanks so much for sharing your time and ministry with me. Your most gracious gift is appreciated more than words can say as I continue to live in the meantime."*

These eloquent words are from a pastor who is the recipient of the caring and concern of those who contribute to the Christmas Fund Offering.

You have the opportunity to be a part of this ministry that cares for the active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ through your participation in this year's Christmas Fund Offering. Your gift to the Christmas Fund will not only assist pastors like the one above, but also provide for the Supplementation of Small Annuities, Supplementation of Health Premiums, Emergency Grants, and Christmas "Thank You" Gift Checks next December to lower-income retirees.

Your gifts are needed more than ever to help the growing number of retirees whose low-income annuities make it difficult to meet increasing living costs. This is your opportunity to participate in God's promise of renewal by enabling this ministry of compassion and care.