



March 8, 2020

## 2020 PSEC Annual Spring Meeting - **REGISTER NOW!**

### Deepening Our Journey Deepening Our Connection *Scripture: John 4: 1-42*



You are invited !

Thursday, June 4—Saturday, June 6, 2020

@ The Inn at Reading

1040 Park Road, Wyomissing, PA 19610

**Friday**—We are excited to announce that **Sister Simone Campbell** will join us on Friday for training workshops and our opening Worship service. Sister Simone Campbell is the Executive Director of NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice. Simone Campbell wrote the famous “Nuns’ Letter,” considered by many as critically important in convincing Congress to support the Affordable Care Act in 2010, and is the author of “A Nun on the Bus: How All of Us Can Create Hope, Change, and Community”.

**Friday eve** we will celebrate Anniversary Churches and enjoy our opening worship.

**Saturday**—We will do the work of the conference, highlight Anniversary Pastors and learn from workshops in the afternoon.

**For information on workshops and more information on our Annual Meeting go to:** <https://psec.org/annual-meeting-2020/>

Register at: <https://psecannual20.eventbrite.com>

Registration CLOSING May 3rd !

## Rev. Sharon Morris, former Associate Conference Minister for PSEC says... “Goodbye”!

Good-byes are hard! Especially when you have loved the people you work with and for and when you love the work you do. I have loved getting to know the many people that make up the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference!!! Thank you for all the ministry you do in your churches and in your communities. Your ministry touches the lives of people who have never heard of Jesus Christ or the love that God has for them.

There are no words to express all the emotions that I am feeling this week. I wish there were. I have been so blessed by this work as your Associate Conference Minister. I never in my wildest dreams ever thought I could do this work. God has a great sense of humor of that I am sure. From leaping off a tall building to support Bethany Children’s Home to getting caught in a snowstorm trying to get to a meeting with PA SE Conference and PA NE Conference. (THANK you, Bill for rescuing me!!!) I must say, getting caught in that snowstorm in an unfamiliar place was the scariest experience of my life. It was much scarier than leaping off a building.

I want to thank the Conference for a wonderful celebration on Sunday, February 23! It was a great day and thank everyone for your kind words and for all the cards and emails that I have received. Thank you!

My last words as your ACM are these: BE THE CHURCH! Be willing to risk and follow the path that God is calling you to walk! Do not fear because God will provide you all that you need. This will require you to have courage, perseverance and patience. It will call you to go outside your comfort zone. I challenge you to discern and if necessary close your ministry and look for another congregation that you can enhance with your presence and gifts! The church is not dying!!! Our faith is in jeopardy! We have become much too comfortable in our buildings and in the way we do things that God is unable to call us to a new thing! God is going to lead us into a new promised land! Trust God and all will be well!

Again, thank you for all that you do, and I look forward to seeing all of you as I continue to be a pastor in the PSEC.

Blessings and THANK YOU!

Sharon

Rev. Sharon Morris, former Associate Conference Minister for Search & Call for the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference