



December 6, 2020

A very UCC Christmas

The staff of the national setting is working on a Christmas Pageant and full worship service coming for Local Churches to use as worship for on or around December 27th, or as piece meal. Each piece will be downloadable as a video file from the national setting, with more details released in marketing before November 20th.

In the meantime, as congregations are planning for Advent and Christmas, please know that the following components are coming for your use in worship through Advent and beyond:

10 Digital Hymns as Music Videos:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (with John 1: 1-5)

In the Bleak Midwinter (with Luke 2: 1-5)

Star of Country Down (with Luke 1: 46-56)

Away In a Manger /Santo Santo Santo

O Come All Ye Faithful

Each Winter as the Year Grows Older - v 1& 3

Jesus, Jesus, What a Wonderful Child

Angels We Have Heard on High

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Silent Night

Go Tell it on the Mountain



A "Lessons and Carols" Pageant service (including some of the above.)

A fully produced UCC Movie: "A Very UCC Christmas: 2020" with four scenes and music tracks as above.

Scene 1: The Board Room Brainstorming Scene 2: Finance Committee Transformations Scene 3: Faith Formation Finds Volunteers Scene 4: Lessons and Carols

The Lessons and Carols will be streamed on Christmas Eve for all on Facebook and Youtube as Thursdays for the Soul. 3:30pm ET.

The Full Movie "A Very UCC Christmas: 2020" will be streamed on our platforms (Youtube and Facebook) on December 27th, 10am ET.

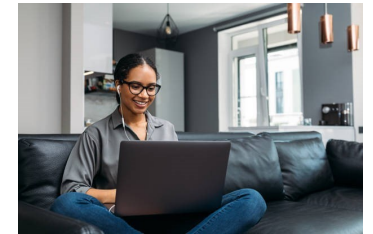
Recording of PSEC Fall Meeting

If you were unable to attend the 2020 PSEC Fall Meeting, the video recording is not available. You can view it online at: [youtu.be/ MKUbwnRILc](https://youtu.be/MKUbwnRILc).



Next Computer-Side Chat on Shared Ministry Models

The December Computer Side Chat will be a conversation about Shared Ministries. We have several congregations in our Conference and throughout the denomination that have made a shift from a full-time pastor to a part time pastor. Sometimes those congregations partner with another congregation who made the same shift. The pastor is then full-time serving two congregations.



For a variety of reasons congregations that reach a certain number of members are hesitant to consider merging with another congregation. One of the solutions I have seen is that of SHARING ministry with another congregation. Sometimes it is only sharing one pastor who serves two congregations and sometimes it is an actual sharing of not only a pastor but a sharing of ministry while maintaining two locations.

If you are interested and your congregation is considering this possibility or if you are just curious in the conversation, please join Rev. Dr. Susan Minasian on Dec. 8 (This Tuesday) at 7:00pm for an hour of conversation about Shared Ministries. For the link to join or info to phone in, email brea@psec.org.