



September 12, 2021

Computer-side Chat: Bivocational Ministry!

Bivocational ministry! Come and hear what it is and what it isn't. Bivocational ministry has been around as long as the church has been in existence. The early disciples were tent makers and involved in a vocation of ministry that extended beyond what people think is a church vocation.



Come and engage in a conversation with our very own Tammie Wisniewski and hear how she is not only serving on Conference Staff, but also pastors a congregation and works in an accounting office. ALL of that is her vocational/ministerial life.

Join us **Tuesday Sept. 14, 7-8 pm**. Email brea@psec.org to receive the Zoom link.

October we will be talking with a pastor who is engaged in ministry with two congregations in a SHARED MINISTRY.

November we will be talking with a pastor who is engaged in a ministry with two congregations who are SHARING a MINISTER.

Hope to see you on these Computer Side Chat Zooms.

Rev. Dr. Susan Minasian

Interim Associate Conference Minister

2022 PSEC Compensation Guidelines Available Now

The Conference Consistory has approved a 3% salary increase for Conference Compensation Guidelines. To view the 2022 guidelines, go to the PSEC website (psec.org) and search *2022 Compensation Guidelines*.

The 2022 Pension Board Medical rates for 2022 will increase 5% . Dental and Vision plans will not increase for 2022.

From the Conference Minister:

In response to the July 27 CDC Recommendation, and the current rate of COVID transmission in the PA southeast region, I recommend that all persons wear face masks at all times for all gatherings in our local church buildings. As we have for the last eighteen months, we ask our churches to carry on with an abundance of caution. All indoor Conference meetings will require attendees to mask unless we can verify a 100% vaccination rate for those in attendance. We recommend that Associations follow this same protocol. We will monitor the CDC communications closely to determine if this recommendation needs to be modified and will apprise you immediately.

Be safe, please.

With God's Blessings,

Pastor Bill

Rev. Bill Worley, Conference Minister

From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce: Seeing Christ in the addict

Sometimes I realize when I look out at the world, I find myself judging others by their outer appearances and mannerisms, and I have to remind myself that's not what Jesus taught us. As a human that fails, I'll find I do it again and the reminder process starts anew.

This made me think – Do I see Christ in the addict? We see the mess, the unmanageability, the abrasive or maybe even reclusive nature, the failed relationships, lost jobs... I've been there personally! But do we ever see Christ?

An addict is still a person made of flesh and blood, given a soul by our Creator, breathing, alive. More than that, they are worthy of compassion and empathy. But do we ever see Christ inside all of that?

We are all created in the image of God. Christ told us "Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ... And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

Christ embodied that faith, hope and love from our Heavenly Father, and he gave it freely to 'the least of these'!

It's time we see beyond the human and into the divine. We need to see Christ in the addict.

For help in understanding, starting the journey, or just someone to talk to, please see the PSEC website (psec.org) and click on the *Addiction & Recovery Resources*, scrolling picture.