



February 20, 2022

SAVE THESE DATES
PSEC SPRING ANNUAL MEETING
June 2-4, 2022
West Chester University

“Living the Jesus Life—Contemplatives in Action” is the theme of this year’s Annual Spring Conference meeting. We intent to meet in person for a time of soulful recovery and revival amid the exhaustion created by the pandemic and the new realities to which we’ve had to adapt. Spiritual practices (prayer, meditation, scripture study) and active living (ministering to the needs of our communities) unite us for a weekend of living together the Jesus life.

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Trauma Training—Saturday, February 26th

PSEC, in partnership with Lakeside Global Institute, offer two excellent trainings in one day, on how to deal with trauma (see detailed descriptions below). One in the morning and one in the afternoon, both via zoom.

The cost for both is \$30.00.

Registration is limited to 100 individuals.

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

TRAUMA 101 9:00—11:00 am
An Overview of Trauma—Informed Care

TRAUMA 102 12:00—2:00 pm
Basic Skills of Trauma-Informed Care

Thank You!

**From Our Interim Associate Conference Minister
 for Search & Call**

When I arrived on February 22, 2020, I had no idea what was ahead. I was responding to a new call in a new ministry. AND THEN...the pandemics that infected our bodies and society left no part of the world untouched. I had no idea we would experience a major shift. What seemed familiar continued to be God’s everlasting presence and love through it all.

When a pastor ends an authorized ministry, we share a Service of Farewell and recognize the end with a shared liturgy that speaks to a moment in time. While we are not together, I offer these words with the deepest gratitude of my heart...

“I thank the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last 2 years. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the moments when my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.” I am truly grateful.

I have enjoyed my time with Rev. Kevin McLemore. Your new Associate Conference Minister is such a gift! The Search Committee did a wonderful job in their discernment for you to call Rev. McLemore. He has a wonderful sense of humor, a love for the church and I believe he is indeed called to this ministry.

This past Sunday, the Gospel of Luke was the story of Jesus telling those professionals who fish for a living, to move their nets. The place where they were placing those nets just weren’t bringing in the fish. While they may have doubted the suggestion, they did it anyway. They let down their nets in a new place and in risking a new thing, a miracle happened. For me, the most meaningful words in this portion of the text, is when Jesus told Simon, “Do not be afraid!”

As you all move into this next chapter together, move forward with gratitude, love, courage, justice, peace and joy. When we are grateful, transitions into the future are not full of fear but of great anticipation of God’s movement into a new season. Remember, this journey is a spiritual practice every day.

I am grateful and am celebrating with you. The Gospel is calling us into our new seasons! Thanks be to God!

Blessings and Peace,
 Susan
 Rev. Dr. Susan Minasian