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## Better Together - Exploring Enhanced Church Ministry Through Merger

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Many churches in our covid informed society are exploring the best way to maintain their ministry during a time of decline. Several churches in this season have found merging with another congregation to be a life giving decision that energizes both congregations and produces a new ministry that is equipped for the church of today and tomorrow. Merging churches is not an easy decision or an easy process, but when done well many congregations have discovered that they are better together. This workshop is for church leaders who are anywhere in the process of discerning church merger.



### There are TWO options to attend this training:

April 29th—IN PERSON @ St. James UCC, Limerick

May 6—VIA ZOOM

Both trainings are from 9:00 am—12:00 noon.

To register for either event, go to [psec.org](http://psec.org) and click on the “Events & News” tab and then click the calendar. Click the date of the training you would like to attend and you will find more information and the link to register.

*There is no fee for these trainings thanks to your OCWM donations.*

## Focus on Earth Day: April 22

“Communitas” is defined as the very spirit of community. It is described as “the feeling of great social equality, solidarity, and togetherness. Communitas has a sacred component which is acquired during rites of passages, through the changing of positions” (Wikipedia)

The very name of this publication defines the purpose of the Climate Justice Team of PSEC. We seek for all creation to live together in sacred harmony. During this rite of passage for humanity and all creation in our changing climate we seek justice and guidance from God.

Your Climate Justice Team invites you to focus on **Earth Day this year: April 22, 2023.**

Currently we are preparing a video about the climate justice issues in places like Eastwick; awarding “green grants” to churches seeking to advance their climate activities; and providing a roundtable at annual meeting in June for churches that want to establish sustainability committees.



A wealth of information is available at [ucc.org](http://ucc.org)—search “Creation Justice.”

We invite you to join the PSEC Climate Justice Team by contacting one of our members: Marion Shearer <[uccrev77@gmail.com](mailto:uccrev77@gmail.com)>, Barbara Pence <[pastorbarb90@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbarb90@gmail.com)>, Liz Brunton <[lizbrunton2462@gmail.com](mailto:lizbrunton2462@gmail.com)>, Karl Jones <[kjones275@comcast.net](mailto:kjones275@comcast.net)>, Zack Jackson <[zachus@gmail.com](mailto:zachus@gmail.com)>, John Steitz <[revsteitz@gmail.com](mailto:revsteitz@gmail.com)>, Austin Chinault <[chinaulta9@gmail.com](mailto:chinaulta9@gmail.com)>

Come and join the passage to the New Day of Creation!



## PSEC Church Has Openings For Their Service Trip

St. James Havertown is going on a service trip to FL from June 24<sup>th</sup> to July 1st. We have 7 people who have committed to the trip and have room for another 4 or 5. if anyone wants more information reach out to their Pastor, Rev. Terri McNamara [tmcnamara1@msn.com](mailto:tmcnamara1@msn.com). Please make sure you put **FL service trip** in the subject line so your email doesn't go into her spam folder.