



April 23, 2023

## Lay Leadership Support Group Via Zoom!

A Lay Leadership Support Group exists for Consistory Presidents as well as those serving on Consistory. We gather once a month on Zoom – so please join us at our next meeting May 13th at 10:00 am.



We have found it to be a great place to form new friendships, to gain support, and to be educated on a variety of topics concerning our churches. The discussions are centered around sharing valuable information about what our churches are doing or maybe could be doing. This meeting will be online to make ease of attendance for all!

All past attendees will automatically receive an email with the zoom link the Thursday, prior to the meeting. If you are new to the group, please reach out to Susan at the PSEC office at [susan@psec.org](mailto:susan@psec.org) to be added to the list.



## Better Together - Exploring Enhanced Church Ministry Through Merger

Facilitator: Rev. Cean James

### 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.

Now that our Easter celebrations have ended,  
it is time to plan for ...

## The — PSEC ANNUAL MEETING 2023 Pennsylvania Southeast Conference



Friday, June 2—Saturday, June 3

@ West Chester University

110 W. Rosedale Ave.

West Chester, PA

Go to [psec.org](http://psec.org) and click on the Annual Meeting Information slider for information and a link to registration!

**All churches can register all clergy, 2 delegates and 1 youth delegate. Churches over 800 in membership , can register 3 delegates and 1 youth delegate. Don't miss having your church represented!**

With the future of the church being anything but status quo, we find ourselves in a wilderness experience struggling to navigate the harsh realities and uncertainties of what lies ahead. The Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ invites you to enter into a time of oasis, where you can take in a deep breath, commune with the Spirit of Christ, find renewal, and know that you are not alone in the struggle. We invite you to open to the Spirit's leading as we explore together the life-giving seeds of possibilities within the wilderness experience, and re-imagine what it means to be the Body of Christ in this place and time. That reimagining includes building partnerships between local churches who share resources (including pastors), merge ministries, and connect with community partners. Representatives from congregations around our conference will share how this has been life giving for them and how they overcame longtime resistance to making it happen. Similarly, representatives of the Keystone Study Group will share their conversations about creating partnerships between and among our four PA Conference that may lead to a four Conference merger.

**Register Today!!**