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Ministry Report for 2024 Spring Meeting

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CONFERENCE STATISTICS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Congregations: **150**

Total membership: **31,391** (down from 33,561 as of 12/31/22)

Average Sunday attendance: **7,299** (up from 6,923 in 2022)

MEMBERS IN DISCERNMENT

Covenant:

Crystal Angstadt

North Penn:

Alisa Unell

Philadelphia:

Chanel Alexander

Jamie Knight Johnson

Heather Ohaneson

William J. Scott III

Max Staley

Schuylkill:

Ray Riegel

Ursinus:

Kimberly Cornwell

ANNUAL PASTORAL ACTIVITY (MAY 2023-APRIL 2024)

ORDINATIONS

Glenn Rarick was ordained at St. John's United Church of Christ, Tamaqua, July 30, 2023

Caroline Bashore was ordained at Zion Blue Mountain United Church of Christ, Bernville, March 17, 2024

INSTALLATIONS

James Mills Sr. was installed as Pastor of Wentz's United Church of Christ, Worcester, September 9, 2023

Darryl Cruz was installed as Pastor of Ridge Valley United Church of Christ, Sellersville, October 22, 2023

Barbara Pence was installed as Pastor of St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, Perkasio, November 5, 2023

Kimberly Stryjak was installed as Pastor of St. Peter's/Wilshire UCC, Reading, December 10, 2023

Patrick Morris was installed as Pastor of Zion Blue Mountain United Church of Christ, Bernville, April 24, 2024

STANDING ENDED

Elaine Boyers' standing was suspended by the Schuylkill Association on January 17, 2024

ORDAINED MINISTERS ENJOYING EXEMPT STANDING

Covenant:

Jon Fogle

Hartford Inlow II

David Lawton

Charles Nease Jr.

North Penn:

None

Philadelphia:

Maryliz Clark

Maurine Doggett

Valerie Emerson

Richard Fernandez

Joseph Irwin Jr.

Samuel Matthews

Franklin Pennington Jr.

Robert Polk

Lyman Thompson

Schuylkill:

None

Ursinus:

Richard Adinolfi

David Luz

Bonnie Moore

Jacqueline Turnbach

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LAY MINISTERIAL STANDING

Joshua Nemeth was granted Lay Ministerial Standing to serve Christ UCC, Barnesville, St. Peter's UCC, Barnesville, and Faith UCC, Delano, February 9, 2023

Edith Calvert was granted Lay Ministerial Standing to serve Boehm's UCC, Blue Bell, July 12, 2022

Peter Detterline was granted Lay Ministerial Standing to serve St. Peter UCC, Knauertown, July 7, 2022

Ray Riegel was granted Lay Ministerial Standing to serve Trinity UCC, Shenandoah, April 27, 2022

Heather Ohaneson was granted Lay Ministerial Standing to serve Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church, Havertown, February 10, 2022

Crystal Angstadt was granted Lay Ministerial Standing to serve Christ DeLong UCC, Bowers, and St. Peter's UCC, Tipton, October 19, 2021

Michele Schenk was granted Lay Ministerial Standing to serve United Christian, Levittown, March 11, 2021

Jennie Strauch was granted Lay Ministerial Standing to serve St. John's UCC, St. Clair, November 18, 2020

PASTORS RETIRED SINCE MAY 2023

Rev. Austin Chinault II

Rev. Debbie Derby

Rev. David Ellis

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Laurence G. Horn died on May 4, 2023 at the age of 94.

Rev. Wanda Craner died on June 1, 2023 at the age of 69.

Rev. Dr. Peter B. Doghramji died on June 14, 2023 at the age of 93.

Rev. Dr. William A. Alexander died on September 23, 2023 at the age of 79.

Rev. Cheryl A. Stoneback died on December 25, 2023 at the age of 78.

Rev. Leandro Y. Gonzalez died on February 10, 2024 at the age of 89.

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ANNUAL CONGREGATION ACTIVITY (APRIL 2023-APRIL 2024)

CHURCH CLOSURES

None

MERGED CONGREGATIONS

None

NEW CONGREGATION

None

PASTORS CELEBRATING ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES IN 2024

70 Years:	40 Years:	20 Years:
Harry A. Shuster Jr.	Michael A. Baal	Joshua G. Blakesley
65 Years:	Laurence N. Bakalian	Amelie M. Castillo
Martha B. Kriebel	Deborah Rahn Clemens	Frances H. Chester
William D. Smith	Dale Davis Jr.	Rebecca J. P. Hoover
Lyman H. Thompson	Gene F. Jerge	Stephanie Templin-Ashford
60 Years:	35 Years:	15 Years:
Richard R. Fernandez	Thomas S. Adil	Kathryn Aikins
Merlin N. Getz	Hilary J. Barrett	Leslie Mamas
Edward S. Gobrecht	John W. Davies	Les Milliner
50 Years:	Jon A. Fogle	10 Years:
John S. Dawson	Ruth A. Sheets	Ann Bolek
Hartford C. Inlow II	30 Years:	Eric Confer Martens
Karl W. Jones Jr.	Susan M. Hanson	Ronald Hughes
John C. McBride	William P. Worley	Linda L. Kozlowski
45 Years:	25 Years:	David Reppert
Maryliz M. Clark	Raymond J. Jachowski	Mark L. Stryjak
Valerie T. Emerson	James L. Mills	Stephanie L. Wooten
Elmer B. Reinhold Jr.	Sharon S. Morris	5 Years:
Nancy L. Schongalla	Barbara E. Pence	Lauren Cain
Chandra S. Soans	Nicholas L. Pence Jr.	Margaret Ernst
Robert A. Stewart		Roshan Soans
Antonio L. Villareal		Kendrick Sullivan

CHURCHES CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN 2023 (Increments of 25 years)

150 Years:	125 Years:
Christ UCC, Hegin	Trinity UCC, Telford
Immanuel UCC, Shillington	
Trinity UCC, Shenandoah	

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