



January 19, 2025

## Racial Justice Book Club Beginning Tuesday!

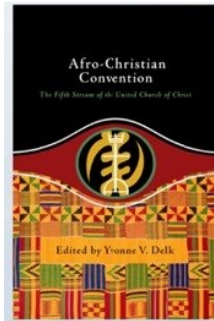
The Zachariah Walker Racial Justice Initiative is hosting an Epiphany Book Club, facilitated by Rev. Cean James and Rev. Dr. Steve Ohnsman. The club will look at *Afro-Christian Convention: The Fifth Stream of the United Church of Christ*, Yvonne V. Delk ed.

If you're interested in joining, purchase the book, register, and read the book's introduction.

Laypersons are welcome to join the book study.

This free book club will meet Jan. 21 through Feb.

25 from 1:00-2:00p on Tuesdays. For more info and to register, go to psec.org, click on the News & Events tab, click on the calendar and the event on January 21st.



## 300th Anniversary of the US German Reformed Church

This year we will celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the German Reformed Church in the United States which began with the first communion at Faulkner Swamp, October 15, 1725. This celebration of our immigrant heritage is particularly meaningful and instructive given the current conversations about immigration happening around the nation.

A 300th Anniversary Committee of representatives from all four Pennsylvania UCC Conferences has begun the work of planning a series of events and worship celebrations to mark the occasion. They include (among other things) quarterly presentations of German Reformed History, a liturgy for congregations to share on the morning of Sunday, October 12 and a Festival of Celebration on Wednesday, October 15.

A history strong in its roots and its capacity to evolve within God's unfolding creation leads us into an uncertain future by God's certain presence. This is something to celebrate! Please watch eNews for more details will be forthcoming.

## Buckets and Kits Needed by Church World Service

Exciting News! CWS is rolling out refreshed and updated kits for 2025, designed to better serve those in need.



There is a tremendous need for Church World Service buckets and kits. And – CWS has made it easier and cheaper for churches to put these kits and buckets together. You can see the **revised** list of contents at <https://cwskits.org/assemble-kits/>.

And the national setting of the United Church of Christ will help you afford it. PSEC congregations assembling CWS Kits are eligible for a \$250 Match Grant.

### The priority right now is for Emergency Cleanup Buckets.

**Important:** It is important that you send the processing fees to CWS before dropping off your kits/buckets. These fees are \$2.00 each for kits and \$3.00 each for buckets. Please bring your receipts when you drop off your kits/buckets. Thanks.

**For drop locations within PSEC,** go to psec.org and search “drop locations buckets.”

Take your pictures and record your stories and send them to [kjones275@comcast.net](mailto:kjones275@comcast.net), so we can inspire others with your story.



## IRS Mileage reimbursement rates for 2025

Beginning on January 1, 2025, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 70 cents per mile driven for business use, up 3 cents from 2024.
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.