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PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

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Lay Leadership Support Group

The Lay Leadership Support Group, open to all church leaders is a group that gathers once a month on the fourth Saturday via Zoom – **so please join them at their next meeting on**



May 24th from 10:00 - 11:00am !

This group has found this time 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! New attendees welcome!!

For the zoom link go to psec.org, click on the Events & News tab, click on the Calendar and click on the Lay Leadership Support Group on May 24th.



PSEC Spring Annual Meeting

May 31, 2025

9:00 am—4:30 pm

@ Zwingli UCC, Souderton



ARE YOUR CLERGY AND CHURCH DELEGATES REGISTERED?

Registration closes on May 19th for in person registration with lunch.

Register by going to psec.org and click on the 2025 PSEC SPRING MEETING slider at the top of the page!

From the Associate Conference Minister for Search & Call:

For those who have attended Association meetings in the past few weeks, your Conference staff has shared a few quick points about the current and future state of Search and Call, which is where I focus most of my time and energy. Your church may not be in midst of the search and call process, but the truth is that every church will one day reengage with the work of looking for a new pastor. Most of you know that there are challenges right now in this area of the church, as fewer people are answering the call to serve the church as an authorized minister. We're all called to ministry of some sort in our local settings, but some are called to serve the church as pastors and teachers in the local church or in other settings, like hospitals (Ephesians 4:11-12). I don't think God has stopped issuing a call to persons to serve as pastors in our churches, but perhaps it's easier to resist the call in these trying times. That topic would be for another article on another day.

Nonetheless, what I am sure about is that the future Keystone Conference is committed to prioritizing helping our churches find pastors. However imperfectly the PSE Conference does this work, it has always been a high priority, and that will continue in the Keystone Conference. Led by the Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, Conference Minister of the Penn Central Conference, a task force has been assembled to think of a new model around search and call, but there is absolute unanimity that it must be one of the highest priorities of our new Conference. When I arrived in the Conference in February 2022, I don't think I would have predicted how amazed I would become by the ways that God finds the right person for a church, almost every time. That calling to work with God in helping churches find the person they need for these times will continue – and I am grateful, always grateful for the faithfulness of God, every day and with every church.

Rev. Kevin McLemore
Associate Conference Minister for Search & Call