

Penn Northeast Conference

Ministry Team Highlights

Name of Ministry Team: _Congregational Vitality Team__

Purpose of Team:

The PNEC Congregational Vitality Team's purpose is to provide education, resources and encouragement for congregations, ministers and laity to move toward congregational vitality.

We do this by:

- Identifying and addressing the fears of change within the church and community
- Equipping congregations with essential resources for development
- Examining the practices and procedures which impact their vitality and growth
- Helping congregations imagine a new future
- Assisting congregations with assessments of their strengths for growth and vitality
- Determining the faithful response to our current reality

Describe how this Ministry Team aligns with the vision, mission, and goals of the Penn Northeast Conference and the United Church of Christ:

The vision, mission and goals of PNEC require us to nurture and support the work of local congregations as they are about the work of the church. Our goals are to strengthen and build the capacity of the local church. The 2018 goals are:

1. During 2018, engage 10% of our congregations in vitality assessment.
2. During 2018-2019, have 10 churches participate in our Vitality Days training, with coaching follow-up.
3. Create a reading and resource list for use by the team and the congregations.
4. In 2018, the team will complete COACH training.

Describe how people can become engaged in this work of this Ministry Team

Interested individuals should contact the PNEC office. Individuals need to be passionate about the vitality of the church and willing to support local congregations in their work. Team members also need to complete a 2-day COACH training.