

PENN NORTHEAST CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
OVERSIGHT WORKING GROUP

Purpose of Oversight Working Group:

To oversee individuals serving in a ministerial capacity as Authorized Ministers in Penn Northeast Conference.

The Oversight Working Group is aligned with the vision, mission and goals of PNEC and the UCC:

Primarily the working group aligns with the vision, mission and goals by adopting and following the Manual on Ministry recommended by the Ministerial Excellence, Support & Authorization Team of the United Church of Christ.

One of the key responsibilities of this working group is to monitor adherence to the requirements to maintain standing as an authorized minister in the conference/UCC. These requirements include continuing education requirements and reporting requirements on the Professional Portfolio Information Form, submitted annually. The Oversight Working Group also conducts entrance and exit interviews with authorized ministers who are in transition.

The Conference Minister or Chair of the Oversight Working Group can receive concerns about the ministerial performance of Authorized Ministers.

Opportunities to engage in the ministry of the Oversight Working Group include:

Members of this Team as nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee and elected at an annual conference meeting. If someone is interested in serving between conference meetings, they should indicate interest to the Nominating Committee, conference minister or a member of the Oversight Working Group. The Oversight Working Group may appoint an individual to serve in the intervening months and the individual will be placed on the Nominating Committee report to the conference meeting to have their appointment affirmed at the next conference meeting.

The Oversight Working Group currently meets on the second Tuesday of each month usually from 9am to noon.

There are additional ways an individual may serve the work of this team:

- Individuals may volunteer to be trained as a member of the Response Team which is concerned with gathering information for special situations involving Authorized Ministers.
- Individuals may volunteer to serve as a peer mentor and/or collegial partner for an Authorized Minister.