

## **Penn Northeast Conference Spiritual Development Ministry Team**

### **Purpose of Team:**

The PNEC Spiritual Development Ministry team purpose is twofold:

1. Network and resource leaders from our local congregations who strive to equip, connect and transform the spiritual lives of children, youth and young adults. We support leaders whether they are paid staff or a volunteer, authorized minister or lay leader.
2. Provide opportunities for youth and young adults outside of their local church for their continued spiritual/personal development and understanding of Christian discipleship and mission.

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

The PNEC Spiritual Development Ministry team aligns with PNEC and the UCC in the following ways.

We:

- Promote life-long spiritual development
- Model and teach others to live out the Gospel in their daily walk
- Energize and support the development of relationships both within local churches but also with the Conference and National Church

We:

- Promise to be open and accepting of the questions, doubts and wonders of others.
- Promise to be welcoming and affirming of all God's children.
- Promise to incorporate these Christ-like values into all of our interactions with our local congregations.

### **Goals:**

1. Plan, promote and implement *at least* ONE Leader training event per calendar year.
2. Plan, promote and implement *at least* ONE Young adult event per calendar year.

3. Provide networking opportunities for those in our local churches engaged in Faith Formation and Youth Ministries.
4. Support one conference-wide mission or service activity per calendar year, acting in partnership with community partners and local organizations.
5. Provide information and encourage connections with the wider church, including the Middle-Atlantic Association of United Church Educators (MA AUCE).
6. Oversee (or delegate) the planning of PNEC Youth/Young Adult events including, but not limited to, Annual Youth Retreat, Sleep-out for Homelessness, PNEC Mission Trips, Regional Youth Event & National Youth Event.
7. Effective marketing of any planned activity by means of (including, but not limited to) *This Week in PNEC*, Social Media, Direct Mail, and Email to local congregations.

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

Know you are not alone; participate in our activities for support, resource sharing, and fellowship. Engage in social media with us through the Facebook Group entitled: "PNEC Educators."

If you would like to participate in our Team Meetings to plan with us, we are happy to have your voice!

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