

List of Continuing Education Opportunities...

(**CC**=Cultural Competency Training; **AR**=Anti-Racism; **BT**=Boundary Training;
ABT=Advanced Boundary Training)

(**ALL Authorized Ministers, please note:** We will be identifying these kinds of continuing education opportunities – The policy was effective starting January 1, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact the Penn Northeast Conference Office at 610-826-3113. Thank You!)

- The **PATHWAYS Theological Education** -- **PATHWAYS Website Addresses:**

Website: <https://www.pathwaystheological.org/>

Course Calendar: <https://www.pathwaystheological.org/calendar/>

Our Stories: <https://www.pathwaystheological.org/our-stories/>

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**Online Boundary Training:** To date, we have trained over 450 clergy and worked with 15 regions to offer online boundary training at an affordable price and on a convenient platform. Our course includes boundary training regarding pastoral relationships, finances, self-care, children and youth, and social media. **If your conference/region is interested in offering this to your clergy at a discounted price, please reach out to Gregg Carlson at [gregg@convergenceus.org](mailto:gregg@convergenceus.org).**  
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[Click Here for Webinars](#)

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**2023**

**August 13-16** I am writing to offer you the opportunity to give ALL the churches in your conference access to my live-streamed **Worship Planning and Continuing Education Retreat on August 13-16, with recordings available in perpetuity for every church's convenience. Visit [www.worshipdesignstudio.com/regionalaccess](http://www.worshipdesignstudio.com/regionalaccess) to find out more and to sign up.**

[Dr. Marcia McFee](#) here, long-time worship designer and educator of worship in the UMC, UCC, MCC, DOC, ELCA, PCUSA, UU, and other mainline denomination networks. In 2023, I'm celebrating 30 years of teaching and 15 years of my ministry, the Worship Design Studio!

In our current world of sanctuary, online, and hybrid worship, churches are needing and appreciating support more than ever. As a regional leader, you may be yearning to provide support for...

- Pastors who are **struggling with burnout** and need creative inspiration for leadership and worship
- Churches with **dwindling attendance** and low participation
- Worship staff and volunteers who **need support** for facilitating sanctuary, online, and hybrid worship
- Communities **experiencing high anxiety** and needing inspiration and renewed energy for their work

Each year, I host a 3-day educational worship planning retreat that helps pastors and worship teams cast the vision for their worship plans in the liturgical year to come and learn leadership strategies for offering meaningful and memorable worship experiences to the people they serve. **This year, my retreat will be live-streamed from Kansas City, MO on August 13-16, 2023 (all participants will have access to the recordings if these dates do not work for them),** and because I'm passionate about helping churches in this moment, I'm drawing the circle wide to invite as many churches as are interested to be present at this online retreat.

Individual registration for this event is \$150 per church, but you can purchase access for your area for \$1,500 or \$3,000, depending upon the number of churches in your care (small regional access is designed for UMC Districts, PCUSA Presbyteries, or UCC Associations; large regional access is intended for UMC or UCC Conferences, PCUSA or ELCA Synods, UU Districts, MCC Networks, or DOC Regions).

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Again, the recordings from this event will be available in perpetuity as a resource that you can send to your congregations even if they are unable to attend the sessions live. Best of all, **we will help you facilitate registration! When you sign up, we'll send you email copy and a webpage that you can share in your online communications and website to describe the retreat and invite churches to sign up at no cost through your region's access link.** Click [HERE](#) to see a sample of the registration page that we will create for your group.

When you purchase access to the livestream sessions for your region, you'll also be giving your churches access to a whole community of pastors and worship teams who will be planning together for the liturgical year. The Worship Design Studio website is home to a vast library of ready-made, supplemental resources to inspire pastors and jumpstart their planning. **PLUS we'll be giving all participants access to our new "Come to the Table" 5-week fully-scripted worship series so they have September through World Communion Sunday planned immediately!** We KNOW your congregations will benefit from this vibrant series that helps us see the centrality of hospitality in our Christian faith!

Email me at [marcia@marciamcfee.com](mailto:marcia@marciamcfee.com) if you're not sure which registration option is right for you, or if you'd just like to connect in more detail about what to expect from this program. Many blessings for all the work you do to support the communities you serve.

**"We have heard great feedback from many participants in our district. Would you please keep me on the list for future [offerings] as this is a great resource for our district churches?"** —M.H., regional leader who participated in past continuing education event

**"It was the best gift we at the Presbytery could have given our small churches...Again thank you for allowing us to participate in this educational event at such an affordable price."** —S.R., regional leader who participated in past continuing education event

**"I have gotten a great deal of insight, help, and fun out of this... It is the best thing my conference has done for me in regard to worship! Thank you."** —L.T., pastor who participated in a continuing ed event paid for by their regional leaders

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Peace & Passion,

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September 14 **(BT)**

**Boundary Training Offered** - For 2023, the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference UCC is responsible for Boundary Training according to the joint agreement. basic training: **Thursday, Sept. 14** in Schuylkill Haven - [Attached is a flyer](#). These trainings provide a six-hour course with a broad overview of pastoral boundaries. These trainings are appropriate for new clergy or those who are due for boundary training and would like to complete it with one basic class as a refresher.

November 2

**Restorative Conversations** – 9AM to 4PM Central Time – online via zoom – This NEW workshop introduces church leaders to the key concepts of circle processes and ways in which restorative circles can be used within their congregations. Limit of 20 participants due to the intensity and focus on good processes through dialogue. [Click Here](#)

**Others...**

**-Communities of Practice** – participation qualifies for ½ of the continuing education requirements

**-Crossroads Lay Leadership Program at Moravian Sem.** – <https://www.moravianseminary.edu/academics/crossroads>

**-Moravian Seminary** – 610-861-1512 - - <http://moravianseminary.edu/academics/continuing-education>

This site gets a person directly to continuing education programs. The calendar is on the same page.

**-Center for Family Process** – [www.centerforfamilyprocess.com](http://www.centerforfamilyprocess.com)

**-Lehigh Conference of Churches** – <https://lehighchurches.org>

**-Institute for Islamic Christian Jewish Studies** – <https://icjs.org/> - usually (CC) qualified