



Penn Northeast Conference



Penn Northeast Conference Ministry Team Purpose

Name of Ministry Team: Racial Justice Ministry Team

Purpose of Team:

To educate individuals and congregations about issues of racial justice. Seek partnership with other faith-based organizations to support the work of dismantling systemic racism, white privilege and white supremacy. To communicate with congregations about opportunities to engage the issues on a local, community, state-wide, and national level.

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

PNEC Goal 2: Develop and implement models/methods for collaboration and cooperation between congregations, ministers, conferences, the UCC, other denominations, and/or interfaith communities. (Amended 5/13/23)

- a. Prepare and arrange a 2025 trip to Selma and Montgomery, Alabama, Equal Justice Initiative
- b. Visit museums in Washington DC, and Charleston, South Carolina
- c. Offer Sacred Conversations on Race with the PA Conferences and the Pennsylvania Council of Churches

PNEC Goal 4: Engage local congregations in identifying who they are, who their neighbor is, and who God is calling them to be to determine their congregation's future (legacy) and/or improve congregational vitality.

- a. Continue with small group conversations and book studies which promote assessment, conversation, and education.

- b. Encourage review of Mission insite reports and respond to the “Who is My Neighbor?” from the Local Church Profile
- c. Explore impacts of racism and the environment (environmental racism) and its impacts on communities and churches
- d. Review the PNEC resolution on becoming an Anti-Racist Conference

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

Individuals who are interested in working with this team, may contact the convener of this team, Rev. Rick Guhl at rickguhl@gmail.com