

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!)

**Education Spotlight: Upcoming Webinars and Events
from LeadingAge PA
Live Webinars and In-Person Events
For-credit On-demand Webinars**

2025

We know how vital it is for clergy and leaders to have access to high-quality training on **clergy boundaries** and **anti-racism practices**—resources that strengthen ministry and deepen community engagement.

In partnership with some of the best instructors in these fields, Convergence hosts excellent ONLINE courses in [Clergy Boundary Training](#) and [Anti-Racism Training](#) for Clergy and Congregations. They are asynchronous and meet the standards of Committee on Ministry requirements. We'd like to partner with you to make these trainings more accessible for your leaders—at no cost to you.

Warm regards, Cameron
Rev. Cameron Trimble, CEO, Convergence, convergenceus.org, convergencecolab.org

(CC) 'Ministering with People with Disabilities' Diversity Training

Penn West Conference is providing a diversity/cultural competency training program on Ministering with People with Disabilities. The training is open to all people (Authorized Ministers or laypeople). Presenters will be the Rev. Sarah Lund, Kimberly Williams, and Robin Stemple from the UCC Disabilities Ministries Network. Register for one of these dates/times:

- **Saturday, March 29, 9 AM – Noon**
- **Thursday, April 10, 6-9 PM**
- **Tuesday, May 12, 6-9 PM** – will be recorded, consent to record required

The cost of the event is \$10 per person. To register [click here](#). This event will meet the PNEC requirements for diversity training.

(BT) -- Penn Central Conference Boundary Training 2025

Spiritual Health for Pastors

March 23, 2025, 3PM - 6PM

April 6, 2025, 3PM - 6PM

In Person - locations tba

Join us at this in-person event for a time of centering worship, small group reflection, and deep discussion about the pastor's spiritual health. Part of being able to lead in ministry is our own solid foundations. Come out for what we hope will be a time of mini-retreat and spiritual nourishment. Mark your calendars, registration link to come!

Online Ethics for Clergy Today

May 20, 2025, 10AM and 6PM **zoom only**

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Financial Integrity

September 19, 2025, 10AM and 6PM **zoom only**

Getting back to one of the original five basics of boundary discussions, this will be a deep dive into clergy ethics and church money. We will look at gifts, church credit cards, rewards programs, and more. Register [here](#).

Anti-Bias Training: Cultural Humility in Ministerial Practice

November 12, 2025, 10AM and 6PM **zoom only**

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March 27

**Chat with Us Gatherings** - This lively sanctuary of transitional leaders are eager to uplift you! This realm nurtures your voice and visions, cultivating understanding and partnership. You are a vital thread in our shared tapestry, embraced by companions who resonate with your trials. Join us in weaving inspiring connections and become part of something truly remarkable—together, we shall craft a brighter future! **ALL ARE WELCOME**. No need to pre-register. (1-2 pm ET) (from the Interim Ministry Network) – [Join the Conversation and view Schedule](#)

April 1 **(BT)**

[\*\*BEING THE NON-ANXIOUS PRESENCE: FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE THROUGH BOUNDARIED RELATIONSHIPS\*\*](#) - **Rev. Dr. Dennis Ross** - (1-2:30 pm ET) – sponsored by Interim Ministry Network

April 8 & 9 **(BT)**

Please see the following links – please note all trainings are offered 9AM to 12 Noon each day and the time zone is Pacific – you must complete both days to receive a certificate for six hours of training. - \$65 - questions? Email [mdweible@enkei-resolutions.com](mailto:mdweible@enkei-resolutions.com) [Information](#) [Register](#)

April 28-30, 2025

It's that time of year again! Time to start thinking about attending **Advanced Clergy Clinic** and learning from our distinguished guest speakers. As usual, we will be holding ACC as a hybrid event. Those attending in person will go to St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Glen Ellyn, IL on training days. Those attending online will receive a Zoom link to join in. Below you will find information about our distinguished guest presenters we are proud to work with this year. [CLICK HERE for full details.](#)

April 28-June 22

**(Registration Deadline – April 14) – Ecumenism** - Instructor: Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan, Jr. – Christian unity is a gift of God to the whole church. The ecumenical movement is the vehicle through which diverse church bodies live out their unity in spiritual, biblical, and practical manners. In this course, we will probe the biblical urgency behind ecumenism, discuss its theological and historical meanings and implications, and consider the links between the ecumenical movement, Christian faithfulness, and movements for social justice and inclusion. Education and Leader Development. Online course. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#)

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**(Registration Deadline – April 14) - Overcoming Conflict** - Instructor: Rev. Dr. Kris Tenny-Brittian - The purpose of this course is to explore congregational conflict: how to recognize, identify, and analyze it so that students will be able to develop strategies that will allow them to relevantly and practically intervene, confront, neutralize or negate, and use it.

Online course is. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#)

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**(Registration Deadline – April 14) - Church History** - Instructor: Dr. Lisa Barnett - This is a

history class with one major exception - there is little emphasis on remembering dates except as “markers” in Christian History. By markers I mean paradigm shifts and movements in the transformation of the church from age to age. It is more important to grasp the movements in Christian History and just use dates as general “markers” or benchmarks during which the church was in transition or reformation. The course will include the use of "primary sources," historical documents from church history. Online course. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#)

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**(Registration Deadline – April 14) – Worship** - Instructor: Rev. Geoff Mitchell - This course is designed to help participants meet the Worship criteria of the Sixteen Areas of Ministerial Practice for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) including the formulation of a theology for worship in the local congregation, overview of the history and present trends in Christian worship, development of practical skills in planning and implementing weekly and special services of worship, introduction to the rich use of the arts and sacred music in the worship setting, and the development of resources which can be used for worship. Online course. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#)

May 6 **(BT)**

**[GRACE-FILLED AND FIRM BOUNDARIED](#)** - Rev. Cynthia Vermillion-Foster – (1-3:00 pm ET) – Interim Ministry Network

May 8

**Strengthening the Body of Christ** – via zoom –register here - [Lombard Mennonite Peace Center](#)

May 12 & 14 **(AR)**

Racial Justice Training - (Enkei Resolutions) – 9AM to 12 Noon (Pacific Time) via zoom – you must complete both days to receive a certificate for six hours of training. \$65 – questions? Email [mdweible@enkei-resolutions.com](mailto:mdweible@enkei-resolutions.com) [Information](#) [Register](#)

May 13

**REFLECTIONS ON DOING A NEW THING: EMPOWERING LAITY TO LEAD A TWO-CHURCH PARTNERSHIP** - Rev. Dr. Ruth Shaver - (1-2:30 PM ET)- [Click Here](#)

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June 4

**Peaceful, Productive Pastor Parish Partnerships** – via zoom – from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center – click to register - [Lombard Mennonite Peace Center](#)

July 23

**Conflict Resolution Skills** – via zoom - click here to register - - [Lombard Mennonite Peace Center](#)

August 11 & 12 **(BT)**

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### **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