

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

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[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:

- **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

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which we carry implicit and explicit biases in our daily lives and how those biases can impact ourselves, those around us, and the Church. Register [here](#).

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April 15, 22, 28      **Analyzing the Grift and Grab of Project 2025** - Join with Dr. Trex Proffitt for a deep dive into the alarming development, articulation, and implementation of Project 2025 by a coalition of authoritarian, religious, and conservative extremist groups pushing for control over the U.S. government. In this session, we'll dissect the alliance behind Project 2025, its strategy and tactics, and the danger to democracy, safety, freedom, and civil rights it poses. As the P25 alliance infiltrates key government institutions, the inevitable result will be both the destruction and repurposing of government agencies for specific, identifiable ends. The result will be a nation where power is concentrated in the hands of a few, where loyalty (not efficiency, effectiveness, or fairness) is required of government employees. This in turn causes a loss of liberties and an erosion of constitutional safeguards, as well as economic decline. Learn how these forces are manipulating the political levers to impose their extremist agenda. But it's not all doom and gloom—this workshop will also arm you with actionable solutions for resisting the "big grift" and authoritarian control. Discover how you, as a citizen, can protect democratic values, support institutions that uphold justice, and fight for equality and freedom. The time to act is now, and the power to resist begins with you. **Eventbrite registration links:**

- Tuesday, April 15, 2025 - 1:00 to 2:30 PM ET - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1310231530779?aff=oddttdtcreator>
  - Tuesday, April 22, 2025 - 6:30 to 8:00 PM ET - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1310237388299?aff=oddttdtcreator>
  - Monday, April 28, 2025 - 6:30 to 8:00 PM ET - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1310369142379?aff=oddttdtcreator>
- B. David Smith, Founder, Crossroads and Connections, Building Relationships and Community; 717-371-1516

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      **Women Who Changed Christian History** - **instructor:** Dr. Briana Wong - **Location:** Online, through CMLT Canvas platform - **Course Description:** This course examines the historical and theological impact of women in Christianity from its beginnings to today. Students will explore influential Christian women's perspectives, analyze historical documents, and apply an inductive approach to studying Christianity globally. Through observation, analysis, and reflection, they will gain a deeper understanding of spiritual beliefs and practices across time and cultures. \*To be most successful, previous course work in Christian History or Church History is preferred.\*\* - For questions, please contact Leslie LeSieur at [leslie.lesieur@ptstulsa.edu](mailto:leslie.lesieur@ptstulsa.edu) or call (918) 270-6471. [Click Here To Register](#)

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.](#)

April 28-June 22      **(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. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#)

- April 28-June 22 **(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.](#)
- April 28-June 22 **(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) [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](#)
- May 19-22 [\*\*For Such a Time as This\*\*](#), a preaching and worship online summit offered by Convergence – We will be talking with some of the best preachers, worship leaders, and digital ministers as we learn from decades of ministry and leadership and the ways we put in the reps again and again through preaching, liturgy, and online church. We will explore their understanding of preaching and the good news we need for today as well as sit down together and watch one of their sermons, pausing along the way as they comment on specific portions and movements, helping us understand how and why this sermon was crafted and delivered. Join us for this free online event on May 19-22. [Click here](#) to learn more and register now
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- June 2 [\*\*Emotional Intelligence & Group Dynamics\*\*](#)
- Course Dates: June 2, 5, 9, 16, 19, 23 (1:00-3:30 pm Eastern)**  
**Registration Deadline: May 12, 2025**

[Register Now!](#)

- June 4      **Peaceful, Productive Pastor Parish Partnerships** – via zoom – from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center – click to register - [Lombard Mennonite Peace Center](#)
- June 23-Aug. 17      **Mission of the Church in the World** – (Center for Ministry and Lay Training – Phillips Theological Seminary) – **Registration Deadline is June 9** - Instructor: Rev. David Avery - This course is an introduction to the content of the Bible and the methods of study that scholars use to understand it. Students will learn about the history of the periods in which various biblical books were written, and about how the individual writings came together into a single book. They will attempt to discover what the biblical writers were seeking to accomplish through their writings. This search will present students with understandings of the world and the place of humanity that can help illuminate alternative ways humans have experienced the world and attempted to make sense of it. Online course - the price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#)
- June 23-Aug. 17      **Stewardship** - (Center for Ministry and Lay Training – Phillips Theological Seminary) – **Registration Deadline is June 9** - Instructor: Rev. Dr. Bruce Barkhauer - This is an introduction and exploration of the basic concerns and issues involved in ethical reflection, the Biblical and theological foundations of Christian ethics, and the response of the Christian to perennial and contemporary social and moral issues, with a view to equipping the student for ethical reflection in preaching, teaching, and pastoral leadership. Online course - price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#)
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- June 23-Aug. 17      **Disciples History and Polity** - (Center for Ministry and Lay Training – Phillips Theological Seminary) – **Registration Deadline is June 9** - Instructor: Rev. Jeff Gill - This course will present an overview of the history and practices of the Stone-Campbell movement as foundational to its current forms of Disciples worship, missions, and ministry: denominationally, ecumenically, and culturally. **\*\*\*Please note this course week runs from Sunday-Thursday. The start date for class will be Sunday, June 22.\*\*\*** - online course - the price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#)
- June 23-Aug. 17      **UCC History, Polity & Identity** - (Center for Ministry and Lay Training – Phillips Theological Seminary) – **Registration Deadline is June 9** – Instructor: Margot Pickett - Although men hold most of the leadership positions in Christian communities today, women comprise the vast majority of the members. This course highlights the role of women in the development of Christianity from the New Testament to the present day. Women's contributions to the formation of Christian theology and practice have tended to become obscured in that history so often has been written by men. In this course, students will have the chance to learn about women's impact on Christian history through historical documents either penned by women or, alternatively, in which women's voices can be discerned by readings through the lines. The course will highlight the work of women pastors, mystics, theologians, activists, and others whose names might be lost to us, but whose witness nevertheless shaped the expressions of Christianity with which they identified. Online course - the price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#)
- July 23      **Conflict Resolution Skills** – via zoom - click here to register - - [Lombard Mennonite Peace Center](#)
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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