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

(BT) -- Penn Central Conference Boundary Training 2025

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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(BT) – Pennsylvania Southeast Boundary Training 2025

October 9, 2025 – 9AM to Noon OR 6 to 9PM – Advanced Boundary Training – Engaging Inner Voices – Enabling Boundaried Choices. Register here.

Interim Ministry Network – Equipping and Supporting Transitional Leaders for Faith-Based Organizations – Fundamentals of Transitional Leadership (FTL) – new online core and advanced course of training – <u>Click Here to Read More...</u>

June 16-20

Mediation Skills Training Institute - (Online – 5PM CT) - \$850 - Presented by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC) is designed to equip church leaders with the skills necessary to deal effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict. The five-day institute also includes a component on congregational mediation and consultation, placed within the context of family systems theory. Register Here

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.

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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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Education & Leader Development - (Center for Ministry and Lay Training – Phillips Theological Seminary) – Registration Deadline is June 9 -Instructor: Rev. Dr. Kris Tenny-Brittian - This is an introduction to, and exploration of, the foundations and principles of leader development. Students completing this course will have been exposed to basic approaches to Christian Education and leadership development and been given the skills to facilitate those working in a congregation's Christian Education ministry - online course - the price of the course is \$100. Click here to register.

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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.

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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 -t he price of the course is \$100. Click here to register.

July 23

Conflict Resolution Skills – via zoom - click here to register - - <u>Lombard Mennonite Peace</u> Center

August 11 & 12 (BT)

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August 20 **Peaceful, Productive Pastor Parish Partnerships** – via zoom – from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center – click to register - Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

September 9 & 10 (AR) Racial Justice Training - (Enkei Resolutions) – 9AM to 12 Noon (Pacific Time) via zoom – you

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September 11 Conflict Transformation Skills – via zoom – 9AM -4PM - click here to register –

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

September 16 Strengthening the Body of Christ – via zoom –9AM-4PM - register here –

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September 17 **Restorative Conversations** – via zoom – 9AM to 4PM - register here –

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December 2 Fractured Lives, Fractured Churches - Learn More - Online via Zoom - 9:00 AM - Register

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
- -Lehigh Conference of Churches https://lehighchurches.org
- -Institute for Islamic Christian Jewish Studies https://icjs.org/ usually (CC) qualified