# 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 <u>Live Webinars and In-Person Events</u> 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 <u>Clergy</u> <u>Boundary Training</u> and <u>Anti-Racism Training</u> 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, <u>convergenceus.org</u>, <u>convergencecolab.org</u>

## (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 <u>here.</u>

#### Anti-Bias Training: Cultural Humility in Ministerial Practice

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

We serve a church that is 83% white that strives to be a justice seeking denomination, as well as one that is multicultural and multiracial. Your own congregation, perhaps even your community, may not be very racially diverse but is likely more culturally diverse that you would think on the surface. Join this discussion for deeper understanding of the ways in 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 <u>here</u>.

#### (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 <u>here</u>.

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**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</u> <u>More...</u> Ongoing Education for your Vibrant Ministry - We all benefit from continuing education to keep our ministry engaging. There's still time to sign up for BEING AN AGENT OF TRANSFORMATION on **July 22. A spot is waiting just for you!** Take advantage of this two-hour webinar available at the price of a 90-minute session! Secure your space by registering below.



# July 23 Conflict Resolution Skills – via zoom - click here to register - - <u>Lombard Mennonite Peace</u> <u>Center</u>

#### July 28 Virtual Intentional Interim Ministry Training -

Week One: July 28 - 31 | 12:00 - 4:00 pm Week Two: August 11 - 14 | 12:00 - 4:00pm

The course is 8 half days in a virtual classroom experience, followed by individual fieldwork. This half day format is designed to enable busy pastors and others to attend to other matters on the same days they are enrolled in the course. The fieldwork entails completing a project related to one of the focus points covered in class and participating in a series of teleconferences.

It focuses on the work of the leader, the interim minister as they lead a congregation through the time of transition, as well as on the work of the congregation during this journey. It is



designed for those individuals who have already discerned God's call to interim ministry or are considering

that possibility.

*Note:* Applicants who previously completed IM1, and who now wish to complete their training to be recognized as Intentional Interim Ministers, should contact Rev. Dr. Morgan for more information.

Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Morgan Cost: \$1500

LEARN MORE

August 11 & 12 (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 <u>mdweible@enkei-resolutions.com</u> <u>Information</u> <u>Register</u>
August 20	<b>Peaceful, Productive Pastor Parish Partnerships</b> – via zoom – from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center – click to register - <u>Lombard Mennonite Peace Center</u>
September 4 (BT)	<b>6:00 - 9:00pm ET, Boundary Trainers for Ministers in Specialized Settings with Rev.</b> <b>Tara Barber and Rev. Anissa Glaser-Bacon</b> This training is open to ministers serving in specialized settings throughout the United Church of Christ. Serving in specialized settings requires particular attention to boundaries within the ministry setting and home church that are challenging and different from those serving as local church pastors. This training will focus on matters that relate specifically to issues that these ministers face, providing opportunities for clergy to reflect on best practices and growth in their practice of ministry.*Note - This training completes individual requirements for boundary training ONLY WHEN authorized by a local Committee on Ministry.
September 9 & 10 (AR)	Racial Justice Training - (Enkei Resolutions) – 9AM to 12 Noon (Pacific Time) via zoom – youmust complete both days to receive a certificate for six hours of training. \$65 – questions? Emailmdweible@enkei-resolutions.comInformationRegister
September 11	<b>Conflict Transformation Skills</b> – via zoom – 9AM -4PM - click here to register – <u>Lombard Mennonite Peace Center</u>
September 16	Strengthening the Body of Christ – via zoom –9AM-4PM - register here – Lombard Mennonite Peace Center
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September 24 (BT)	1:30 – 4:30pm ET, Boundary Training for Retired Ministers with Rev. Tara Barber and
	<b>Rev. Melanie Oommen</b> Maintaining healthy boundaries is challenging at any stage in ministry and it is particularly tender and difficult attending to boundaries as we transition out of our last call, and while in retirement. "A Sure Foundation", "The Ministerial Code" and Rev. Dr. Bruce Epperly's new book, "The Jubilee Years" along with case studies, will provide the content of this training. Rev. Tara Barber will offer this focused Boundary Awareness Training for those entering and living in retirement. Note - This training completes individual requirements for boundary training ONLY WHEN authorized by a local Committee on Ministry. Participants must be able to use zoom chat and breakout room functions.
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November 14-16 Liturgical Direct Action: A Discernment Retreat - How is direct action or civil disobedience altered when framed in prayerful worship? What dimensions of freedom are then embraced? When public witness tells the story of faith and marks a feast or season, what new depth of communication is opened? When nonviolence is practiced in sacramental forms, how is liturgy itself enhanced? With examples from the freedom movement, antiwar movements, anti-imperial and decolonizing struggles, and more, this retreat will offer opportunities for the imaginative work of movement action from a Christian perspective. Join practitioners in re-discerning your own local work. Come as a group to think it through together in story and silence, prayer and listening. Come on your own to connect with like-minded others and find inspiration for bringing folks together back home. CEU certificate available upon request.

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

#### Others...

-Communities of Practice – participation qualifies for 1/2 of the continuing education requirements

-Crossroads Lay Leadership Program at Moravian Sem. – <u>https://www.moravianseminary.edu/academics/crossroads</u> -Moravian Seminary – 610-861-1512 - <u>http://moravianseminary.edu/academics/continuing-education</u>

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

-Center for Family Process - <u>www.centerforfamilyprocess.com</u>

-Lehigh Conference of Churches - https://lehighchurches.org

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