

Penn West Conference
Pre-Lenten Pastor's Retreat

“Teach Me Wisdom in My Secret Heart:”
Transformation and Healing for Us as Pastors
January 13, 2015 9:30 am - 3:00 pm



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The season of Lent is a busy time for all pastors. You spend a great deal of time helping your congregations examine their lives and hearts as they prepare to make the yearly journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter morning. Our UCC Penn West Conference Pastor’s Pre-Lenten Retreat this year will provide you with a time of quiet contemplative reflection and gentle self-examination in order to prepare your own heart for the Lenten pilgrimage. Think of this as a time to take a deep, restorative breath and sink into what the Holy Spirit may want to share with you before Lent begins. Our scriptural focus of Psalm 51:1-17 (NRSV) for our retreat comes from the Revised Common Lectionary for Ash Wednesday. My prayer for each of you who attend is that you will enjoy a time of fruitful contemplation that will provide “wisdom for your (my) secret heart” through some practices designed to aid in your personal transformation and healing.



Having completed her M. Div. in June 2014 at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Dr. Rebecca Cole-Turner, CJN, is a Member in Discernment at Smithfield United Church of Christ, Pittsburgh, PA. A former psychologist in private practice, since 2005 she has been a spiritual director, retreat leader, teacher of spiritual formation and writer in the area of Christian spirituality. A published poet and a member of

“Madwomen in the Attic,” Rebecca enjoys dragon boating and kayaking. She and her husband, Ron, are co-leading a pilgrimage to Ireland and Iona, Scotland, in May-June 2015 for the PTS Certificate in Spiritual Formation program. They are parents of two grown daughters and grandparents of two delightful grandchildren.

Pre-Lent Retreat Registration Information

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL _____

Registration Fee

\$ 16.00 includes morning coffee and lunch

(If you will be driving in excess of 100 miles to attend the retreat, you may deduct \$ 10.00 from your registration fee)

Make checks payable, and mail to:

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If you have any questions, you may contact Diane at 724-8347-0344 or by e-mail at office@pennwest.org

Registration Due Date: January 8, 2015