

2019 Committee on Ministry

Our denomination's new Manual on Ministry has and is creating all kinds of "fun" – new thinking, terms, policies, procedures, etc. Committee on Ministry things are in transition and sometimes turmoil in our six associations. Our Conference Committee on Ministry has worked hard at getting all six association "working on the same page" in terms of a Unified Fitness Review Team which requires By-Law changes in all six associations. Committee's on Ministry have agreed to this plan.

All the new changes, procedures, terminology, etc. in the new Manual on Ministry, has our Conference Committee thinking about the future and/or the role of the Penn West Academy for Ministry. There are no specific ideas in mind at this time.

We are getting our Continuing Education program on track having completed the Anti-Racism Training last year and the Boundary Awareness Training underway as of this writing. Besides organizing the Fitness Review Team, we have also established a Search and Call Team to assist David and local churches in the process of filling pastoral vacancies.

A team of Meredith Hutchison and Joseph Hedden are leading a group of Members In Discernment in a process of Responding to God's call.

We continue to stress the need for, and encourage, the signing of 3 & 4 way Covenants for all Authorized Ministers.

Once again, I can't thank David Ackerman enough for his unending and countless hours of leadership and guidance that he provides for our Committee on Ministry.

Sincerely,

Barry W. Fillman

Chair of Committee